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The CPD has a long history of advocating for those who suffer from traumatic brain injuries. CPD staff found out just how much of an impact the CPD has had on TBI services in Utah at their latest Brown Bag Discussion this month.

Since 2001, the CPD has actively worked with other state partners on the prevention of TBIs, as well as training providers to recognize the symptoms and improve access to the services for victims of TBIs in Utah.

The latest Utah TBI Partnership Implementation Grant focuses on improving the statewide TBI services for two distinct populations in Utah, young children, ages birth to 4 years old, and service members and veterans who have suffered traumatic brain injuries.

Statewide assessments on the services currently available to these two groups was conducted. Both providers and parents were surveyed to determine their current knowledge of TBI symptoms and treatment. From the results of the surveys, a Statewide Strategic Action Plan was developed for Utah. Resource and training materials were also developed that will improve identification of TBIs and appropriate interventions for individuals, families, providers, and the general public.

CPD staff members, Sue Dubois, recently appointed Utah TBI Coordinator, and Ginger Payant, Community TBI Coordinator, shared that through the work that they are doing, Utah will increase community TBI services and supports, and individuals with TBI and their families will be able to meet their needs more easily.

If you are interested in learning more information about the TBI efforts in Utah, please contact Sue Dubois.

The Utah TBI Partnership Implementation Grant is coordinated through the Utah Department of Health.