# Brain Injury & Mental Health

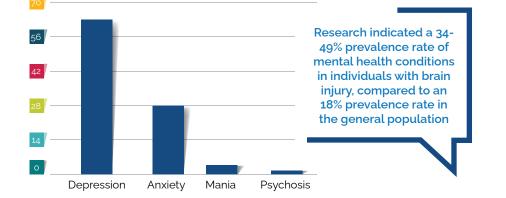
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Brain injuries are often referred to as a "silent epidemic" because symptoms are not always immediately evident, and the general public has limited knowledge about the diagnosis. Brain injuries can cause an increased susceptibility to multi-occurring conditions, including mental health diagnosis.

# Mental Health Diagnoses are Higher in Individuals with Brain Injury

#### **Co-occurring Diagnosis**

Prevalence Rate of Co-Occurring Brain Injury and Mental Health Diagnosis



### What Can We Do About It?

Treatment professionals need to be aware of a history of brain injury in individuals

It is important to screen for brain injury upon intake and coordinate an effective treatment plan with a multidisciplinary team of providers that have experience and knowledge about brain injury.

## We Can Help at NDBIN

We can help locate providers, provide technical assistance for individuals you serve, connect individuals and families to resources, and much more.



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