

Alabama's Impaired Drivers Trust Fund

REPORT FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2007

In January 1992, the Alabama Legislature charged the Impaired Drivers Trust Fund (IDTF) and the IDTF Advisory Board with the responsibility of facilitating a comprehensive system of services for Alabamians with head and spinal cord injury. The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) was designated to disperse monies from the IDTF in accordance with criteria established by the board. Thus, the advisory board, IDTF committees, and ADRS implemented systems and procedures to deliver services.

In 1993, the Legislature passed ACT 93-323 imposing an additional fine of \$100 on persons convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs with proceeds allocated to the IDTF. These proceeds are used as payer of last resort for costs of care provided to Alabamians who survive neurotrauma with head or spinal cord injury.

“linking people with traumatic brain injury and spinal cord injury to resources and services through IDTF and other partnering agencies”

Dear Legislator,

We are pleased to present the 2007 Annual Report for Alabama's Impaired Drivers Trust Fund.

Services provided by the Impaired Drivers Trust Fund (IDTF) have made it possible for Alabamians with traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and spinal cord injuries (SCI) to pursue and achieve a greater quality of life after sustaining an injury.

These remarkable services are the product of collaboration between the IDTF Advisory Board and public and private organizations, including the Alabama Head Injury Foundation, the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, and the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Please join us in expressing our sincere gratitude to the partners and staff who steadfastly work to improve the lives of all Alabamians with traumatic brain and/or spinal cord injury.

Steve Shivers, Commissioner
Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services

Reyn Norman, Chairman
Alabama Impaired Drivers Trust Fund Advisory Board

Service Linkage System

*The Impaired Drivers Trust Fund
supports this linkage system
as a collaborative partner.*

Often people with traumatic brain injury (TBI) and spinal cord injury (SCI) and their families cannot find solutions to the many difficulties they are experiencing. The Alabama Head and Spinal Cord Injury Registry (AHSCIR), created by Act 98-611, establishes a link between TBI and SCI survivors and vital, valuable services.

The AHSCIR requires that all hospitals in Alabama report the names of individuals treated for TBI or SCI to the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH). The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS), in partnership with ADPH, contacts the individuals whose names have been submitted to the registry in an effort to connect them and their families to much-needed community-based services. This Service Linkage System facilitates the process as soon as possible after individuals leave the hospital.

Survivors who sustain moderate and severe head or spinal cord injuries are contacted by mail and given information about the Service Linkage System. They may call a toll-free number and speak with the service system coordinator, who can provide assistance in accessing a variety of services and information. Individuals are linked to resources based on their specific needs. The service system coordinator is also available to provide TBI- and SCI-related information and resources to professionals and service providers.

Development of the AHSCIR and Service Linkage System demonstrates how effective collaboration and coordination of resources among state agencies, private and public organizations, and partners can improve the system of care in Alabama for people who have experienced head and/or spinal cord injury.

- **58,363 traumatic injuries** were reported from January 1998 through November 2007
- Of those, **2,586** were head or spinal cord injuries
- **23.8 percent** of head or spinal cord injuries were sustained by 15- to 24-year-olds
- **Injuries in the 15- to 24-year-old group** result in several years of lost productivity and a dramatic increase in the cost of care.



Service Linkage System
Toll-Free Number:
1-888-879-4706

Service Components

Through funds provided by the IDTF, specific programs were created and implemented to address the needs of people with TBI and SCI. These programs resulted in the following services:

Helpline - 695 callers received immediate information

The Alabama Head Injury Foundation's toll-free Helpline, 1-800-433-8002, provided immediate information to 695 callers. Requests for information were also followed up on locally with referrals as necessary.

Resource coordination - 1,699 consumers/families served

- This service coordination program helped 1,699 consumers and their families find and implement the coordinated, community-based assistance they needed.
- \$621,364 in local donated and discounted goods/services were secured for clients.

Interactive Community-Based Model (ICBM) - 218 transitions from hospital to community

Through the efforts of this five-phased rehabilitation program, 218 consumers transitioned from the hospital to home and the community.

State of Alabama Independent Living (SAIL) Service - 403 consumers served

SAIL provided personal assistance and support services to 403 consumers and their families, enabling them to remain as independent as possible.

Consumers served: 403	
Birmingham - 62	Decatur - 39
Dothan - 30	Anniston - 90
Montgomery - 81	Mobile - 53
Tuscaloosa - 48	

Extended support - 23 consumers received job-support assistance

Through job-related support services, 23 consumers were given needed assistance to help them maintain their jobs.

Respite care - 47 families served (TBI - 33, SCI - 10, TBI/SCI - 4)

Services were provided to 47 families, relieving them of the around-the-clock responsibilities of caring for a family member. More than 3,600 hours of in-home care was provided.

Housing assistance - 3 consumers served (TBI - 1, SCI - 2)

This program helped three consumers in processing applications for housing assistance and in implementing approved accessibility modification or structural repairs to their homes.

Recreation - 97 persons with TBI/SCI and volunteers attended camp

Ninety-seven persons with TBI or SCI and volunteers enjoyed recreation by attending camp, with 45 attending spring session and 52 attending summer session. In addition, Small Places day programs provided 3,314 units of service through eight locations across the state.

State of Alabama Impaired Drivers Trust Fund

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