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## **Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury**

Disability Rights Rhode Island's (DRRI) Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury (PATBI) program helps people with **Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI)**. A TBI is a brain injury that happens after a blow to the head, strong shaking, or another outside force.

### **How DRRI Can Help**

DRRI can advocate for you to get better access to services. Here are some services we may help you with:

- Finding a job through the Office of Rehabilitation Services
- Independent Living Services (help to live on your own)
- Assistive Technology (tools that help you do things more easily)
- Home- and community-based services
- Education services
- Mental health treatment
- Access to services in correctional facilities

### **Support and Accommodations**

We can also advocate for support and changes (called "accommodations") so you can live, work, and take part in your community. This might include:

- Help or changes at work
- Help with housing needs
- Accommodations from schools, health providers, or government services
- Support for voting
- Problems with Social Security (like overpayments)
- Abuse or neglect
- Preventing guardianship
- Getting out of hospitals or nursing homes when you want to live in the community but can't because of a lack of services

## Need More Help?

These are just some of the ways DRRRI's PATBI program can help. If you have questions, contact us at:

- Call: (401) 831-3150
- Email: [info@drri.org](mailto:info@drri.org)

If we can't help, we may know someone who can. Other helpful places include:

- Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island (BIARI)
- Ocean State Center for Independent Living (OSCIL)
- Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN)
- The Governor's Commission on Disabilities (GCD)