

Navigating Resources for Kentuckians with a Brain Injury

If you are a Kentucky resident and have a medically diagnosed brain injury, the first step in accessing resources is to go to the Social Security website at <http://www.ssa.gov/applyfordisability/index.htm> or at your local Community Based Services Office and complete an application to be evaluated for disability benefits due to Brain Injury.

If Yes

If the Social Security Administration determines you are “disabled due to your brain injury”, a decision will then be made about the eligibility for income from any of their programs.

If No

If your application for social security benefits is denied, you do have the option of filing an appeal to have the decision reconsidered. The process for appeal is explained at:
<https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/iAppeals/ap001.jsp>

If you are eligible for Medicaid either through Disability or due to your finances, you are also eligible to apply for any of the Kentucky Brain Injury Waivers. Information is available at:
<http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/Acquired+Brain+Injury.htm>

If you don't qualify for any other services, you may qualify to access TBI Trust Funding. You must have a documented medical diagnosis for Brain Injury that have exhausted all other funding sources. Information is available at:
<http://chfs.ky.gov/dail/braintrust.htm>

ABI Acute Waiver:

Must be at least 18 to apply.

ABI Long-Term Care Waiver

Must be at least 18 to apply.

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Must be under the age of 18

Supports for Community Living (SCL) Waiver

TBI Behavioral Program:

A program established for individuals with TBI who have behavioral issues needing crisis intervention or residential services. Qualifying for program is based upon meeting eligibility criteria and availability of funds