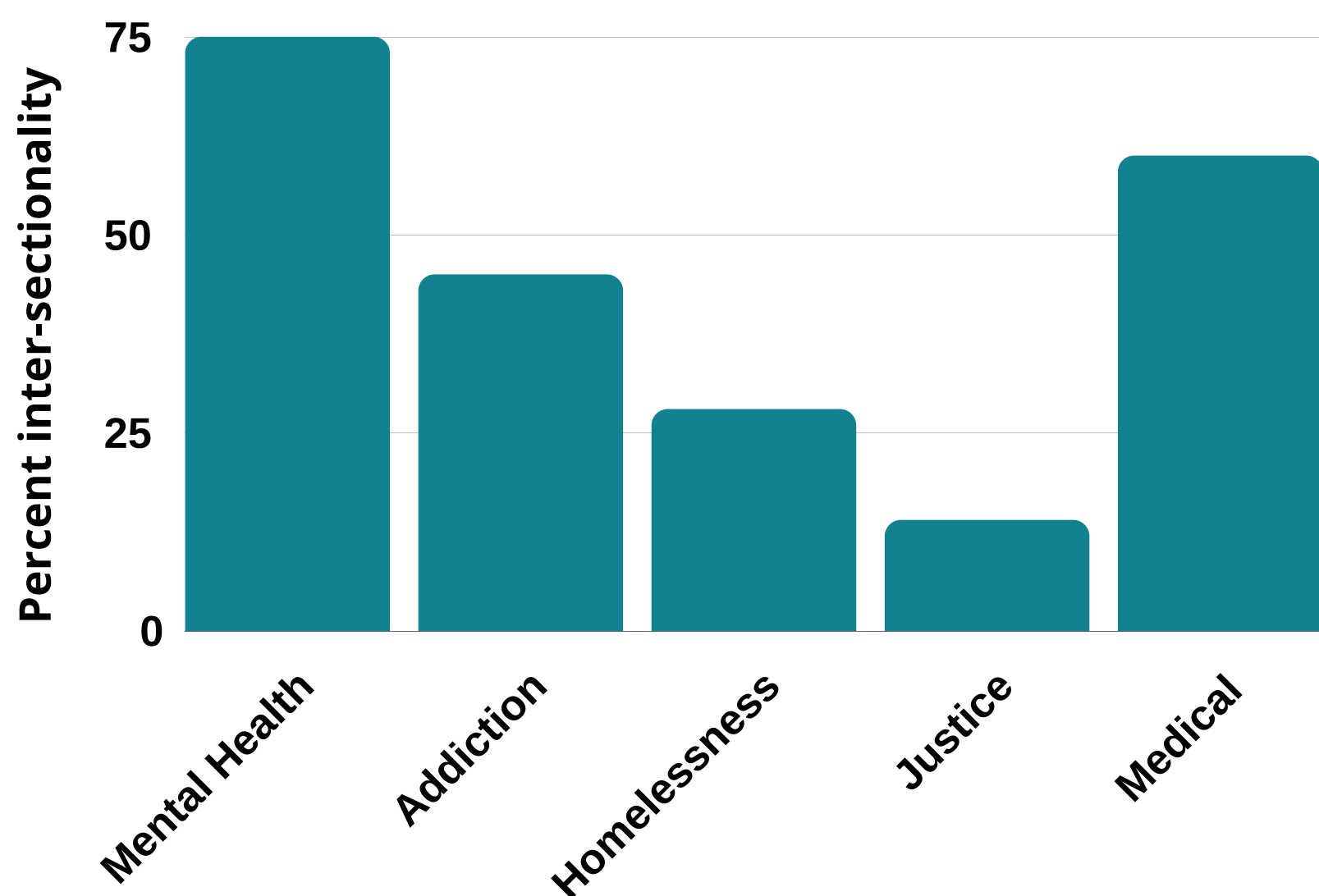


# Assessment of Vulnerabilities for Individuals with Acquired Brain Injury



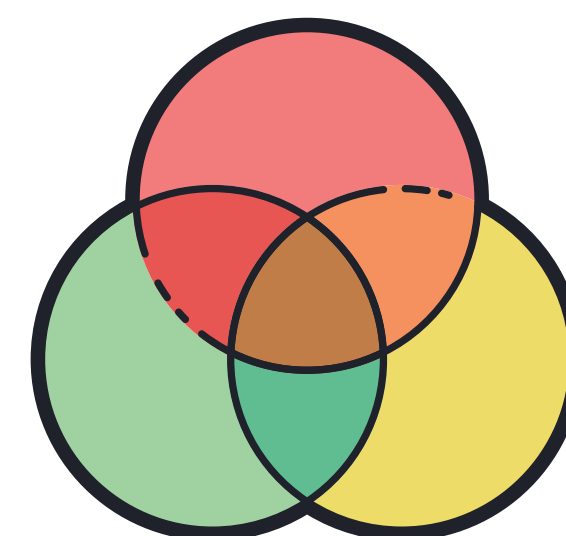
**81%** of persons with ABI have cross-sector needs

On average care coordinators work with **8 different** service provision organizations



Cross-sector needs for individuals with ABI involve:

- i) Having a formal diagnosis in one or more other care sectors or;
- ii) Not having a formal diagnosis in another care sector, but receiving services from that care sector (ie. mental health, criminal justice system, housing, etc.)



**90%** of care providers agree that those with cross-sector needs experience **MORE** barriers to accessing necessary care

**80%** of care providers agree that these challenges existed before COVID-19, but have been made worse by the pandemic



## During COVID-19 individuals with ABI have had reduced access to:

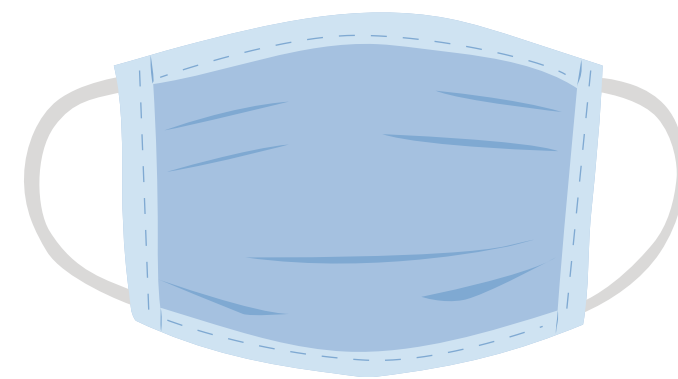
- Mental Health and Addiction Services
- Transportation
- Primary Care
- Neuropsychological Assessments
- Day Programs
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Personal Care Support

### Cut services resulted in significant consequences

- 50% reported clients going into crisis
- 75% reported clients required increased hours of care
- 38% reported increase in hospitalizations
- 85% reported caregiver burnout

2/3 of community care providers have been asked to fill "out-of-role" tasks such as wellness checks, personal care, transportation, food delivery and PPE training

**There is NO standardized PPE content or training method across Ontario to support staff**



## 90% of care providers agree the following are needed to prepare for a second wave of COVID-19



Investment in telehealth infrastructure and technology literacy



Common data collection and electronic health record



Strong partnerships across care organizations



Mobile testing and safe program spaces



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