§ 2742. Functions, powers and duties of the department. The department shall have the following powers and duties:

1. to develop a comprehensive statewide program that includes medical, housing, vocational, educational, transportation, social, personal care, family support, day program services, community re-entry services, outpatient rehabilitation services and other essential services;

2. to develop outreach services to provide coordinated information regarding assistance available to persons with traumatic brain injury and their families;

3. to develop and maintain a clearinghouse of information on traumatic brain injuries and concussions, including but not limited to, resources that support the development and implementation of community-based services and rehabilitation;

4. to track the amount of and cost of services provided to persons with traumatic brain injury placed in out-of-state treatment settings;

5. to develop innovative educational programs on the causes and prevention of traumatic brain injuries and concussions, with an emphasis on outreach campaigns. Such programs and information shall include, but not be limited to, treatment and services for persons with traumatic brain injury and/or a concussion and their families;

6. to accept and expend any grants, awards of other funds or appropriations as may be available for these purposes, subject to limitations as to the approval of expenditures and audits as prescribed for state funds by the state finance law;

7. to gather and disseminate statistics and conduct investigations and research relating to the causes and prevention of traumatic brain injuries and concussions and the treatment of such injuries, including the methods and procedures for rehabilitation, including from time to time, such publications for distribution to appropriate scientific organizations;

8. to contract with independent consultants to conduct assessments of the needs of persons with traumatic brain injury;

9. to develop training programs for persons providing discharge plans and case management; and

10. to develop standards for licensing or certifying residential and non-residential services for persons with traumatic brain injury to the extent that such services are not otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of another state agency.