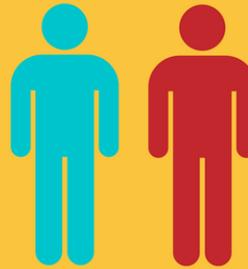


TBI PROFESSIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY RESULTS

PROJECT BACKGROUND

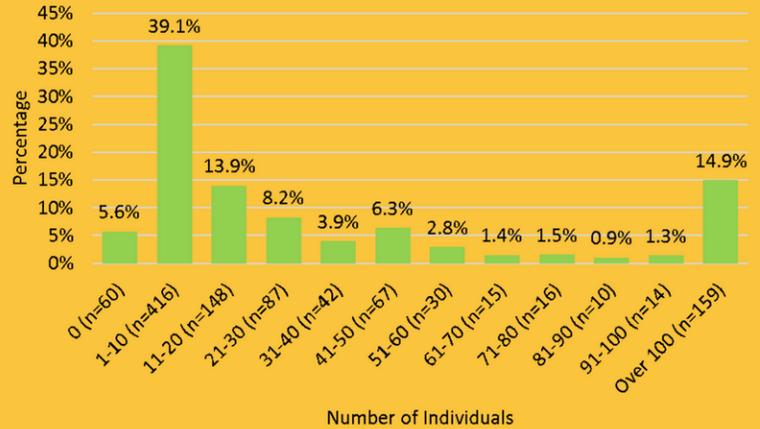
The Missouri Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Needs Assessment gathered information from survivors, family members, and professionals on the needs of and service availability to the Missouri TBI community. The goal of the needs assessment was to systematically identify needs and measure the gaps between current conditions and wanted conditions through participation of these groups.

An intensive needs assessment was done five years ago that involved interviews and focus groups with survivors, their families, and the professionals who serve them. The assessment conducted over the past year was designed to build upon this effort.



AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME PROFESSIONALS HAVE BEEN IN THEIR CURRENT POSITION IS **9.7 YEARS**

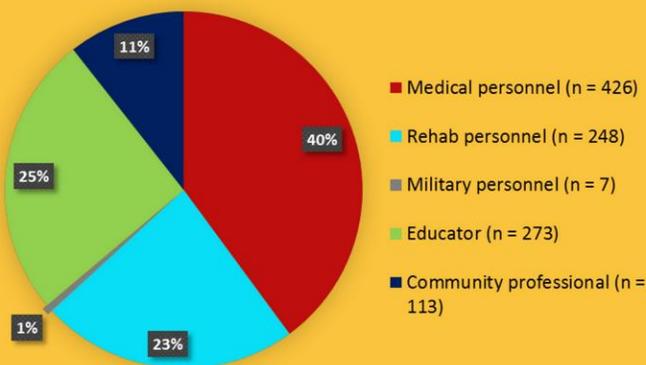
Number of Individuals with TBI Served by Professionals



WHO PARTICIPATED?

1067 PROFESSIONALS COMPLETED THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

POSITIONS OR ROLES HELD BY PROFESSIONALS



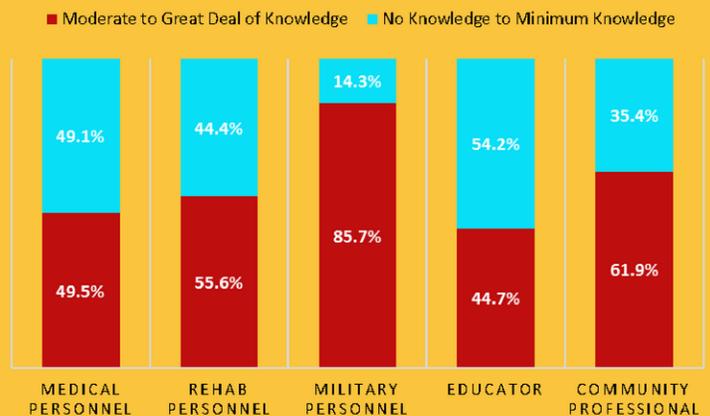
94.5% of professionals served "others in addition to people with TBI".

IDENTIFICATION OF TBI



KNOWLEDGE AND SERVICE ADEQUACY

SELF-REPORTED TBI KNOWLEDGE LEVELS BY PROFESSION



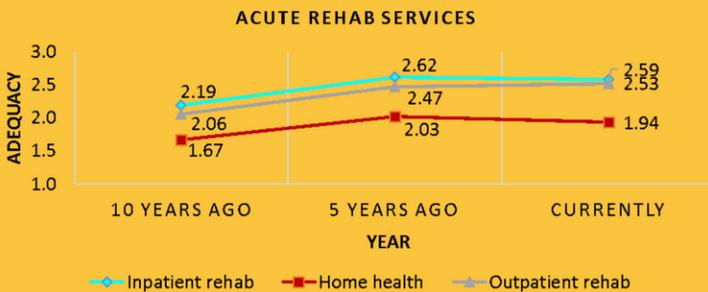
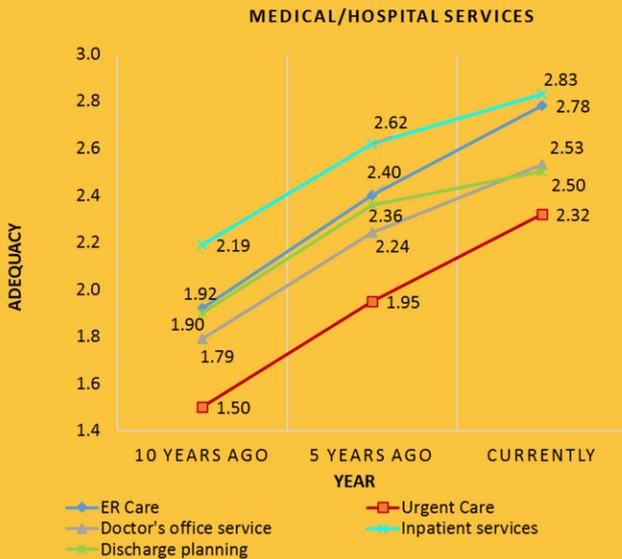
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Professionals were asked to rate the adequacy of services both 5 years ago and currently. Services rated as working well included:

- TBI education and awareness
- Acute care, rehab
- Information, resources, and referral
- Service coordination/ case management
- Medical care
- Continued therapy, support, and counseling
- Support groups
- Service in general
- Timely diagnosis and treatment
- Access to service

SERVICE ADEQUACY ACROSS YEARS

1 = Very Inadequate; 2 = Somewhat Inadequate; 3 = Somewhat Adequate; 4 = Very Adequate



BARRIERS TO ACCESSING SERVICES

Professionals listed several barriers in accessing services and supports. The percentage of professionals who noted each barrier are shown below:

- ✓ Unaware of services (64.2%)
- ✓ Inability to pay for services (63.6%)
- ✓ Inadequate insurance (55.9%)
- ✓ Cognitive limitations (55.4%)
- ✓ Difficulty understanding paperwork (50.5%)
- ✓ Location of services (49.9%)
- ✓ Lack of insurance (43.8%)
- ✓ Lack of transportation (43.3%)
- ✓ Financial management (42.7%)
- ✓ Physical limitations (40.4%)

TRAINING

21.2% of professionals reported internal TBI training through their organization while 50% received training from external sources.

24.1%

of professionals reported that their organization provides TBI education or training to the **community**.

53.9%

of professionals reported TBI training was part of their **professional** training.

MOST COMMON COMMUNITY TBI TRAINING TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ✓ General Knowledge (73.3%)
- ✓ Available Services (46.5%)
- ✓ Medical and Physical Changes (45.0%)
- ✓ Communication and Cognitive Changes (43.4%)

TBI TRAINING TOPICS RECEIVED MOST FREQUENTLY BY PROFESSIONALS INCLUDE:

- ✓ General Knowledge (75.7%)
- ✓ Communication and Cognitive Changes (45.6%)
- ✓ Medical and Physical Changes (51.5%)
- ✓ Specific Knowledge about Needs (43.0%)

SERVICE IMPROVEMENT

IN ORDER TO BETTER SERVE PEOPLE WITH TBI AND THEIR FAMILIES, PROFESSIONALS SUGGESTED THE NEED FOR:

- More training on TBI specific services, resources, and education
- General knowledge about health conditions of people with TBI
- TBI best practices in acute care



ADDITIONAL SERVICE IMPROVEMENT SUGGESTIONS INCLUDED:

- Better inform providers, individuals with TBI, and their families about available resources and supports
- Other services (identification/diagnosis, long-term care plan)

