



**Brain Injury
Alliance**

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REFUGEE POPULATION & BRAIN INJURY

Enhancing the path to better outcomes

WHY SCREEN FOR BRAIN INJURY?

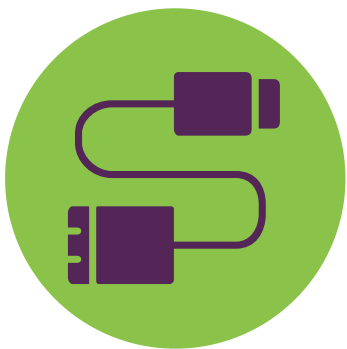
Screening for brain injury is a best practice when serving Iowans with multi-occurring conditions



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



EDUCATION AROUND BRAIN INJURY

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



SUPPORT FOR THE INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM

Brain injury supports and services are often times a missing puzzle piece for refugees



The Underrecognized Relationship

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



Did you know...

The **overall prevalence** of **brain injury** for refugees is **51%**

Of these at least **38%** of those experience a **moderate to severe** injury that could cause **persisting disability**



In addition, **64%** of the time, these injuries were **not known** to mental health clinicians **prior to screening**

Citations: Doherty, S., Craig, R., Gardani, M., & McMillan, T. (2016). Head injury in asylum seekers and refugees referred with psychological trauma. *Global Mental Health*, 3, E28. doi:10.1017/gmh.2016.23 /National Center for Injury Prevention and Control