

FOREWORD

The purpose of the Guidebook is to provide practical written guidance for the Service Coordinators who implement the Adult Brain Injury Program (ABI), a program that serves eligible adults age twenty-one (21) to sixty-five (65) years of age and have sustained a traumatic brain injury (TBI).

ABI service coordination is provided through partnerships between Local Public Health Agencies (LPHA), and Special Health Services (SHS) through contractual agreements. Service coordination is provided throughout all counties of the state of Missouri.

In an effort to provide condensed practical guidance, sections of the Guidebook merely provide a brief overview of content areas that have established written detailed information used for training and reference. The Program recognizes the Special Health Services (SHS) Information System forms and letters are dynamic and undergo changes often. All additional detailed training manuals, forms, and letters referenced throughout the Guidebook will be maintained on a link provided on the ABI Program web page for use by the Service Coordinators. Service Coordinators are encouraged to reference ABI Program memos and web resources for current information. Training Coordinators are available for individual training needs.

The guidance provided has been developed and structured in a manner which will enhance the success of the ABI Program. The ABI Program framework assists in meeting the Program Philosophy, the SHS Operational Plan, meets state and federal requirements of the ABI Program, the Mission of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and the mission of Special Health Services.

DHSS Vision: Healthy Missourians for Life.

DHSS Mission: To be a leader in promoting, protecting and partnering for health.

The mission of Special Health Services (SHS) is to promote the best possible health and the highest level of functioning for each person with special health care needs.

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