

## **Seeking TBI Advisory Board Members**

Kansas Aging and Disability Services (KDADS), in partnership with the Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City (BIAKS-GKC), is looking for individuals who have experienced a traumatic brain injury (TBI) to participate in a statewide, cross-systems collaboration, dedicated to strengthening the systems of services and supports for all people living with TBI.

### **Background**

KDADS received a TBI State Partnership Program (SPP) grant from the Administration for Community Living (ACL). The purpose of this program is to create and strengthen person-centered, culturally competent systems of services and supports that maximize the independence and overall health and well-being of all people with TBI across the lifespan, their family members, and their support networks.

### **Have Your Voice Heard !**

We believe individuals with lived experience have the right to be engaged in and lead the decision-making processes related to their services and supports.

Your input will help us create a TBI state plan that clearly outlines how our state is assessing and serving all people with TBI; and help us establish culturally competent resource facilitation practices that educate individuals with TBI and their support networks on available resources, services, and supports within their state and/or communities.

### **Can I Join if I Have a Non-Traumatic Brain Injury?**

Yes! Diversity is important, and we want to hear from many voices. Please note, however, this grant requires 50% of our board members be individuals living with traumatic brain injuries and preference will be given to those with lived TBI experience.

Our board is comprised of representatives from many populations. Those with a "X" indicate those seats are filled...

- 50% of people with TBI (including those from diverse and underserved populations)
- Family member(s) of individuals with TBI
- X Representation from Centers for Independent Living and/or the State Independent Living Council
- X Representation from an Aging and Disability Resource Center
- X Representation from the Protection & Advocacy agency in your state
- X Representation from the long-term care ombudsman in your state
- X Representation from a TBI Model System Center
- Representative of the state and includes individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse populations from both rural and urban areas

***Interested volunteer candidates can contact Mitzie Tyree, KDADS Quality and Program Coordinator, at [Mitzie.tyree@ks.gov](mailto:Mitzie.tyree@ks.gov).***

### **Resources:**

[Traumatic Brain Injury State Partnership Program \(SPP\) | ACL Administration for Community Living](#)

[Brain Injury \(BI\) \(ks.gov\)](#)

[Welcome to the Brain Injury Association of Kansas & Greater Kansas City \(biaks.org\)](#)