What Is ADAP?
The Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP) is part of the nationwide federally mandated protection and advocacy (P&A) system.

ADAP’s mission is to provide quality, legally-based advocacy services to Alabamians with disabilities in order to protect, promote and expand their rights.

ADAP’s vision is one of a society where persons with disabilities are valued and exercise self-determination through meaningful choices, and have equality of opportunity.

ADAP provides information and referral services, individual case advocacy and outreach & training opportunities to benefit persons with disabilities.

Traumatic Brain Injury
Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a leading cause of death and disability among children and adults in the United States. Each year an estimated 1.4 million Americans sustain a TBI. As a consequence of these injuries:

- 230,000 people are hospitalized and survive.
- 50,000 people die.
- 80,000 to 90,000 people experience the onset of long-term disability.

The risk of having a TBI is highest for children birth to 4 years and among adults, and persons older than 75 years.¹

An estimated 5.3 million men, women, and children are living with a permanent TBI-related disability in the United States today.²

The long-term effects associated with TBI can be grave. These disabilities, arising from cognitive, emotional, sensory, and motor impairments, often have profound effects on a person’s school and work life, and on social and family relationships. Because these disabilities are not readily apparent, TBI is referred to as the invisible epidemic.²

ADAP and TBI
Under a grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services, ADAP advocates on behalf of persons with TBI.

ADAP’s TBI advocacy work focuses on:

- Educational issues for children with TBI, including access to inclusive school settings, discipline and behavior concerns and transition services.
- Appropriate treatment or habilitation for persons with TBI in state-operated institutions and in community settings.

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