

 Department of
Developmental Disabilities

SYSTEMS REVIEW

Falls
&
Choking





FALLS

FACT:

1 in 3 adults age 65
or older will fall this
year.



FACT:



2 million people will be treated for injuries from falls in the E.R. this year.

FACT:



Most serious injuries are:

- ❖ Hip Fracture
- ❖ Traumatic Brian Injuries

FACT:



For individuals 65 or older falls are the leading cause of injury and death.

FACT:

Falls are the leading cause of unintended injury for children.

Children age 14 and under account for 1/3 of all fall reported visits to hospital ER's.



FACT:

Most common fracture noted from falls →

- Spine
- Hip
- Leg
- Ankle
- Pelvis
- Upper arm
- Forearm
- Hand



FACT:

The CDC is working with CMS to analyze data to better understand the magnitude of the problem.



FACT:



How are falls
impacting Ohioans
with Developmental
Disabilities??

FACT:



13 falls in 2009
resulted in deaths.

FACT:



Known Injury MUIs falls for the last 3 years
include:

<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
691	694	724

The number of falls/MUI have decreased but
there were several serious falls in 2009.

What are the causes associated with falls for individuals served in Ohio???

FALL DATA July 2009 – June 2010

715 Falls reported as MUIs

Tripped Environment	106	15%	Stairs	23	3%
Accidental Fall No Cause	77	11%	Wheelchair Transfer	20	3%
Seizures	41	6%	Falling at Night	18	3%
Medical Concerns	41	6%	In a Hurry	18	3%
Gait Concerns	40	6%	Van/Bus (loading)	15	2%
Slippery/Wet Floor	34	5%	Fell Snow Ice	14	2%
Lost Balance	46	6%	Became Excited	12	2%

FALL DATA July 2009 – June 2010

Specific Causes for Environmental Falls
In order of occurrence

Wet Surface	34	Throw Rugs	5
Snow/Ice	14	Table Legs	4
Uneven Surfaces	8	Laundry	4
Chair Legs	8	Skids W/S	4
Shoe Laces	7	Long Sock	4
Curbs	5	Flop Flops	3
Carpet	5	Wheel Chairs	3

CHOKING



FACT:

Choking Deaths account for approximately 4600 deaths each year in the United States.



FACT:

In the US (1) child dies from choking every 5 days. Hot dogs are responsible for nearly (20%) of the deaths.



FACT:

60% of the deaths are food related

40% are related to objects (coins, buttons, marbles, etc...)



FACT:

A study in 2003 looked at choking deaths from 1999 – 2002. The Study revealed 14,921 choking deaths of which 11,286 or (76%) were age 65 – 85.

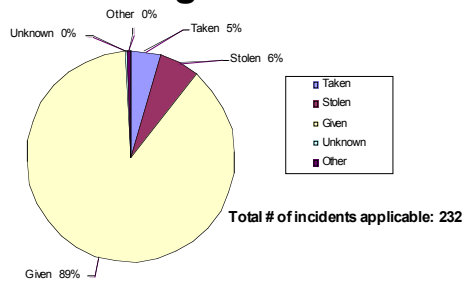


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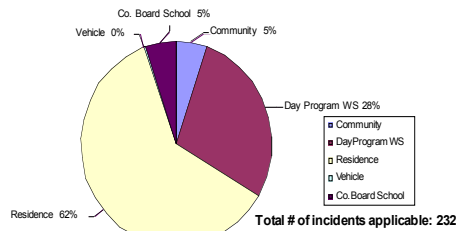
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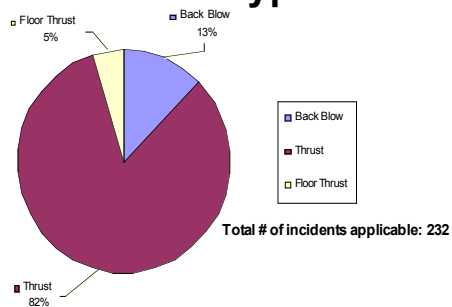
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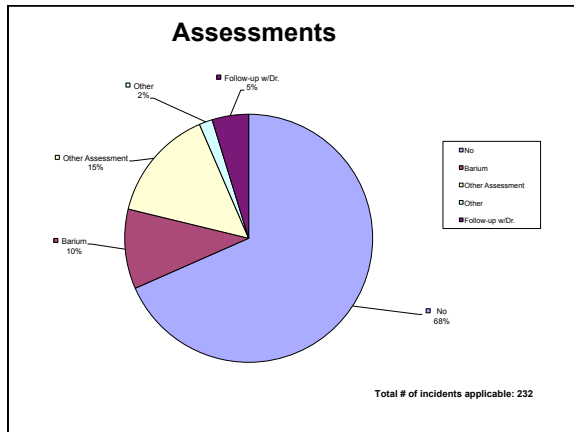


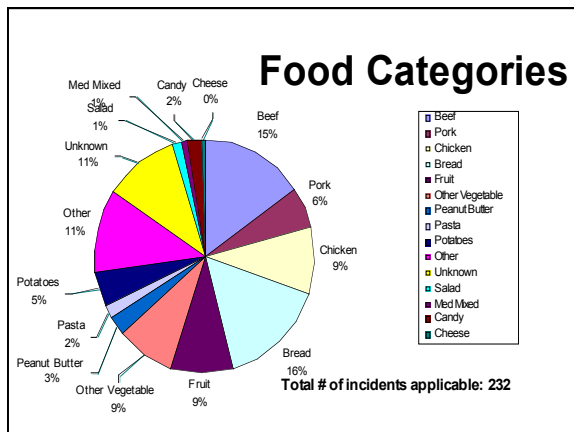
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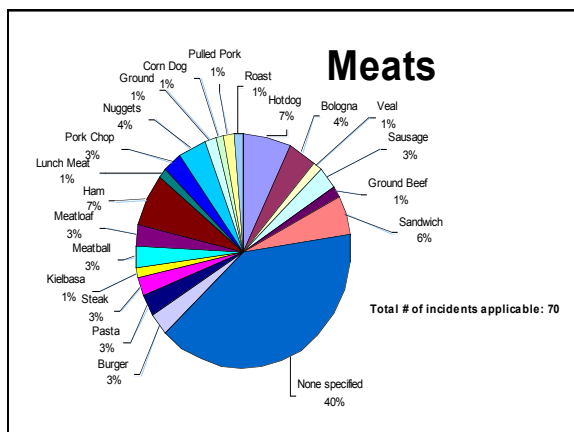


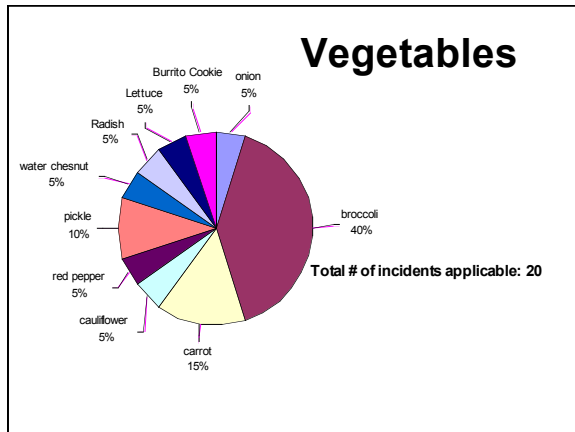
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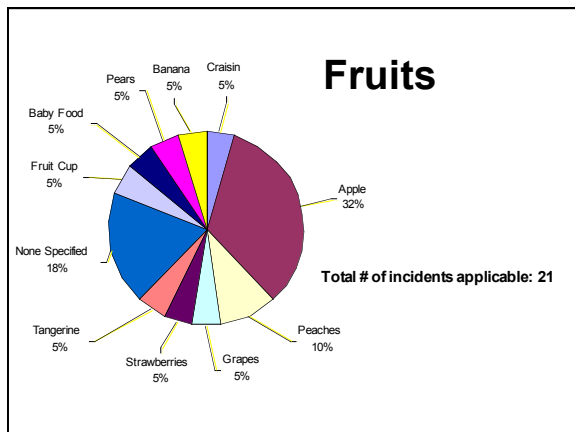


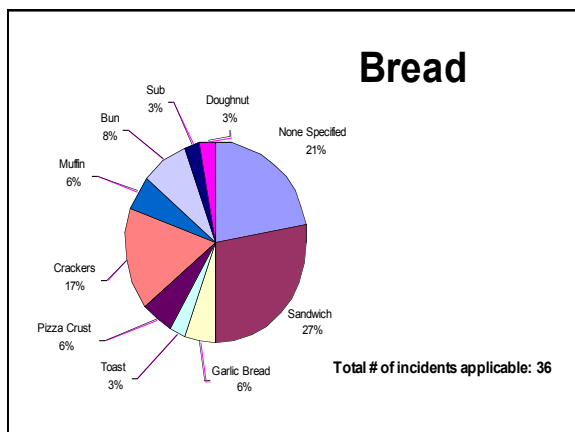


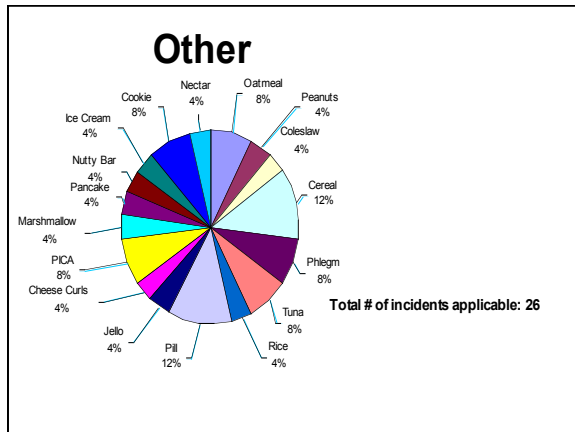


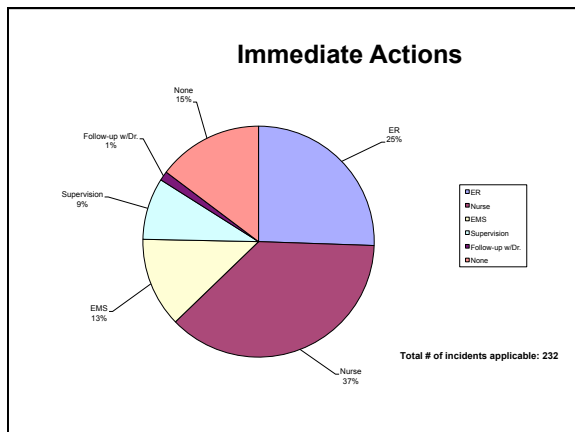


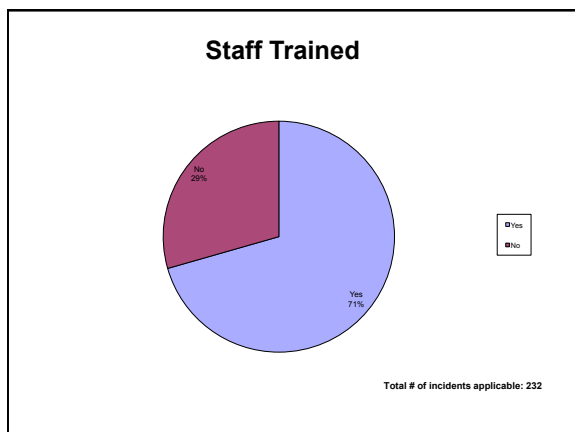


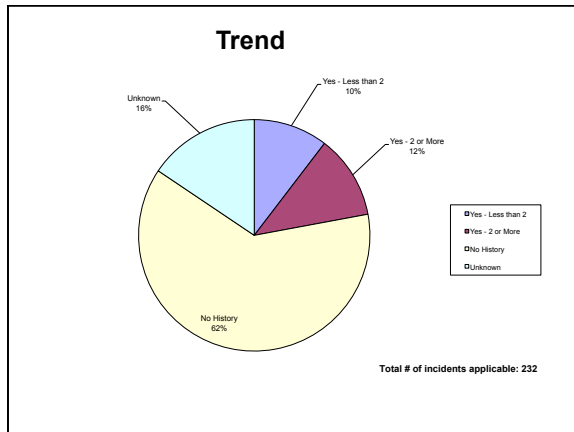


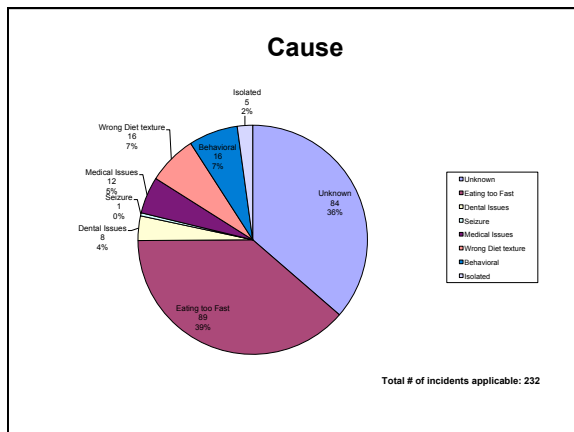














12 Diet Textures were identified during the Survey of Ohio Counties.

Diet Textures

REGULAR	GROUND
Bite Sized	Thickened Puree
Chopped	Puree
Course Chopped	Dysphagia Level 1
Mechanical Soft	Dysphagia Level 2
Soft/Edentulous	Dysphagia Level 3

Who recommends Diet Texture changes?

- 1) Physician
- 2) Nurses
- 3) Speech
- 4) OT

Training

72% of counties had a specific training curriculum on diet textures.



❖ FACE to FACE 59%

❖ VIDEO 76%

❖ HANDOUTS 76%



Training for direct support staff

❖ Diet Texture 74%

❖ Mealtime Supervision/Safety 83%





You Tube Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvIAKZenBos>



Scenarios



FALLS / FOLLOW UP

- 1) Assessments/ISP Team Process (Supervision/ Support)
- 2) Training (ISP developed)/(Passed on to providers)
- 3) Reporting: UI's...typically occur before an MUI (Known Injury) Incident Reviews/Inclusion to ISP
- 4) Specific Investigations
- 5) Medical Assessments
- 6) Causes/Contributing Factors
- 7) Prevention Plans SSA in conjunction with the IA/ MUI control to implement effective lasting interventions.
- 8) Extrinsic/Intrinsic Factors
- 9) Ongoing Quality Improvement Planning (ISP)

CHOKING / FOLLOW UP



- 1) Assessment ISP Process (Supervision/Support)
- 2) Identify (Risk Factors)
 - a) Food Items
 - b) Supervision
 - c) Challenging Behaviors (Pace/Stealing etc..)
- 3) Training, Training, Training Diet Textures!!!
- 4) Incident Review/Inclusion to ISP
- 5) Choking Assessments
 - a) Barium Swallow etc..
- 6) Medical Assessments following a choking episode
- 7) Supervision following a Choking Incident
- 8) Ongoing Quality Improvement Planning (ISP)

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