

OVERVIEW: STATE TBI NETWORK MN Low Incidence Projects

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GOAL

To maintain a statewide network of individuals who share the common goal of meeting the needs of students with traumatic brain injury and their families. Toward this end, Network members address the issues of regional and state training, dissemination of/access to materials and resources, and special project development. Additionally, the TBI Network serves as a link between regional teams and the state TBI specialist, identifying local issues, training needs, and available resources.

PARTICIPANTS

Network members represent various regions throughout the state, as well as diverse backgrounds, i.e. parents, special education teachers, therapists, related services staff, school health specialists, older students with TBI, psychologists and/or neuro-psychologists, social workers, rehabilitation service providers, etc.

ACTIVITIES

Networking activities may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- *Serve as regional representatives regarding the dissemination of TBI materials, resources, and training to school staff, families, and other community agencies.
- *Serve as a point of contact in respective regions for the state TBI specialist.
- *Participate in periodic in-service activities, offered through the Minnesota Department of Education and other appropriate agencies.
- *Assist the state TBI specialist in planning the Annual State TBI Conference and other regional/state staff development activities.
- *Participate in other TBI-related activities as needed, i.e. special projects, trainings, input with grant writing proposals, TBI manual updates, etc.