Program Summary

The Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Program provides rehabilitation and life skills services to help Vermonters with a moderate to severe traumatic brain injury live successfully in community-based settings. This is a rehabilitation-based, choice-driven program intended to support people to achieve their optimum independence and help them return to work.

Application

Call the Adult Services Division at (802) 871-3069 to receive an application packet.

Eligibility

To be eligible for Traumatic Brain Injury Program the person must:

- Be a Vermont Resident
- People age 16 or older diagnosed with a moderate to severe brain injury.
- Recipients of traditional and/or long term Vermont Medicaid.
- Diagnosed with a documented recent moderate to severe brain injury resulting in residual deficits and disability.
- Individuals must demonstrate the ability to benefit from rehabilitation and a potential for independent living.
- Requires 1:1 instruction focusing on independent living.
- Demonstrates a potential for independent living and possibility of returning to vocational activities.

Services

Traumatic Brain Injury Program offers the following services:

- **Case Management**
  Coordination, design, development, and management of comprehensive services provided to the survivor, as indicated by the individual service plan utilizing a "Team Approach," with professionals experienced in brain injury.

- **Rehabilitation Services**
  Emphasizes the continuous, integrative practice of daily skills and routines in the individual's residential and community setting based on physical, cognitive, emotional and social needs of the individual through a holistic approach.

- **Community Supports**
  - Provides 24-hour or round-the-clock care and supervision by a caregiver in a family setting,
group home, supervised apartment, or in the individual's own home.
- Assists the individual to become more self-sufficient.

- **Environmental and Assistive Technology**
  Promotes functional independence. Examples include: ramps, Lifeline, fitness programs, grab bars, tape recorders, communication systems.

- **Crisis Support**
  Short-term services available to assist an individual with a brain injury resolve behavioral or emotional crisis safely in their community. Includes 24-hour professional one-to-one staffing and case management services.

- **Respite**
  Provides 24-hour care and supervision up to 25 days per year to maximize the effectiveness of the residential program.

- **Employment Supports**
  Assists and individual with traumatic brain injury obtain and maintain employment in regular work settings. Employment supports include activities needed to access employment, such as assessment, job development, supervision, and training.

- **Special Needs (ongoing long-term services)**
  Individuals requiring continued intensive one-to-one community supports may qualify for ongoing long-term services.

**Program Note:** Room and board is not covered through the TBI Waiver Program. The provider agency and the prospective client are responsible for coordinating this item.