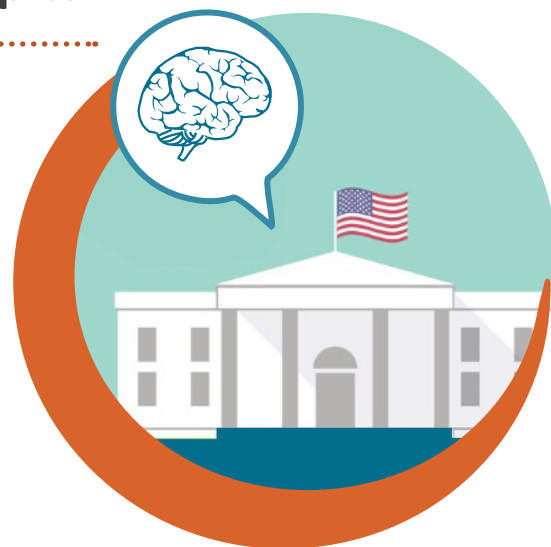


Developing Policy-Oriented Research to Benefit People Living With Traumatic Brain Injury: Key Policy Topics

This resource helps researchers to conduct policy-focused research to support people with traumatic brain injury (TBI). It outlines priorities related to people living with TBI and provides links to organizations advocating for these priorities. Individuals with TBI often face many challenges due to their injury, especially when it comes to accessing healthcare, finding employment, and participating in everyday life. To help individuals with TBI access opportunities in these areas and foster their independence, it is important for TBI researchers to identify and study key policy priorities. The organizations listed in this resource serve as potential partners that researchers can engage to make policy-oriented research more relevant to stakeholders.



KEY POLICY ISSUE 1

Access to affordable healthcare

Individuals with TBI often lack access to high-quality affordable healthcare and face barriers to access rehabilitation services.

- **Healthcare, trauma care, and rehabilitation**
 - [National Association of State Head Injury Administrators \(NASHIA\)](#)
 - [Brain Injury Association of America \(BIAA\)](#)
- **Medical insurance coverage for patient-centered access to rehabilitation**
 - [National Association of State Head Injury Administrators \(NASHIA\)](#)
 - [Brain Injury Association of America \(BIAA\)](#)
 - [American Association of People with Disabilities \(AAPD\)](#)
 - [Disability Rights California \(DRC\)](#)

KEY POLICY ISSUE 2

Employment and independent living

Individuals with TBI face many challenges to find gainful employment, live independently, and gain a better life experience.

- **Affordable housing**
 - [American Association of People with Disabilities \(AAPD\)](#)
 - [Center for Disability Rights](#)
 - [Disability Rights California \(DRC\)](#)
 - [National Council on Independent Living \(NCIL\)](#)
- **Public assistance and resources for building financial assets and eligibility for safety net programs**
 - [National Association of State Head Injury Administrators \(NASHIA\)](#)
 - [Brain Injury Association of America \(BIAA\)](#)
 - [National Disability Institute \(NDI\)](#)

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- **Long-term services and supports**
 - [Brain Injury Association of America \(BIAA\)](#)
 - [The Commonwealth Fund](#)
 - [American Association of People with Disabilities \(AAPD\)](#)
- **Competitive employment**
 - [National Disability Rights Network \(NDRN\)](#)
 - [American Association of People with Disabilities \(AAPD\)](#)
 - [APSE](#)
 - [National Council on Independent Living \(NCIL\)](#)
 - [Disability Rights California \(DRC\)](#)

KEY POLICY ISSUE 4**Increase state and federal funding of TBI programs**

Individuals with TBI often lack access to services and programs specifically designed to fit their needs.

- [National Association of State Head Injury Administrators \(NASHIA\)](#)
- [Brain Injury Association of America \(BIAA\)](#)
- [Traumatic Brain Injury State Partnership Program \(TBI SPP\)](#)
- [United States Brain Injury Alliance \(USBIA\)](#)

KEY POLICY ISSUE 3**Legislation that supports rights and health**

To achieve independence, individuals with TBI need laws that protect against discrimination and support health.

- [National Council on Independent Living \(NCIL\)](#)
- [American Association of People with Disabilities \(AAPD\)](#)
- **Traumatic Stress Disorder Law Enforcement Training Act**
 - [Brain Injury Association of America \(BIAA\)](#)

KEY POLICY ISSUE 5**Funding for TBI research**

Funding for TBI research is essential for advancing treatment practices that improve the health and wellness of individuals with TBI.

- [National Association of State Head Injury Administrators \(NASHIA\)](#)
- [Brain Injury Association of America \(BIAA\)](#)
- [California Foundation for Independent Living Centers \(CFILC\)](#)

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