



Where will I live now?

Brain Injury Options Coordination

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VISION STATEMENT

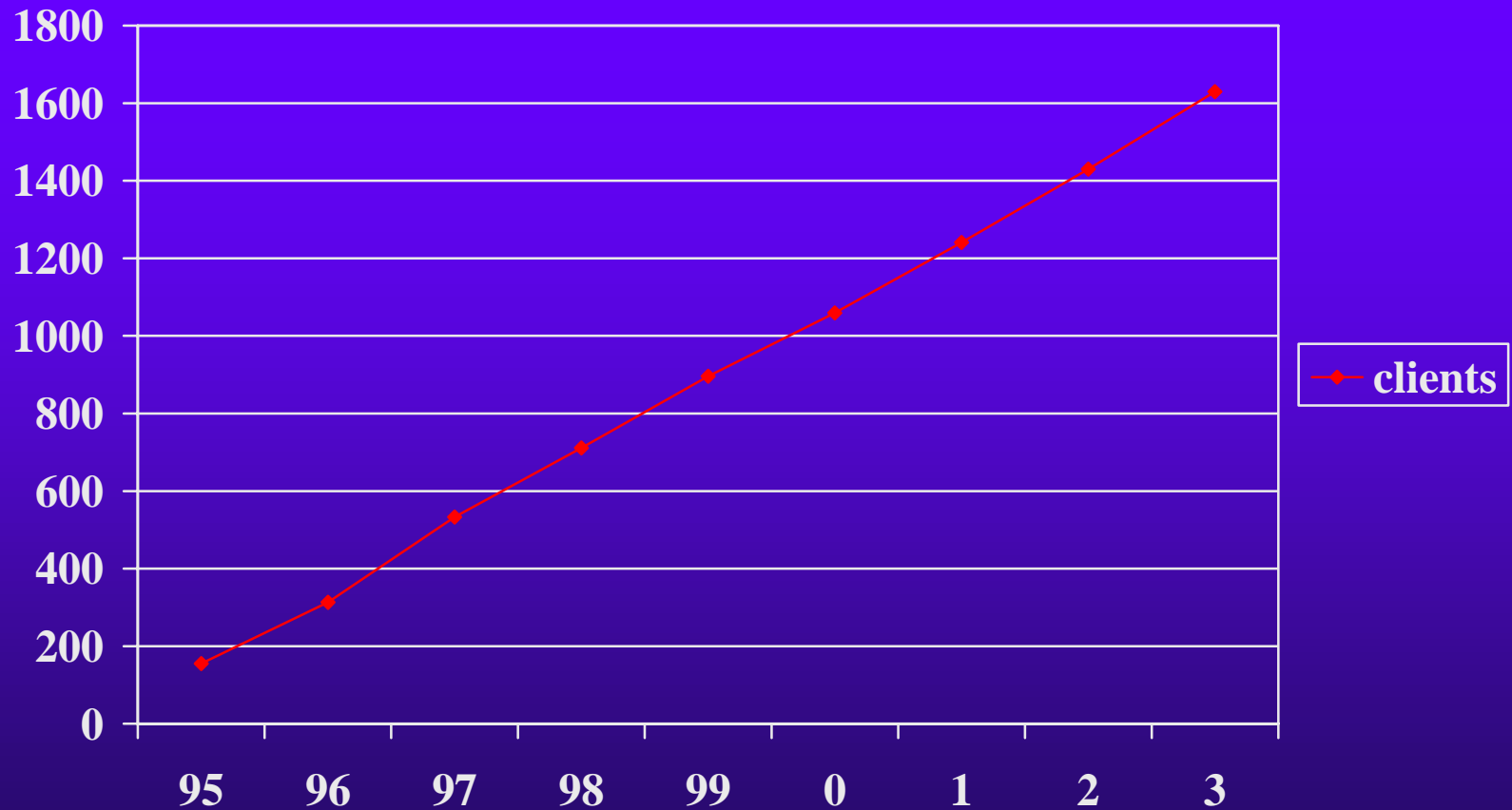
People with an acquired brain injury will realise their abilities and be able to remain valued members of the community



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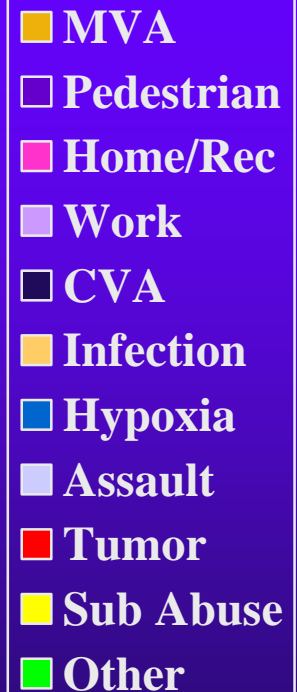
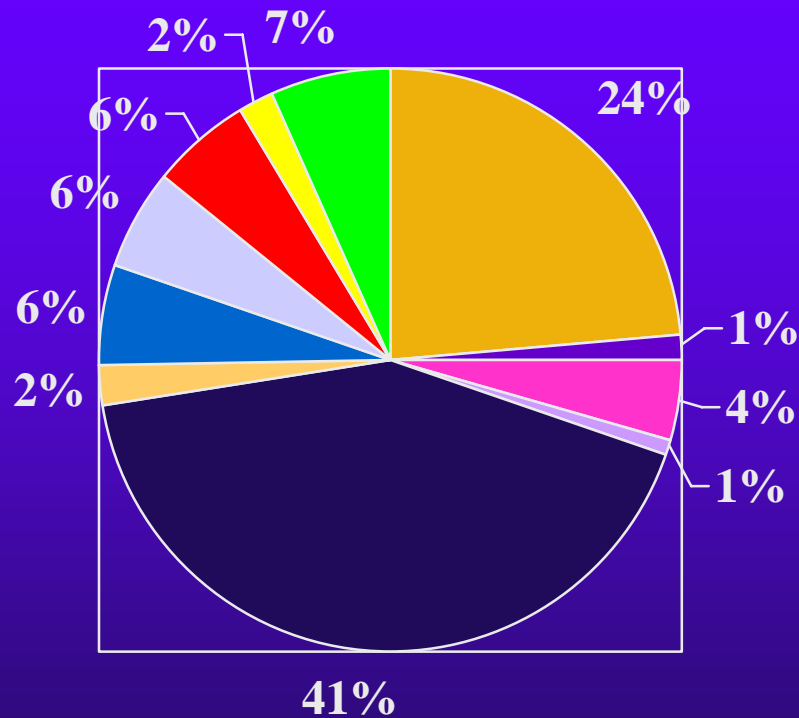
People with an acquired brain injury will have real choices in proportion to their needs

GROWTH IN CLIENT NUMBERS 1995 - 2003



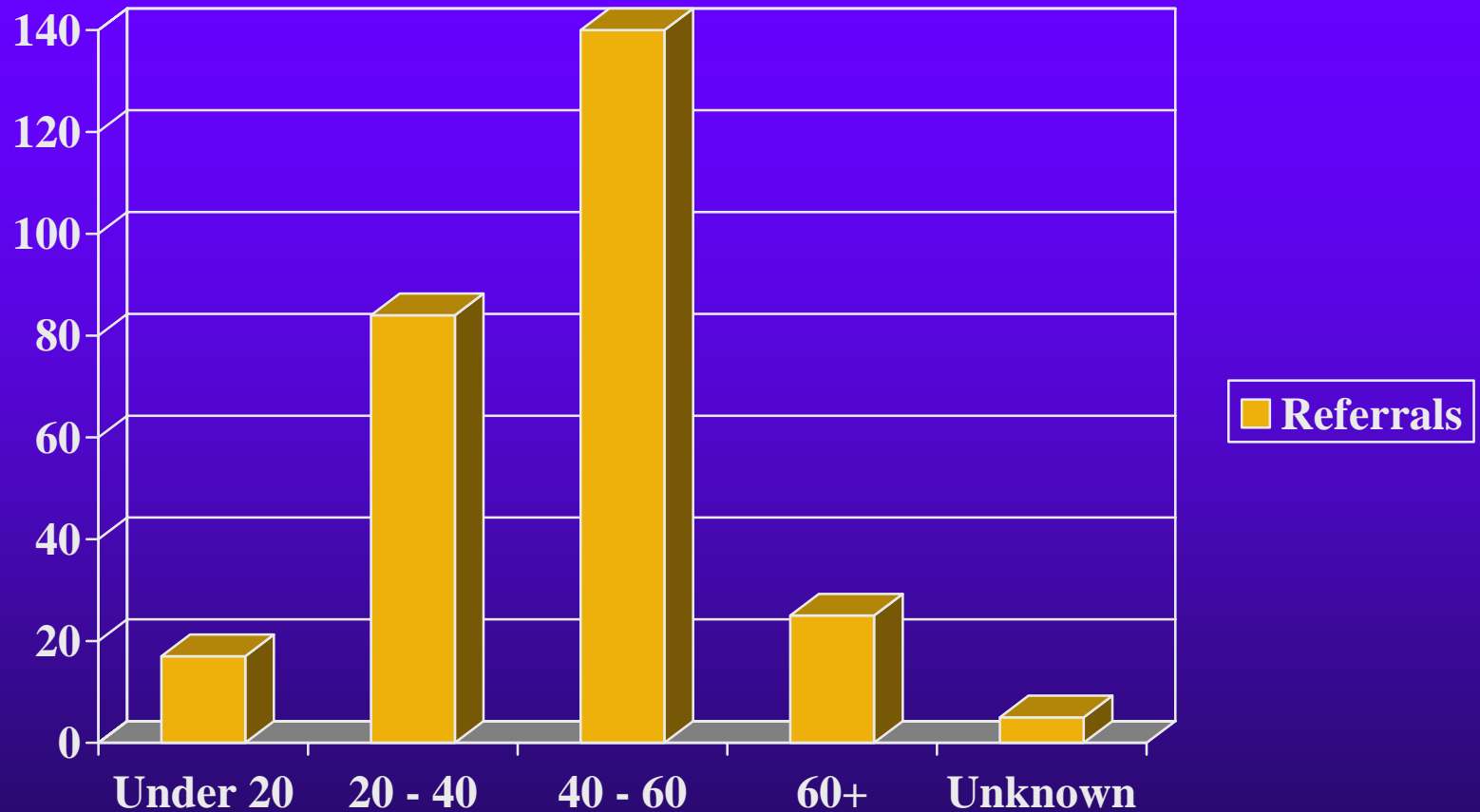
DIAGNOSIS BY REFERRALS

June 2002 – July 2003



REFERRALS BY AGE GROUP

2002 - 2003



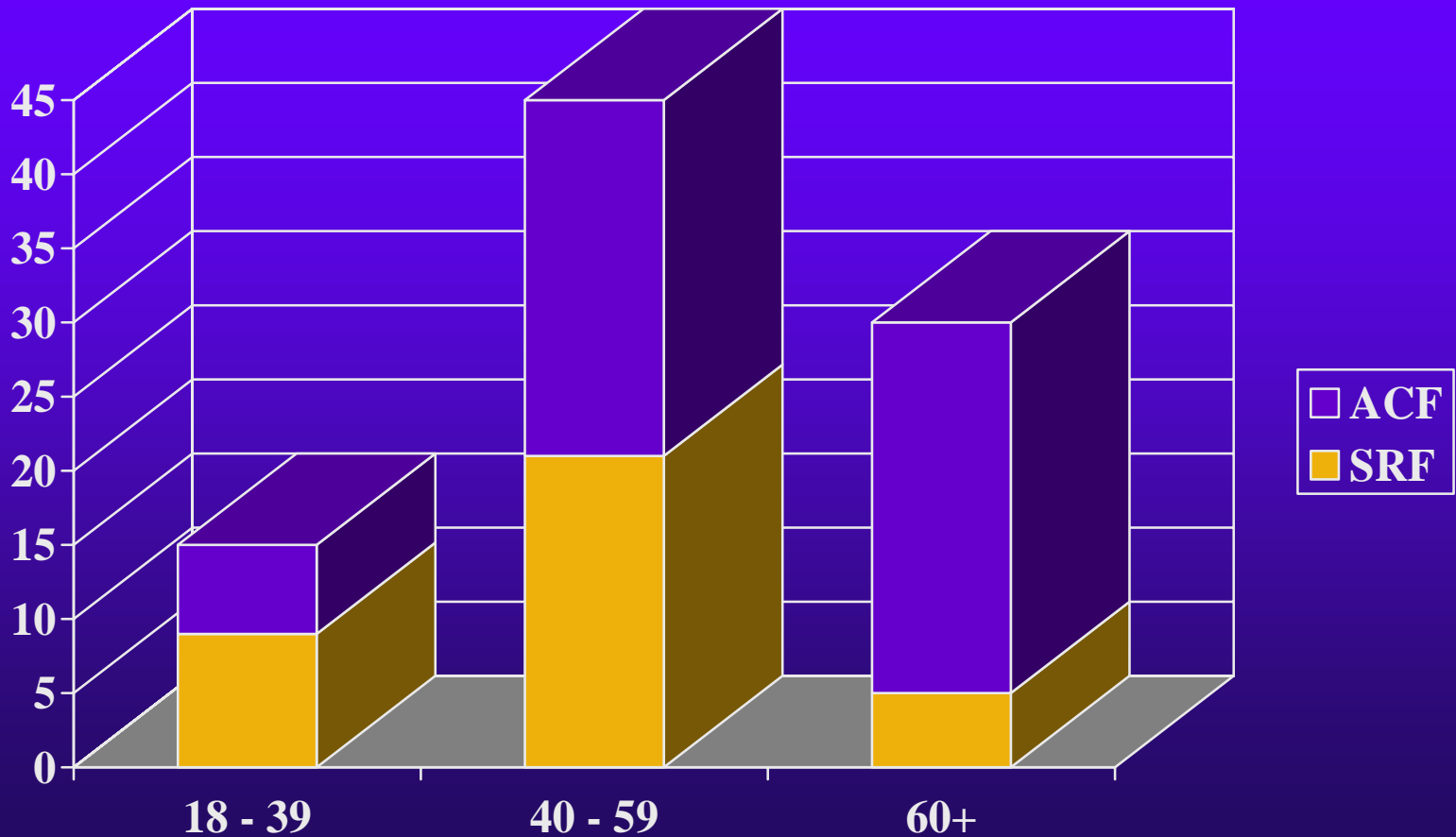


Current Accommodation Options

- ◆ Own home/family home
- ◆ Private rental
- ◆ SAHT rental – houses/units
- ◆ Housing Associations
- ◆ Congregate Care – SRF's; Aged Care Facilities; Julia Farr Services; Mental Health Services
- ◆ Hospitals

Clients Currently Living in Congregate Care by Age

(excluding Julia Farr Services)





Disability Service Standards

- ◆ Individual Responses
- ◆ Privacy, Dignity and Confidentiality
- ◆ Decision Making and Choice



Current Situation

- ◆ Partnerships with Housing Associations
- ◆ Partnerships with an Accommodation Service
- ◆ Cluster Sites
- ◆ Shared support services



Issues for People with an ABI

- ◆ Impact of Hidden disabilities
- ◆ Reduction in income
- ◆ Adults having to return to live with their (often elderly) parents
- ◆ Waiting lists for public housing



Issues cont.....

- ◆ Lack of funded support for independent living
- ◆ Lack of cluster housing where support hours can be shared
- ◆ Unsuitable housing design for wheelchair access
- ◆ Having to move away from their local communities – family, friends, neighbours



CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

- ◆ More cluster housing options
- ◆ All new housing to be designed to be wheelchair accessible:-
 - Wider passageways and doorways
 - Accommodation for ramps to be placed at front and back doorways



Creative Solutions cont....

- Good sized shower alcoves without a lip for mobile shower chair access
- Stairwells that will allow the installation of a chair lift
- Open plan living areas
- Movable walls



Creative Solutions cont....

- Security systems which enable a home to be made secure from the inside
- Flexible internal designs that suit people with abilities and those without disabilities

FUTURE VISION FOR ACCOMMODATION CHOICES

- ◆ People are able to remain in their own home
- ◆ People have choices about where they will live
- ◆ Accommodation is situated in their community
- ◆ Accommodation is flexible to respond to different needs





FUTURE CHALLENGES

Planning for a variety of public housing options within new housing developments and established suburbs so that people can remain in their communities if they are unable to remain in their own home

Purpose built housing that is easy to adapt for wheelchair access so that people do not have to move if they become disabled.



WHERE WILL YOU LIVE NOW?

- ◆ What if you had a car accident on the way home tonight?
- ◆ What if you had a stroke next week?
- ◆ Would you be able to remain in your own home?
- ◆ Where would you chose to live?
- ◆ Will you be allowed to live where you chose?