WHAT IS A TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY?
A TBI is a bump, blow or jolt to the head or a penetrating head injury that disrupts the normal function of the brain. In West Virginia, TBI also includes individuals who have anoxia due to near-drowning.

LEADING CAUSES OF TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ACROSS ALL AGE GROUPS
- Falls: 41.3%
- Struck by/against events: 14.2%
- Motor vehicle crashes 12.2%
- Assault or homicide: 7.5%
(Taylor CA, Bell JM, Breiding MJ, Xu L., 2007/2013)

For active military personnel in war zones, blasts are the leading cause of TBI.
(Champion, Holcomb & Young, 2009)

TBI FACTS
- Severity may range from "mild" to "severe" based on the level of change to your mental status or consciousness.
- Estimates suggest that more than 23 million women in the US are living with a TBI from intimate partner violence.
(Ivany & Schminkey, 2016)
- Effects of TBI can include impaired thinking or memory, movement, sensation or emotional functioning.
- The effects of a TBI can be short-term or lifelong. These issues affect not only individuals but also families and communities.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
With the high prevalence of TBI in the country, it is critical to have a trained workforce that can identify and deliver appropriate services and support to individuals and families. Traumatic Brain Injury Services can provide technical assistance to agencies that request information or supports relating to TBI. We also offer the educational Big Brain for events. If you are interested in having the Big Brain at your event, visit our website for more information and to submit a request.
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The evaluation involves an interview and the administration of tests that can take 2-8 hours. The tests are typically pencil and paper type tests and can be adapted to an individual’s need or ability.

Eligibility for Services
All services are free of charge to any one who:
- Is a current West Virginia resident
- Provides medical documentation of a traumatic brain injury (TBI)

Neuropsychological Evaluation
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Once eligibility is determined, a social worker can help determine if a neuropsychological evaluation may benefit a client in the functional aspects of their life. Licensed West Virginia professionals complete evaluations. Payment for services is provided through TBI Services, if applicable.