

**PROJECT FOR  
INDIVIDUALS WHO  
HAVE  
EXPERIENCED  
TRAUMATIC BRAIN  
INJURY**

*Providing Individual Advocacy,  
Legal Representation, and  
Systemic Advocacy*



**RIDLC's Traumatic Brain  
Injury (TBI) Project**

The Rhode Island Disability Law Center ("RIDLC") TBI Project is a federally funded program for people who have had a **brain injury**, from a blow to the head, a shaking injury, or another type of **external cause**.

Individuals with brain injury not caused by trauma are not covered by RIDLC's TBI Project. However, they and all other people with a disability may still be eligible for RIDLC services, and should contact RIDLC for more information or assistance on issues related to their disability.

The mission of the TBI Project is to:

- ✓ *Improve access to comprehensive, high quality **health care services** and **educational programs** designed to improve the quality of life for persons with TBI.*
- ✓ *Provide **training and publications** to TBI survivors, their families, and professionals on legal issues to promote **self-advocacy**.*
- ✓ *Provide **individual legal representation** on various matters.*
- ✓ *Provide **information and referral services**.*

**HOW CAN THE RIDLC  
TBI PROJECT HELP YOU?**

You can contact us to request free\* legal assistance with issues related to your TBI, including:

- Problems getting **Vocational Rehabilitation** and **Independent Living Services**
- Problems getting **Assistive Technology** (like medical equipment, wheelchairs, etc.)
- **Work-Related** Social Security Administration **overpayments** and **continuing disability reviews**
- Denials of reasonable **accommodations** for your disability at **work**
- Other disability-related **employment discrimination** against Social Security beneficiaries
- Denials of reasonable accommodations for your disability or other disability-related discrimination in **housing**
- **Abuse and neglect** in public or private day and residential facilities or in school settings (including the criminalization of disability-related behavior)

- **Defense against guardianship**
- Problems getting out of hospitals, nursing homes, or other **restrictive environments** because of a shortage of community alternatives
- Problems getting **home- and community-based services** because the state says you are not eligible
- **Certain Special Education issues**, including exclusion from school, placement in overly restrictive environments, and school-to-adult transition planning and services
- Denials of reasonable **accommodations** from state or local **governments**, health care **providers**, **public and private schools**, colleges, or universities
- Problems **voting**
- Problems getting adequate medical and mental health treatment or **equal access to services in correctional facilities**

\* In some cases, RIDLC may charge clients for filing fees and other costs associated with legal representation.

Contact RIDLC for a complete list of its current Case Acceptance Priorities, which is updated yearly

## WHAT OTHER SERVICES CAN THE RIDLC TBI PROJECT PROVIDE?

*Trainings* — RIDLC's TBI Project provides regular trainings on the legal rights of people with TBI. Training topics include:

- Legislative Self-Advocacy
- Employment Rights
- Rights to RI Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- *and many more!*

Trainings on disability-related issues are **available upon request** to persons with TBI, their family members, and/or advocates. If you want to schedule a training, contact the TBI Project Coordinator at RIDLC.

*Information & Referral* — Even if RIDLC cannot directly assist you with your problem, we may be able to direct you to organizations or people who can!

### ABOUT RI DISABILITY LAW CENTER

RIDLC is a private, nonprofit corporation that receives federal funding as Rhode Island's designated protection and advocacy system for persons with disabilities. Its mission is to assist people with differing abilities in their efforts to achieve full inclusion in society and to exercise their civil and human rights through the provision of legal advocacy.

For assistance, more information, or to request trainings, contact:

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