



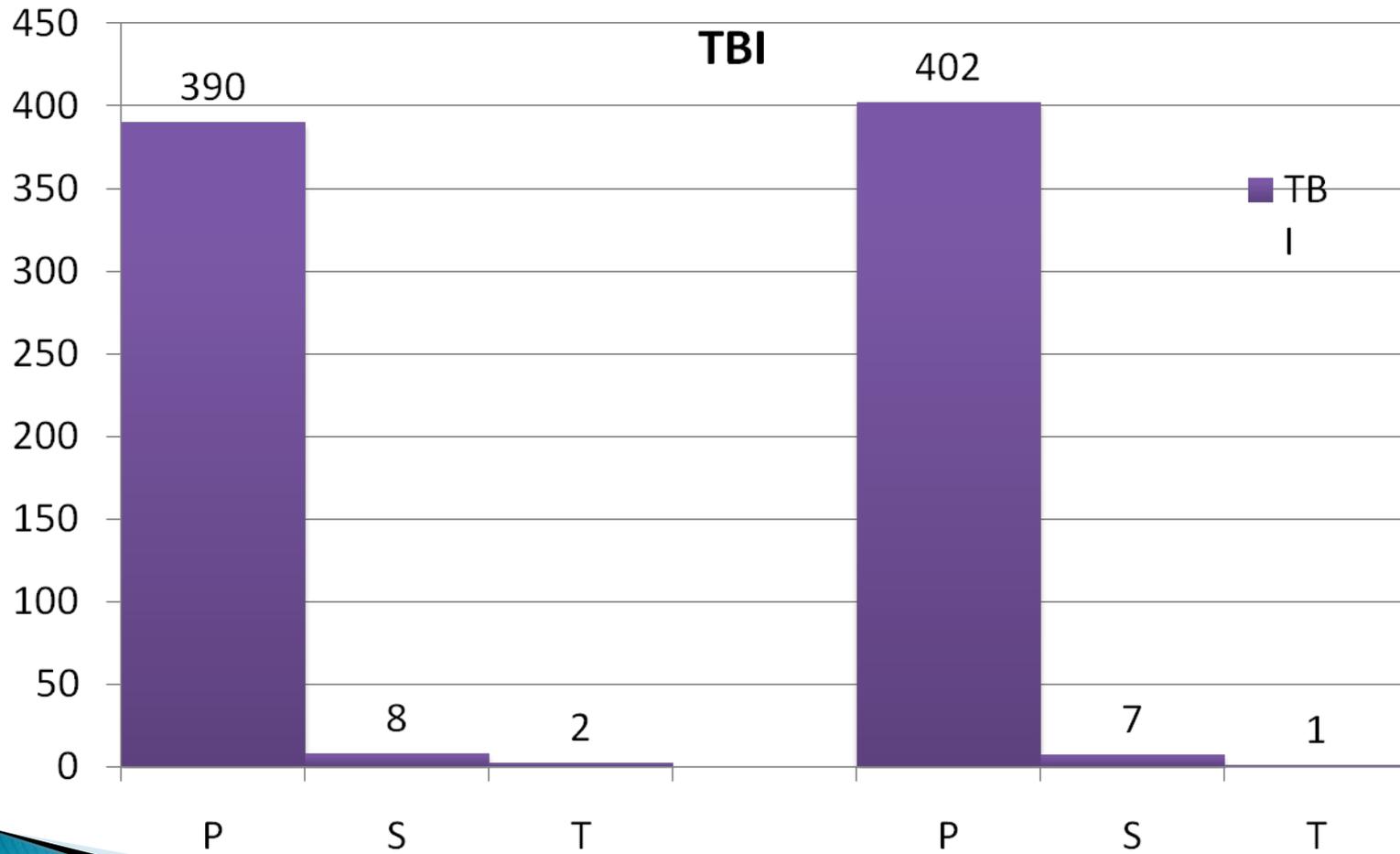
# Brain Injury Report Out Day July 22, 2011

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*"It's like my life had changed after my head injury...it was real hard to deal with people that were used to me being a different way than I was. And, there were things that they expected that I couldn't do. I wasn't in a wheelchair...and I didn't have scars on my head...(so) they couldn't see that I had some real disabilities." Student with TBI*

# 2010

# 2009



# VDOE Child Count

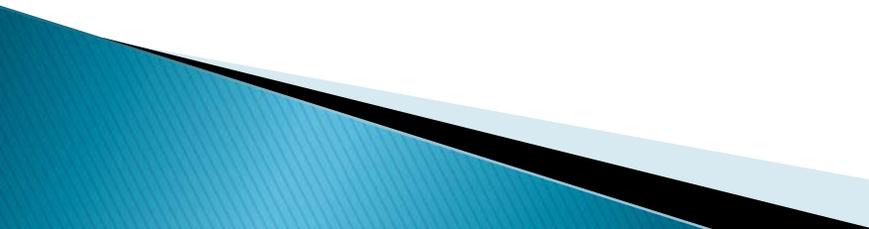
**Yrs of age/# students with TBI):**

- 5/11
- 8/15
- 9/30
- 10/23
- 11/30
- 12/26
- 13/33
- 14/42
- 15/33
- 16/34
- 17/44
- 18/36

# VDOE Child Count, 2009

- ▶ Highest number of students with TBI:
  - Fairfax Co. (29);
  - Prince Wm (20);
  - VA Beach (19);
  - Chesterfield (17);
  - Loudoun (16);
  - Newport News (14);
  - Richmond City (13);
  - Stafford (12);
  - Augusta, Henrico, & Norfolk (11);
  - Hampton (10)

# VDOE Child Count, 2009

- ▶ No children labeled, “TBI” in ~32 school divs. (mostly very small divisions w/ <200 students receiving special education services)
  - ▶ Many small divisions with 1 – 4 students identified (mostly w/ 250 – 600 students receiving special education services)
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# Office of Instructional Support and Related Services

- ▶ New office in Special Education and Students Services established July, 2009
  - Focus on students with low incidence disabilities
    - New position with focus on Traumatic Brain Injuries

# State Planning Team for TBI Established Spring, 2010

- ▶ Members representing:
  - VA Dept of Health
  - Dept of Rehabilitation Services
  - Parent to Parent of VA
  - Parents
  - Brain Injury Association of VA
  - School nurses (VDOE)
  - Special Education Directors
  - VA Office of Protection and Advocacy
  - VCU's CNI Project
  - VCU's Neuropsychology and Rehab Dept.
  - Physical Education and Health (VDOE)

# Purpose of the TBI State Planning Team:

- ▶ to assist the VDOE in the development and implementation of a state action plan that provides guidance to local education agencies regarding:
    1. Prevention
    2. Identification: Screening and Evaluation
    3. Resources and Supports for School Personnel
    4. Resources and Supports for Families
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# Prevention

- ▶ Pursuant to Senate Bill 652, the 2010 General Assembly amended the Code of Virginia to include directing the Board of Education to:
  - develop and distribute to local school divisions by July 1, 2011, guidelines for policies dealing with concussions in student-athletes;
  - require each local school division to develop policies and procedures regarding the identification and handling of suspected concussions in student-athletes; and
  - define appropriate licensed health care providers authorized to evaluate and provide written clearance for return to play.

# Proposed Guidelines for Policies on Concussion in Student-Athletes

August 26, 2010 – Meeting led by Vanessa Wigand (VDOE Office of Instruction) drafted proposed guidelines for the VA Board of Education regarding concussion as result of sports injuries, with collaboration from:

- the VA High School League, the Dept. of Health, the VA Athletic Trainers' Assoc, representatives from BIAV, CHKD, Norfolk, Children's National Medical Center, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the VA College of Emergency Physicians, and other interested stakeholders
- 30 day public comment period beginning Nov. 13, 2010
- Proposed Guidelines were adopted by the Board of Education Jan. 13, 2011

# Resources and Supports for School Personnel

- ▶ **Two-Day Training, June 30, 2010 and August 18, 2010**
  - **Collaborative training with BIAV in the Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists (ACBIS) Certification Program**
    - Anne McDonnell (BIAV) and Marilyn Lash, presenters
    - 26 educators and related services providers from schools participated
      - 20 sat for ACBIS certification exam

# Team Training, July 18 - 20, 2011



# Team Training, July 19 – 20, 2011

- ▶ From the applications, 8 teams were selected
- ▶ Each team comprised of 5 members
- ▶ 1 representative from each Training and Technical Assistance Center trained
- ▶ Presenters included:
  - Dr. Janet Tyler, conducted KS. Team trainings held as model by HRSA
  - Dr. Chad Dillard, Psychiatrist, MCV CHoR
  - Dr. Nancy Hsu, Neuropsychologist, VCU
  - Dr. Peter Patrick, Kluge Center for Rehabilitation
  - Betsy Zeigler, MA, Brain Injury Services
  - Sarah Tonizzo, TBI Masters Degree Program, the George Washington University

# Team Training, July 19 – 20, 2011

- ▶ Presentations on Day 3 and committed support for on-going support to teams from:
  - Children's Hospital of Richmond
  - Kluge Center for Rehabilitation, Charlottesville
  - Children's Hospital of the King's Daughter, Norfolk
  - BIAV
  - Brain Injury Services
  - Crossroads to Brain Injury Recovery, Inc.
  - Brain Injury Services South West
  - VDOE's Training and Technical Assistance Center
  - VA Office of Protection and Advocacy

# VDOE's Future Plans:

- ▶ Continue to build capacity in pediatric TBI by:
  - providing on-going support to educational teams;
  - providing training to new teams from each Superintendent's Region annually, pending funding;
  - using teams to provide awareness level trainings annually in their greater regions;
  - continuing to collaborate with hospitals and agencies through participating in their advisory councils and inviting their participation on our state planning team.

