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Traumatic Brain Injury Program Seeks Input Through Online Survey, Workshops

LITTLE ROCK — To gather public input from brain injury survivors and better provide for their needs, the Traumatic Brain Injury State Partnership Program is reaching out through an online needs assessment survey and a series of regional workshops.

The program is supported by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Institute for Digital Health & Innovation through a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, and a matching grant from the Arkansas Department of Health.

Information gathered through the survey, and the workshops will be reviewed for inclusion in the Arkansas State Plan for Traumatic Brain Injury. There is no closing date to provide information for the plan. Online needs assessments are available on the program’s website at: TBI State Partnership Program.

The workshops are being done with assistance from the TBI Advisory Board Workgroup, comprised of representatives from many agencies and organizations and those living with brain injuries. The TBI Advisory Board Workgroup meetings are open to the public. The next meeting will be held on Aug. 13.

So far, regional events have been held in Batesville and Springdale. Program director Terri Imus, B.S.N., said that over the next year, additional workshops are planned across the state to allow face-to-face engagement with more of the traumatic brain injury survivor community. Additional support resources, such as a program to document the life experiences of those living with brain injuries and an online support group, are being developed.

The regional events include networking opportunities, education, telemedicine demonstration, and resources, including Smart 9-1-1, service dogs, and life experiences shared by people living with brain injuries.

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