



**Brain Injury
Alliance**

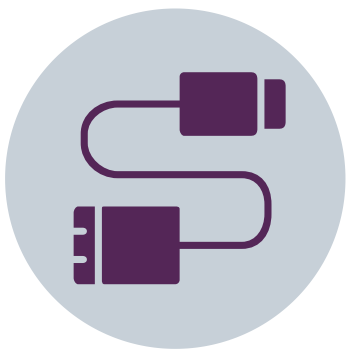
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HOMELESSNESS & BRAIN INJURY

Enhancing the path to better outcomes

WHY SCREEN FOR BRAIN INJURY?

Screening for brain injury is a best practice when serving Iowans with multi-occurring conditions



EDUCATION AROUND BRAIN INJURY

Understanding brain injury and the common challenges may increase participation and enhance outcomes in service and treatment plans



ADDRESSING THE POSITIVE SCREEN

We have options available at BIAIA to help with a positive screen:

- Iowa Brain Injury Resource Network (IBIRN)
- Case Consultation
- Neuro Resource Facilitation



SUPPORT FOR THE INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM

Brain injury supports and services are often times a missing puzzle piece for someone experiencing homelessness

The Underrecognized Relationship

5.3 million people nationwide live with long-term disability as a result of traumatic brain injury



Individuals who are homeless are up to **5 times more likely to have sustained brain injuries** compared to the general population



and a majority of homeless adults with **reported TBI** history sustained injuries **prior to becoming homeless**

Citations: Hwang et al., (2008). Topolovec-Vranic et al., (2014) / Manfull M., Shadduck S., Kirkhart C., Carr G., Hofacer R., Spearman R. TBI Screening and Referral for Southeastern Idaho's Homeless Population- Institute of Rural Health at Idaho State University / National Center for Injury Prevention and Control