# PEDIATRIC ILLNESS



# INTEGRATION/REINTEGRATION INTO SCHOOLS

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Describe how pediatric illness affects students' academic performance, behavior, and social-emotional functioning.

### **OBJECTIVES**

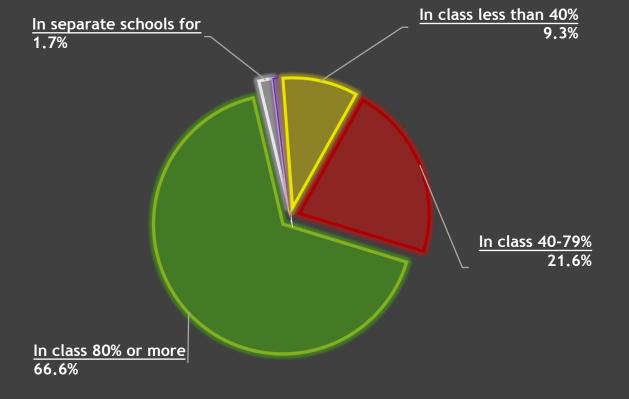
2 Analyze the impact of pediatric illness using a case examples.

Develop a school reintegration plan for two students who have experienced a pediatric illness.

# IDEA/504: PEDIATRIC ILLNESS AND ITS EFFECT IN SCHOOL

# [ PEDIATRIC ILLNESS ]

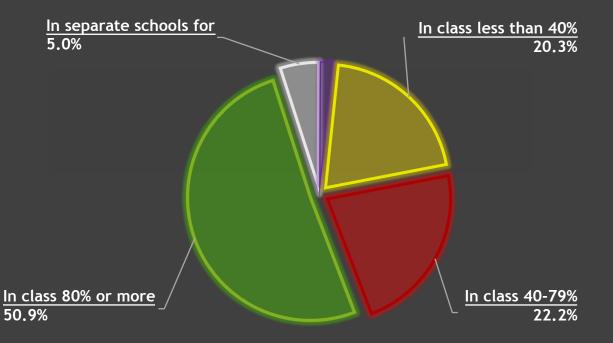
#### OHI Educational Placement



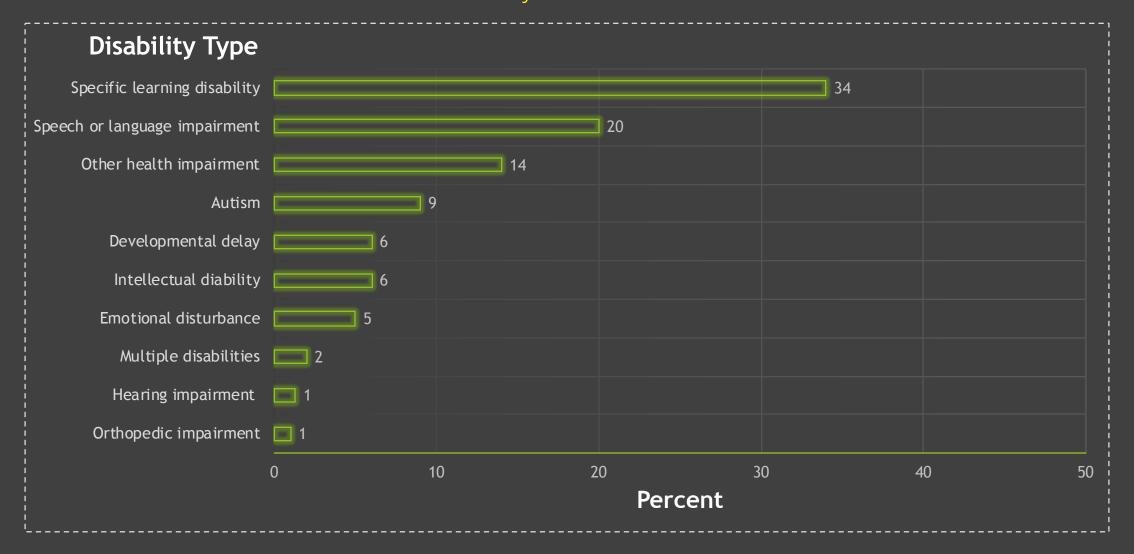
# Population of students ages 3-21 served under IDEA, school year 2014-2015

IDEA Classification	Number of Children				
Other Health Impairment (OHI)	862				
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)	26				
Orthopedic Impairment	52				
Multiple	132				

#### TBI Educational Placement



# Percentage distribution of students ages 3–21 served under IDEA, Part B, by disability type: School year 2015–16



<sup>1</sup> Other health impairments include having limited strength, vitality, or alertness due to chronic or acute health problems such as a heart condition, tuberculosis, rheumatic fever, nephritis, asthma, sickle cell anemia, hemophilia, epilepsy, lead poisoning, leukemia, or diabetes.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) database, retrieved July 10, 2017, from https://www2.ed.gov/programs/osepidea/618-data/state-level-data-files/index.html#bcc.

# COMPONENTS OF SCHOOL RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS

## MULTICOMPONENT PROGRAMS

- Family support
- Education of school staff
- Peer education and support
- OProgress monitoring and adjustment of educational plan

## **IDENTIFY STUDENT'S NEEDS**

HEATH RELATED

SELF-HELP

MOBILITY

COMMUNICATION

BEHAVIOR AND SUPERVISION

IN SCHOOL THERAPIES

HOMEBOUND

### PROGRESS MONITORING: ACUTE CONCUSSION EVALUATION

Symptom Check List\* Since the injury, has the person experienced any of these symptoms any more than usual today or in the past day?

Indicate presence of each symptom (0=No, 1=Yes).

\*Lovell & Collins, 1998 JHTR

PHYSICAL (10)			COGNITIVE (4)			SLEEP (4)						
Headache	0	1	Feeling mentally foggy	0	1	Drowsiness	0	1				
Nausea	0	1	Feeling slowed down	0	1	Sleeping less than usual	0	1	N/A			
Vomiting	0	1	Difficulty concentrating	0	1	Sleeping more than usual	0	1	N/A			
Balance problems	0	1	Difficulty remembering	0	1	Trouble falling asleep	0	1	N/A			
Dizziness	0	1	COGNITIVE Total (0-4)			SLEEP Total (0-4)						
Visual problems	0	1	EMOTIONAL (4)			Exertion: Do these symptoms worsen with:  Physical ActivityYesNoN/A  Cognitive ActivityYesNoN/A  Overall Rating: How different is the person acting						
Fatigue	0	1	Irritability	0	1							
Sensitivity to light	0	1	Sadness	0	1							
Sensitivity to noise	0	1	More emotional	0	1							
Numbness/Tingling	0	1	Nervousness	0	1	compared to his/her usual self? (circle)						
PHYSICAL Total (0-10) EMO			EMOTIONAL Total (0-4)	EMOTIONAL Total (0-4)			Normal 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 Very Different					
(Add Physical, Cognitive, Emotion, Sleep totals) Total Symptom Score (0-22)												

### HELPING SCHOOL STAFF

- What to Expect
- > Improve Understanding
- Explain Physical Changes
- Behavior and Communication Strategies
- Expressing Staff Needs

PREPARING PEERS

- Consult Family
- Improve Understanding
- Support Acceptance

PREPARING FAMILY

- Provide Education about IDEA/504
- Promote Family Participation

# REINTEGRATION SKILLS

## CASE STUDY 1 BURN INJURY

Andy is a 10-year-old male who suffered a electrical burn to 70% of his body approximately 3 months ago. At the hospital, Andy was defiant and refused to participate in his physical rehab regimen as he was afraid that he would be in significant pain. Additionally, he *refused to do any school work* during his inpatient rehabilitation. Teacher reports Andy gives up easily during his assignments and becomes *irritable*. Mother notes Andy has always done well in school and is not sure why he is behaving this way. He will discharge in 3 weeks and he is feeling anxious that his friends will make fun of his scars, splints, compression garments, or that his classmates will not want to play with him at recess. His mother is also fearful that he will quickly *fall behind* in his assignments.

## CASE STUDY 1 RECOMMENDATIONS

List of specific school recommendations by medical personnel:

Itch medication 3x/day

Antidepressant (fluoxetine) 1x/day nighty



Compression garments at all time

Limited time outdoor

Sunscreen and hat if participating in outdoor activities

Splints

Counseling for PTSD symptoms

# GROUP ACTIVITY

As a Licensed Specialist in School Psychology, what specific interventions would you implement to facilitate Andy's reintegration?

Consider how you would prepare before Andy's arrival and any long-term goal planning

How would you involve other school personnel?

# GROUP ACTIVITY

Develop a brief presentation that you would deliver to Andy's 5th grade classroom prior to his first day of class.

## CASE STUDY 2 | TBI

Isabel is a 6 year-old female who suffered a traumatic brain injury after in motor vehicle accident. Upon arrival to the hospital, the Glasgow coma scale suggested severe brain injury (i.e. no verbal and motor responses). She remained in a coma for one month and exhibited many impairments upon awakening.

#### COGNITIVE

WNV

Matrices: 89TCoding: 68T

• Recognition: 73T

• Object Assembly 66T

#### **VISUO-MOTOR**

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• Visual Perception: extremely below average

• Motor Coordination: well below average

#### LANGUAGE

NEPSY-II

• Scaled score of Comprehension of Instruction: 5, 5th percentile

• Scaled score of Word Generation Semantic: 7, 16th percentile

#### **EXECUTIVE FUNCTION**

BRIEF-3

**Behavior Regulation: 58T** 

- Cognitive Regulation: 50T

Emotion Regulation: 47T

- Global Executive Composite: 55T

#### **ADAPTIVE**

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• General Adaptive Composite: 57, <1st percentile

# GROUP ACTIVITY

Based on the assessment results, what interventions and recommendations would you suggest?

# IMPORTANCE of SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND REINTEGRATION

### **ACADEMIC FUNCTIONING**

- There is between-disease and within-disease variability
- Most impacted:
- ------ Illnesses that affect central nervous system
- Treatments that affect cognitive function
- ------------ Have physical disability in addition to chronic illness

### BEHAVIORAL FUNCTIONING

- Internalizing symptoms more common than externalizing
- Minimal risk for most chronic illnesses
- Risk factors for behavioral functioning:
- •----- Disease impact on brain function
- Increases maternal stress
- •-----Low family cohesion/support
- ------ Child's perceived stress

### SOCIAL FUNCTIONING

- Greatest risk for males, children with more severe symptoms, and
  - limited social interactions
- Typical impacted areas of social development
- -----independence from parents
- ----- exposure to healthy peers
- ----- participation in social activities
- ------ self-efficacy in peer interactions



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