

An illustration of a small, stylized human figure standing on a light brown surface, looking up at a series of five planets of varying sizes and colors (yellow, orange, green, blue) that appear to be floating in the sky.

IDEA Disability Category: Traumatic Brain Injury

Traumatic brain injury is an acquired injury to the brain caused by external physical force, resulting in total or partial functional disability or psychosocial impairment, or both, and that adversely affects a child's educational performance. The term applies to open or closed head injuries resulting in impairments in one or more areas, such as cognition; language; memory; attention; reasoning; abstract thinking; judgment; problem-solving; sensory, perceptual and motor abilities; psychosocial behavior; physical functions; information processing; and speech. The term does not apply to brain injuries that are congenital or degenerative or to brain injuries induced by birth trauma.

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