



Tennessee
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Criminal Justice

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Begin Recording

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After Brain Injury:
Within 5 years post injury,
nearly 1/3 report some
involvement with criminal
justice system

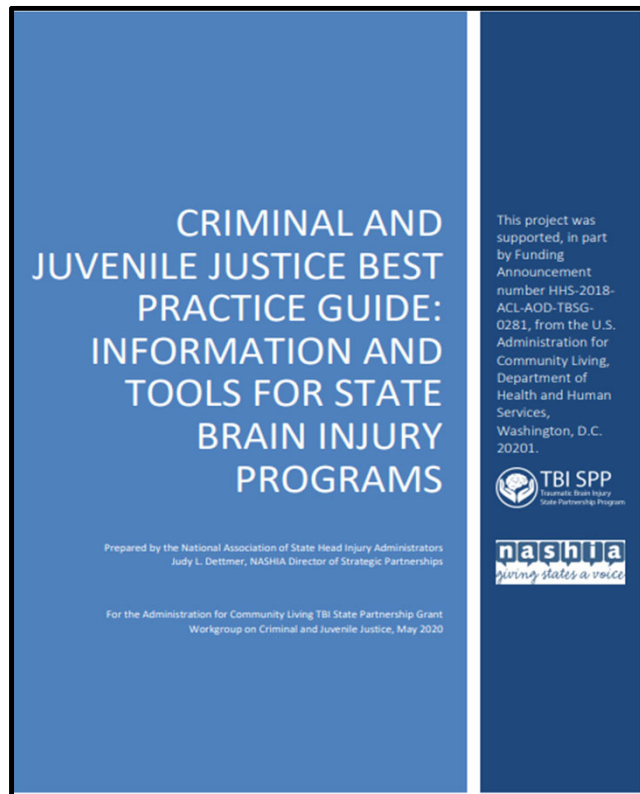
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recognizes TBI in prisons and jails as an **important public health problem.**
- In the adult Justice System, **50-87% have had a TBI.**
 - Compared with **8.5%** in the general population.
- People with TBI 12Xs less likely to achieve discretionary release
- Close to **100% of women** in the justice system have a history of TBI.

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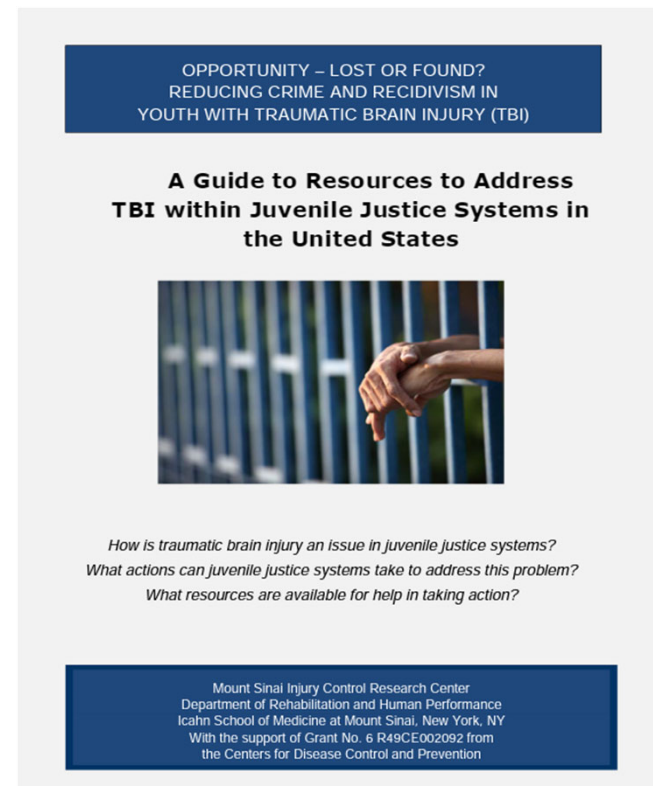
After Brain Injury:
They are very likely to have
cognitive deficits

- **Attention, memory and speed of processing deficits** can look like defiance and lead to disciplinary action.
- **Irritability, anger, impulsivity and uninhibited behavior** can lead to altercations with other prisoners.
- Cognitive changes can lead to problems transitioning into the **community**.
- **Accommodations should be used** to compensate for cognitive deficits to help within the justice system (including trial), in work, the community and treatment programs.

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