

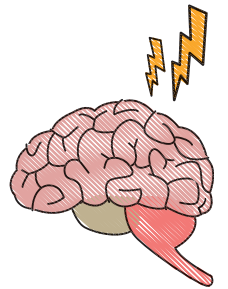
The BC Heads Together Think Tanks brought together brain injury survivors, family members, service providers, decision-makers and other stakeholders for a series of four virtual sessions in 2021 focusing on:

- **Behind the Bruises: Intimate Partner Violence and Brain Injury**
- **Surviving an Overdose: Understanding the Need for Brain Injury Support**
- **Thinking Outside the Box: Addressing the Chasms in Care**
- **Before You Mark the Ballot: Government Responsibility at all Levels**

Survivors & Families

BRAIN INJURY IS THE SILENT EPIDEMIC...

...it is often the root cause of mental health, addiction issues, homelessness and incarceration



The incidence and prevalence of Brain Injury surpasses that of Breast Cancer, Spinal Cord Injury, Multiple Sclerosis & HIV/AIDS **combined** and it is the least funded - it is the orphan of our healthcare system!

More than ***1.5 million** Canadians live with a brain injury and they need support

*Brain Injury Canada



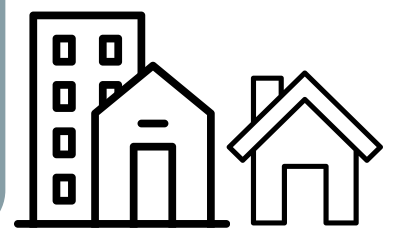
Brain injuries impact the entire family - this means millions more need support



1.5 million does not include **unreported** brain injuries (i.e. intimate partner violence, overdose survivors), concussions or military injuries - it's a national crisis

THE NEEDS

Survivors need safe, affordable, and appropriate housing (transitional & forever homes) with wraparound supports that are not time specific



Survivors, families, and caregivers need support to navigate the system

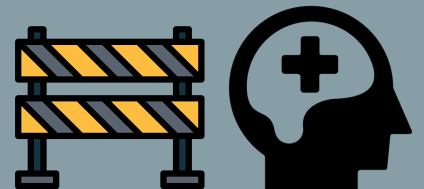


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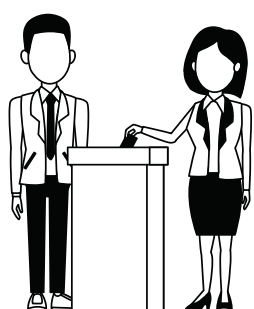
Survivors need meaningful activities (employment & volunteering) to do every day. They want to contribute to their community.



Survivors need access to services including mental health and addiction without barriers



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ASK YOUR CANDIDATE: How will your party approach a national healthcare strategy to address the intersections of brain injury, mental health, and addictions?