



BRAIN INJURY: #1 Public Health Crisis

More than 765,000 annual ER visitors with a brain injury are under 25

Over 80,000 hospitalizations due to brain injury annually

More than 11,000 deaths due to brain injury annually

According to the CDC each year in the US

About 24,000 new cases of autism

Approximately 56,000 cases of HIV

Youth sports

- #1 Concern for parents with child playing sports
- Concussion = brain injury
- 1.6-3.8 million sports & recreational concussions occur annually
- Football is the #1 cause of youth sport concussions followed by girls' soccer

Juvenile justice

- 50% of teens (ages 16-18) in NYC jails sustained brain injury before incarceration

Veterans

- Over 350,000 active-duty service members have been identified as sustaining a brain injury since 2000

- Over 50% of veterans returning from war with TBI are under 25 years old

Domestic Violence

- 76% of battered women sustained at least one brain injury by partner
- 50% had multiple injuries

Suicide

- 35% of TBI survivors had clinically significant levels of hopelessness
- 23% had suicidal thoughts and 18% committed suicide post-injury

Homelessness

- 50% of homeless men suffered at least one brain injury
- 87% of those injuries occurred before they became homeless