PEOPLE WHO SEXUALLY ABUSE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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Welcome!

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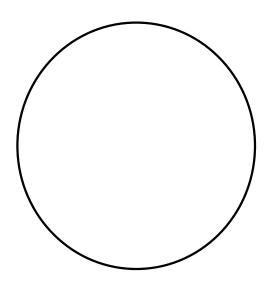
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PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH ME

- We live in troubled times
- I am going to be very provocative
- I am going to be highly irreverent
- This is presentation aimed at professionals
- I come in peace and believe in human dignity
- I mean no harm
- Please take everything I say in the spirit in which it is intended

TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- What you do matters
- What you do works
- Follow the research
- Beware of false advertising
- Always keep the big picture in mind



FOCUS

- Overview
- Where we are and how we got here
- People who are victimized
- Assessment
- Treatment
- Supervision
- Special Issues



INTRODUCTORY REMARKS



TAKE-HOME MESSAGE

- Abuse is abuse
 - No one "asks" to be abused
- Not all who abuse are the same
- Punishment-only responses don't reduce risk
- The right treatment can work
- The right treatment with the right community supervision can work better.

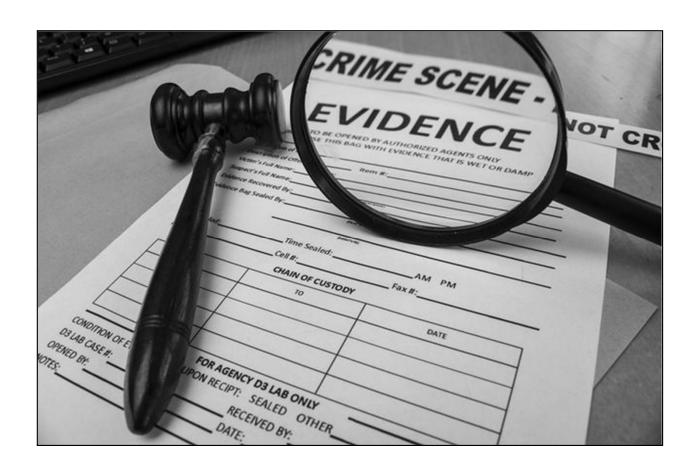


WHERE WE ARE AND HOW WE GOT HERE



GOT DATA?

• The need for evidence



HOW DID WE GET HERE?

- Quick look backwards
- Retrospective bias
- Great respect for all involved
- Intent: Tough on issues, tender on people
 - People are not now as smart as they think; people used to be smarter than we now think they were (Quinsey, Harris, Rice, & Cormier, 2006)

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

1895-1985



MY CONCERN

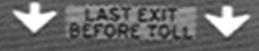
 During the past 40+ years, the majority of our progress has been technological CURRENTLY ON

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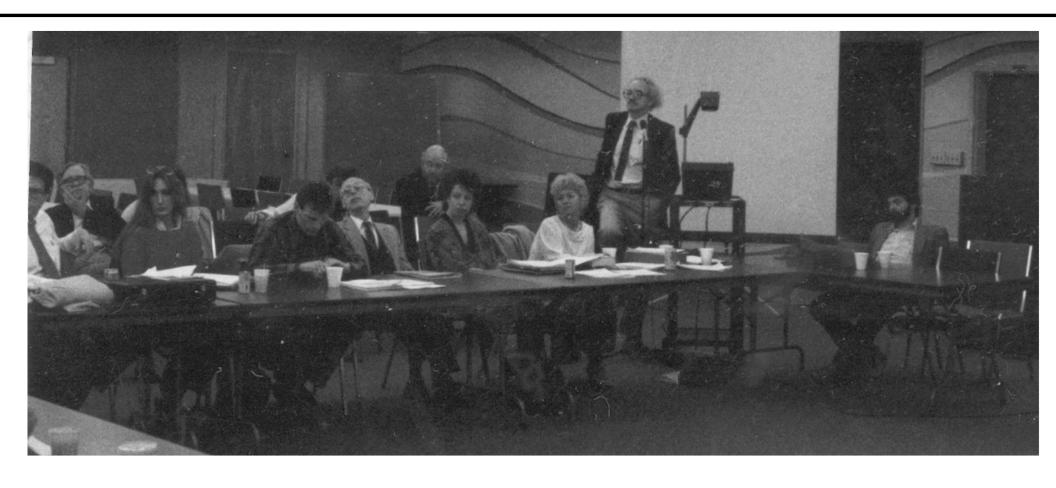








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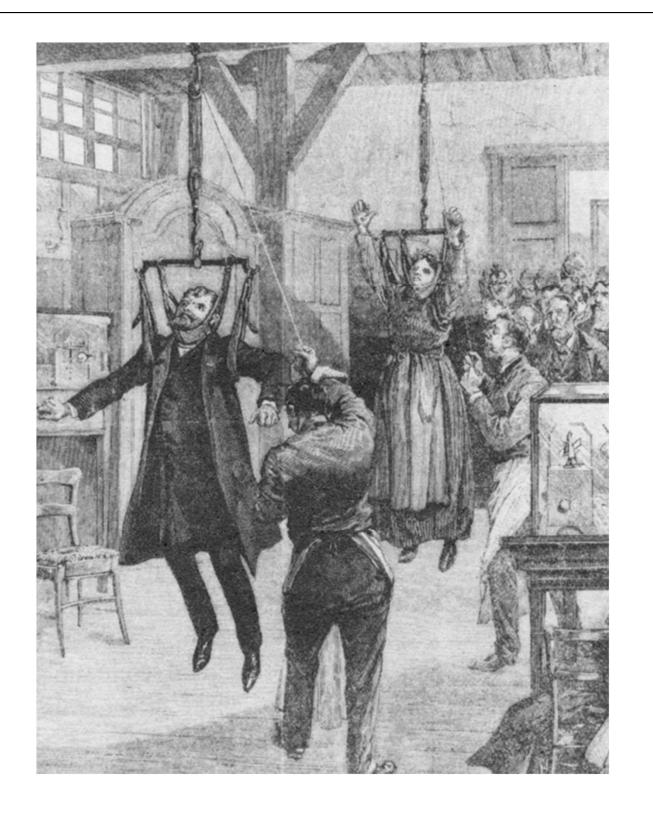


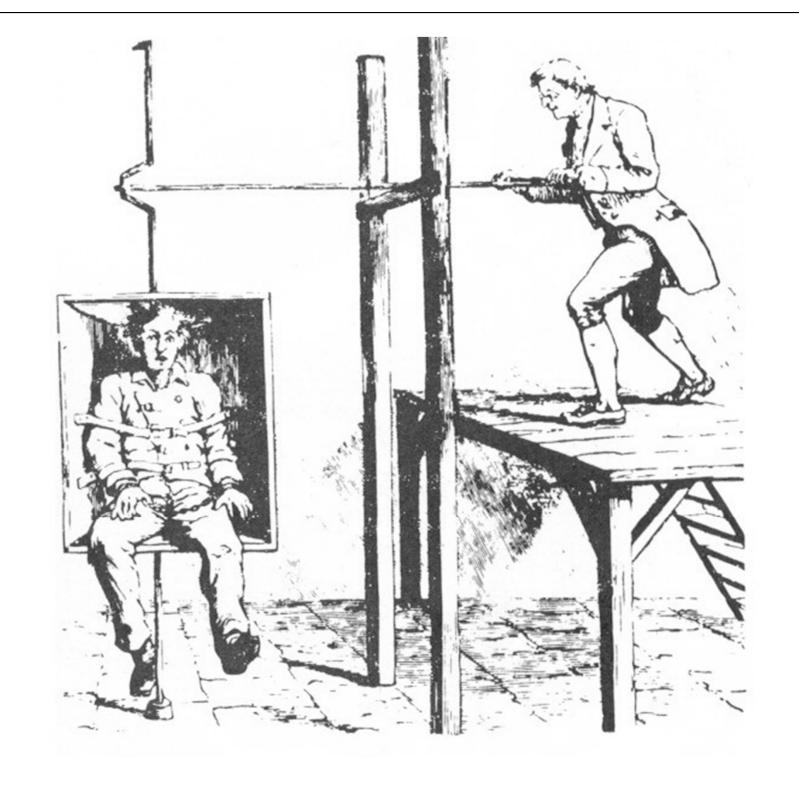
Speech is a mirror of the soul: as a person speaks, so is s/he

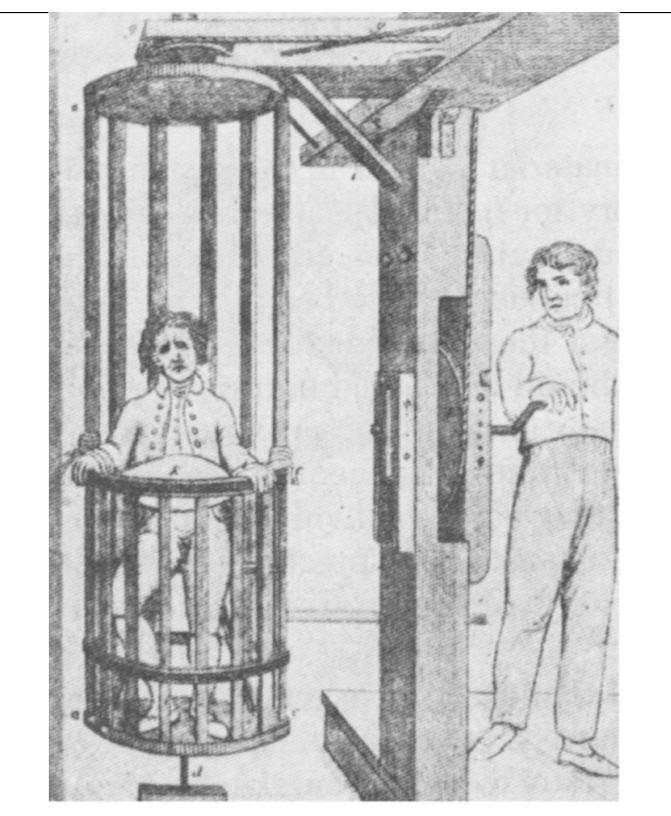
- Publilius Syrus, 100 BC

17TH CENTURY: PASCAL'S PENSEES

"People are generally better persuaded by the reasons which they have themselves discovered, than by those which have come into the mind of others."





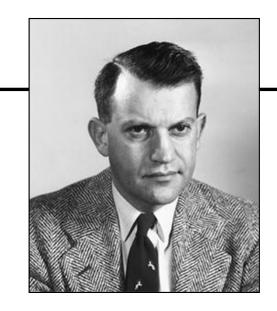


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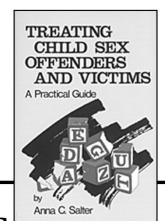
"I am bound to say that these data, involving over 200 studies and hundreds of thousands of individuals as they do, are the best available and give us very little reason to hope that we hav James Ponta 100. Andrews

1979: EDWARD S. BORDIN

- Therapeutic alliance:
 - Agreement on relationship
 - Agreement on goals
 - Agreement on tasks
 - (Norcross, 2002, would add client preferences)
 - Over 1,100 studies have emphasized the importance of the alliance in psychotherapy since (Miller, 2011)



Salter, 1988 (p. 93)



- (T)he process of treating child sex offenders is heavily weighted in the direction of confrontation. Treatment requires continual confrontation.
- No I don't trust you and you would be pretty foolish to trust yourself.
- Give me a break. What do you mean one drink can't do any harm?
- However, later says that treatment should not be hostile. How do we reconcile this?

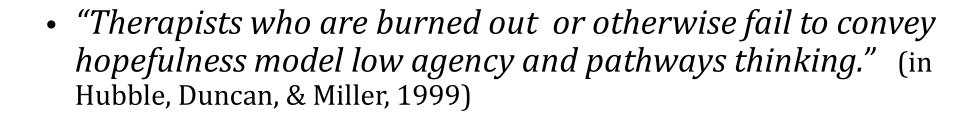
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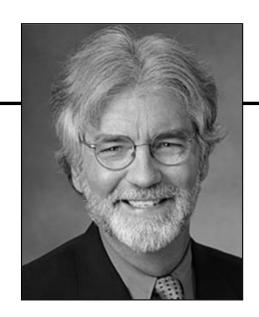
- "Something works"
- "What works!"



HOPE THEORY, 1999

- C.R. "Rick" Snyder:
- Agency Thinking
 - Awareness that a goal is attainable
- Pathways Thinking
 - Awareness of how to do it





PARHAR, WORMITH, ET AL., 2008

- Meta-analysis of 129 studies
- In general, mandated treatment was found to be ineffective ... particularly when the treatment was located in custodial settings, whereas voluntary treatment produced significant treatment effect sizes regardless of setting.





TREATMENT CONTEXT: WHAT WORKS?

Criminal Justice and Behavior

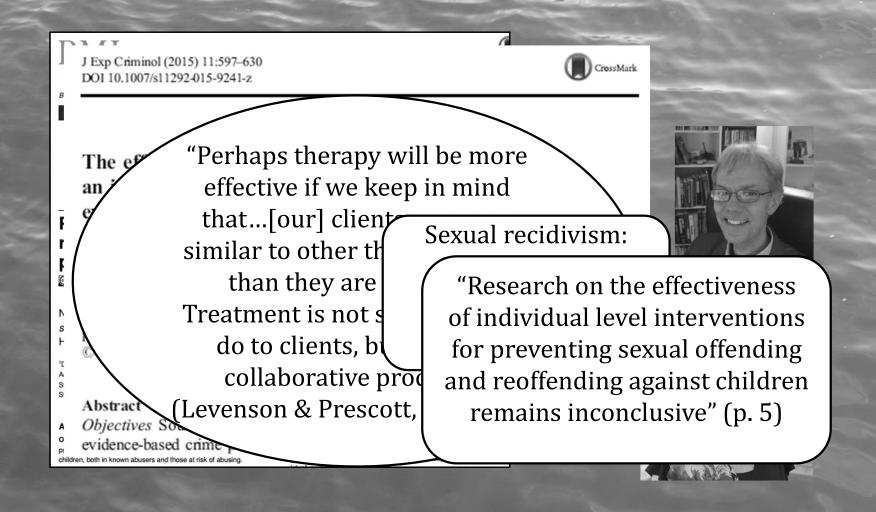
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The Principles of Effective Correctional Treatment Also Apply To Sexual Offenders: A Meta-Analysis

R. Karl Hanson, Guy Bourgon, Leslie Helmus and Shannon Hodgson Criminal Justice and Behavior 2009; 36; 865 DOI: 10.1177/0093854809338545

The online version of this article can be found at: http://cjb.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/36/9/865

EFFECTIVENESS OF SEXUAL OFFENDING TREATMENT



TREATMENT CONTEXT: WHAT WORKS?

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Review

Does specialized psychological treatment for offending reduce recidivism? A meta-analysis examining staff and program variables as predictors of treatment effectiveness



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GANNON ET AL. (2019) KEY FINDINGS

- Treatment associated with 32.6% reduction in sexual reoffending (9.5% treated, 14.1% untreated)
- Sexual offense specific treatment programs best when
 - Consistent input from registered psychologists (vs. inconsistently present, not present or unknown)
 - Supervision provided (vs. absent or unknown); better effects when provided by highly trained, licensed professionals
 - Incorporation of some form of arousal reconditioning (vs. none or unknown)
 - No reliance on polygraph



Gay for Life?

Going Straight: The Uproar Over Sexual 'Conversion'



ELIZABETH LETOURNEAU WASHINGTON POST NOVEMBER 2022

The Nov. 18 Metro article "Md. court filing tallies sex abuse by clergy" noted that Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh's (D) court filing comes in the 20th-anniversary year of an investigative series by the Boston Globe that dug into the Catholic sexual abuse scandal in the United States.

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Over the past two decades, a grand jury in Pennsylvania issued a report alleging that more than 300 priests in six dioceses abused 1,000 children over seven decades. And we've seen high-profile sexual abuse cases at Michigan State University, USA Gymnastics and Penn State.

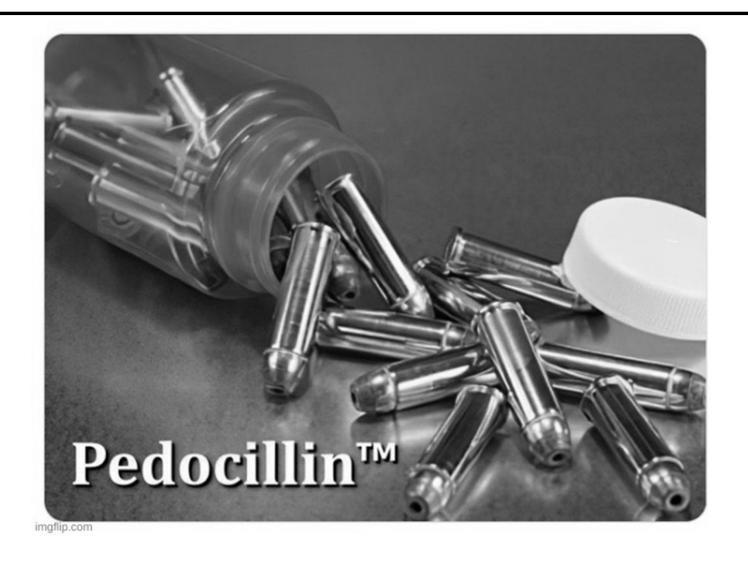
We're still waiting until kids are harmed to respond. For more than 30 years, we've relied almost solely on after-the-fact approaches to address child sexual abuse. In this same time, we made major inroads in the prevention of child physical abuse, child neglect, bullying and adolescent suicide. We have dozens of evidence-based, effective prevention interventions for these types of childhood victimizations. We need the same for child sexual abuse. Child sexual abuse is a preventable public health problem. Until our nation puts serious resources into the development, evaluation and dissemination of prevention efforts, we will stay trapped in a cycle of abuse, outrage and disbelief.

Elizabeth J. Letourneau, Baltimore

The writer is director of the Moore Center for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Healt **B.1**

IMPORTANT

- Letourneau focuses on the clergy
- 2021 saw the same with the police in the UK
 - Aftermath of Sarah Everard
- Cases are pending against beloved sports officials
- Abuse is in all of our communities
 - And often our own families
 - And both sides of the political aisle



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Driving them underground is not how to prevent abuse. However understandable the anger is, it just makes the problem worse. We need scientifically-based, not emotionally based methods of prevention.

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THE TRUTH IS HARDER TO BEAR

Sexual Interest in Children Among an Online Sample of Men and Womer Prevalence and Correlates

Sandy K. Wurtele, Dominique Simons and Tasha Moreno Sex Abuse published online 11 November 2013 DOI: 10.1177/1079063213503688

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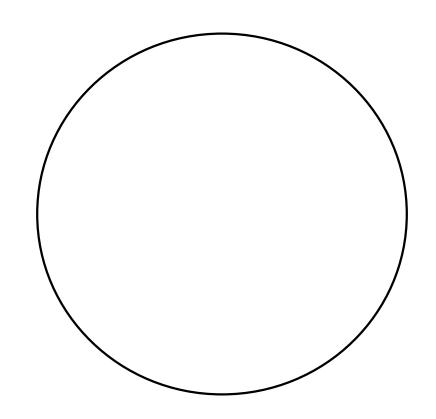
 Among men, 6% indicated some likelihood of having sex with a child if they were guaranteed they would not be caught or punished, as did 2% of women. Nine percent of males and 3% of females indicated some likelihood of viewing child pornography on the Internet. Overall, nearly 10% of males and 4% of females reported some likelihood of having sex with children or viewing child pornography.

NOW

- We know better
- We do worse

WHAT'S OUR GOAL?

- Stopping the behavior?
- Justice for the victim?
- Preventing re-offense?
- Building a better life?



WHAT WORKS?

 Do we want them to re-offend or not?

What can we do?

- Who should we be?
- Is that enough?





RACE AND RISK



CONTROVERSY?

- AG Eric Holder (2014) "These tools could have a disparate and adverse impact on the poor, on socially disadvantaged offenders, and on minorities"
 - "...they may exacerbate unwarranted and unjust disparities that are already far too common in our criminal justice system and in our society."
- Report from the U.S. Sentencing Commission:
 "...analysis of current risk assessment tools demonstrate that utilizing such tools for determining prison sentences to be served will have a disparate and adverse impact on offenders from poor communities already struggling with social ills." (US DOJ, Criminal Division, July 2014)

PROPUBLICA, 2016



FLORES, BECHTEL, & LOWENKAMP, 2016

38 FEDERAL PROBATION

False Positives, False Negatives, and False Analyses: A Rejoinder to "Machine Bias: There's Software Used Across the Country to Predict Future Criminals. And It's Biased Against Blacks."

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The validity and intellectual honesty of conducting and reporting analysis are critical, since the ramifications of published data, accurate or misleading, may have consequences for years to come.

-Marco and Larkin, 2000, p. 692

PROPUBLICA RECENTLY RELEASED

a much-heralded investigative report claiming that a risk assessment tool (known as the COMPAS) used in criminal justice is biased against black defendants.¹² The report heavily implied that such bias is inherent in all actuarial risk assessment instruments (ARAIs).

We think ProPublica's report was based on faulty statistics and data analysis, and that the report failed to show that the COMPAS itself is racially biased, let alone that other risk instruments are biased. Not only do ProPublica's results contradict several comprehensive existing studies concluding that actuarial risk can be predicted free of racial

and/or gender bias, a correct analysis of the underlying data (which we provide below) sharply undermines ProPublica's approach.

Our reasons for writing are simple. It might be that the existing justice system is biased against poor minorities due to a wide variety of reasons (including economic factors, policing patterns, prosecutorial behavior, and judicial biases), and therefore, regardless of the degree of bias, risk assessment tools informed by objective (Wagner & Walsh, 2016). data can help reduce racial bias from its current level. It would be a shame if policymakers mistakenly thought that risk assessment tools were somehow worse than the status quo. Because we are at a time in history when there appears to be bipartisan political support for criminal justice reform, one poorly executed study that makes such absolute claims of bias should not go unchallenged. The gravity of this study's erroneous conclusions is exacerbated by the large-market outlet in which it was published (ProPublica).

Before we expand further into our criticisms of the ProPublica piece, we describe some context and characteristics of the American criminal justice system and risk

Mass Incarceration and ARAIs

The United States is clearly the worldwide leader in imprisonment. The prison population in the United States has declined by small

percentages in recent years and at year-end 2014 the prison population was the smallest it had been since 2004. Yet, we still incarcer-ated 1,561,500 individuals in federal and state correctional facilities (Carson, 2015). By sheer numbers, or rates per 100,000 inhabitants, the United States incarcerates more people than just about any country in the world that reports reliable incarceration statistics (Wagner & Walsh 2016).

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Further, it appears that there is a fair amount of racial disproportion when comparing the composition of the general population with the composition of the prison population. The 2014 United States Census population projection estimates that, across the U.S., the racial breakdown of the 318 million residents comprised 62.1 percent white, 13.2 percent black or African American, and 17.4 percent Hispanic. In comparison, 37 percent of the prison population was categorized as black. 32 percent was categorized as white, and 22 percent as Hispanic (Carson, 2015), Carson (2015:15) states that, "As a percentage of residents of all ages at yearend 2014, 2.7 percent of black males (or 2,724 per 100,000 black male residents) and 1.1 percent of Hispanic males (1,090 per 100,000 Hispanic males) were serving sentences of at least 1 year in prison, compared to less than 0.5 percent of white males (465 per 100,000 white male residents)."

Aside from the negative effects caused by

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² The main article and an accompanying analysis report were authored by the same individuals, albeit with a different order of authorship. The main ProPublica article is cited as Angwin, Larson, Mattu, and Kirchner (2016) or Angwin et al. (2016). The analysis report is cited as Larson et al. (2016).

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RACIST ALGORITHMS OR SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS?

Risk Assessments and Racial Disparities

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As recent and historical events attest, racial and ethnic disparities are widely engrained into the justice system. Recently, scholars and policymakers have raised concerns that risk assessment instruments may exacerbate these disparities. While it is critical that risk instruments be scrutinized for racial bias, some concerns, though well-meaning, have gone beyond the evidence. This article explains what it means for an instrument to be "biased" and why instruments should not all be painted with the same brush (some will be more susceptible to bias than others). If some groups get apprehended more, those groups will score higher on non-biased, well-validated instruments derived to maximize prediction of recidivism because of mathematics. Thus, risk instruments shine a light on long-standing systemic problems of racial disparities. This article concludes with suggestions for research and for minimizing disparities by ensuring that systems use risk assessments to avoid unnecessary incarceration while allowing for structured discretion.

Keywords: criminal justice; risk assessment; race; ethnicity; decision-making

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE LEGISLATURES, MAY 2022

 Academic studies show varied results related to the use of risk assessments and their effect on racial and ethnic disparities in the justice system. One study, "Racist Algorithms or Systemic Problems," concludes "there is currently no valid evidence that instruments in general are biased against individuals of color," and, "Where bias has been found, it appears to have more to do with the specific risk instrument." In another study, "Employing Standardized Risk Assessment in Pretrial Release Decisions," the authors, without making causal conclusions, find that "despite comparable risk scores, African American participants were detained significantly longer than Caucasian participants ... and were less likely to receive diversion opportunity."

Static-99R – TALLY SHEET

Assessment date: _____ Date of release from index sex offence: _____

tem#	Risk Factor	Codes	Score
1	Age at release from index sex offence	Aged 18 to 34.9	1
		Aged 35 to 39.9	0
		Aged 40 to 59.9	-1
		Aged 60 or older	-3
2	Ever lived with a lover	Ever lived with lover for at least two	
		years?	0
		Yes	1
		No	
3	Index non-sexual violence -	No	0
	Any convictions	Yes	1
4	Prior non-sexual violence -	No	0
	Any convictions	Yes	1
5	Prior sex offences	<u>Charges</u> <u>Convictions</u>	
		0 0	0
		1,2	1
		3-5 2,3	2
		6+ 4+	3
6	Four or more prior sentencing dates	3 or less	0
	(<u>excluding</u> index)	4 or more	1
7	Any convictions for non-contact sex	No	0
	offences	Yes	1
8	Any unrelated victims	No	0
		Yes	1
9	Any stranger victims	No	0
		Yes	1
10	Any male victims	No	0
		Yes	1
		Add up scores from individual <u>risk</u>	
	Total Score	factors	

	Total	Risk Level
Nominal Risk Levels	-3, -2,	I - Very Low Risk
(2016 version)	-1, 0,	II - Below Average Risk
,	1, 2, 3	III - Average Risk
	4, 5	IVa - Above Average Risk
	6 and higher	IVb -Well Above Average
		Risk

The Dynamic Supervision of Sexual Offenders

STABLE-2007

Tab 08a

STABLE-2007 – TALLY SHEET

Subject Name:	
Place of Scoring:	
Date of Scoring:	Name of Assessor:

Date of Scoring:	Name of Assessor:	
Scoring Item	Notes	Section Total
Significant Social		
Influences		
Capacity for		
Relationship Stability		0
Emotional ID with Children	(Only score this item for child molesters)	
Hostility toward women		
General Social		
Rejection		
Lack of concern for		
others		1
Impulsive		
Poor Problem Solving Skills		
Negative Emotionality		
Sex Drive		
Sex Preoccupation		
Sex as Coping		
Deviant Sexual		
Preference		
Co-operation with Supervision		
Deviant Sexual Interests in Possi 1) Is the offender in an age appre- relationship of at least one <u>ve</u> 2) Is there an absence of behavio If both questions have been answ as long as the Deviant Sexual Int Note: The "over-ride" has not be	opriate, consensual, sexual ars duration while "at risk" in the community? Yes/No ural indicators of Deviant Sexual Interest for 2 years? Yes/No ered "Yes" award a "-1" in this box and reduce the total score by one point	26
•	when combining the STABLE-2007 score with STATIC-99. "Deviant Sexual Interests in Possible Remission" into Account	

ACUTE-2007 TALLY SHEET

Subject Name: Name of Assessor:

Place of Scoring: Date of Scoring:

Sex/Violence Score (Sum of four factors)	Score	General Recidivism Score (Sum of all seven factors)	Scoring
Victim Access		\rightarrow \rightarrow Copy these scores over \rightarrow \rightarrow	
Hostility		\rightarrow \rightarrow Copy these scores over \rightarrow \rightarrow	
Sexual Pre-occupation		\rightarrow \rightarrow Copy these scores over \rightarrow \rightarrow	
Rejection of Supervision		\rightarrow \rightarrow Copy these scores over \rightarrow \rightarrow	
		Emotional Collapse	
		Collapse of Social Supports	
		Substance Abuse	
Sex/Violence Total		General Recidivism Risk Total	
(Sum of four factors)		(Sum of all seven factors)	

Sex and Violence Risk and General Recidivism Risk							
Sex/Violence Nominal Categories (Sum of four risk factors)			General Recidivism Risk Nominal Categories (Sum of all seven risk factors)				
Low	0		Low	0			
Moderate	1		Moderate	1-2			
High 2+(plus)			High	3+(plus)			

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Sex Offender Treatment Intervention and Progress Scale (SOTIPS)

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Months in Aftercare Treatment:			☐ During	Treatment
Total:			☐ End of	Treatment
Rating Guide (use definitions in scoring manual):	1 = some 2 = cons	e need for im iderable need	ed for improve provement d for improve need for imp	ment
Sexuality and Risk Responsibility	0	1	2	3
Sexual Offense Responsibility Sexual Behavior Sexual Attitudes Sexual Interests Sexual Risk Management				
Criminality	0	1	2	3
Criminal and Rule-Breaking Behavior Criminal and Rule-Breaking Attitudes				
Treatment and Supervision Cooperation	0	1	2	3
Stage of Change Cooperation with Treatment Cooperation with Community Supervision				
Self-Management	0	1	2	3
Emotion Management Problem Solving Impulsivity				
Social Stability and Supports	0	1	2	3
14. Employment15. Residence16. Social Influences				
	Sub-totals			
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BERNARD WERBER

• Between what I think, what I want to say, what I believe I say, what I say, what you want to hear, what you believe to hear, what you hear, what you want to understand, what you think you understand, what you understand... They are ten possibilities that we might have some problem communicating. But let's try anyway...

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BY EXTENSION, FOR ASSESSMENTS

- What I want to see >
- What I do see >
- What I think I see >
- What it means >
- What I want it to mean >
- What I believe it means
- What I want to report >
- What I think I report >

- What I do report >
- What others read >
- What others want to read >
- What they believe it says >
- What they want to decide>
- What they decide >
- What they tell themselves after they decide
- (15 points?)



PERSONS WHO ARE VICTIMIZED



PERSONS WHO ARE VICTIMIZED

- As many as 90% of persons reporting sexual victimization know the person who abused them
- 2/3 or more of known offenses occur in the person's own home
- As many as 90% of persons who are victimized fail to report their abuse to authorities or others in a position to help

PERSONS WHO ARE VICTIMIZED

- No "profile" of people who are victimized
 - Dependence on the person who abuses is common
- Most do not report for a variety of reasons
- Sexual violence can have psychological, emotional, social and physical effects on a survivor.
- Looking sexy is not the same thing as wanting sex
- Alcohol "expectancies"
- The paradox of silence

CAUTION

- Reactions to being abused can vary widely.
- Sexual abuse poses an unacceptable risk of harm.
 - The nature of harm is unpredictable
- Legal proceedings can themselves sometimes cause harm.







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Abstract

Childhood maltreatment (CM) leads to a lifelong susceptibility to mental ill-health which might be reflected by it's effects on adult brain structure, perhaps indirectly mediated by its effects on adult metabolic, immune, and psychosocial systems. Indexing these systemic factors via body mass index (BMI), C-reactive protein (CRP) and rates of adult trauma (AT), respectively, we tested three hypotheses: (H1) CM has direct or indirect causal effects on adult trauma, BMI and CRP; (H2) adult trauma, BMI and CRP are all independently related to adult brain structure; and (H3) effects of CM on adult brain structure are mediated by its effects on adult trauma, BMI and CRP. Using path analysis and data from N=116,887 participants in UK Biobank we find that CM is related to greater BMI and AT levels, and that only these two variables mediate CM's effects on CRP [H1]. Regression analyses on the UKB MRI subsample (N=21,738) revealed that greater CRP and BMI were both related to a spatially convergent pattern of cortical effects (Spearman's p=0.87) characterised by fronto-occipital increases and temporo-parietal reductions in thickness, and that AT is related to lower subcortical volumes [H2]. Finally, path models indicated that CM has indirect effects in a subset of brain regions through its influence on BMI, CRP and AT [H3]. Results provide evidence that childhood maltreatment can influence brain structure decades after exposure by increasing individual risk towards adult trauma, obesity or inflammation.

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Psychiatry and Clinical Psychology



ORIGINAL PAPER



From surviving to thriving: factors associated with complete mental health among childhood sexual abuse survivors

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Abstract

Background Despite many negative health and social consequences of childhood sexual abuse (CSA), some of those with a history of adversity manage to thrive in adulthood and achieve complete mental health (CMH). CMH is defined as the absence of mental illness in combination with almost daily happiness and/or life satisfaction, as well as high levels of social and psychological well-being. The objectives of this study were (1) to identify the pathways linking CSA to CMH in adulthood and (2) to estimate the magnitude of risk and protective factors associated with CMH among those exposed to CSA.

Methods A sample of 17,014 respondents aged 20 years and older from the 2012 Canadian Community Health Survey-Mental Health was selected including 651 with a history of CSA. Path analysis was used to estimate indirect and direct pathways between CSA, a priori hypothesized risk and protective factors, and CMH. Multivariable logistic regression was then used to investigate the magnitude of effects of the same risk and protective factors on CMH among CSA survivors.

Results After controlling for age, sex, race, education, and marital status, the association between CSA and CMH was mediated by lifetime depression, anxiety, substance abuse, chronic pain, and having a confidant. The strongest predictor of past-year CMH among those with a history of CSA was lifetime depression (OR 0.12, 95% CI 0.07–0.20) followed by having a confidant (OR 6.78, 95% CI 1.89–24.38). The odds of CMH was decreased by over three times among those with a history

Conclusions These findings suggest that CMH among survivors of CSA is related to social and emotional factors such as social support and lifetime history of mental health conditions. Future research should investigate the effectiveness of multilevel interventions for promoting recovery among CSA survivors.

of substance misuse, and halved for those with lifetime anxiety and/or presence of pain.



OVERVIEW



THE PROBLEM

- Smith, Goggin, & Gendreau, 2002
- Meta-analysis
- 117 studies since 1958
- 442,471 criminal offenders, including juveniles

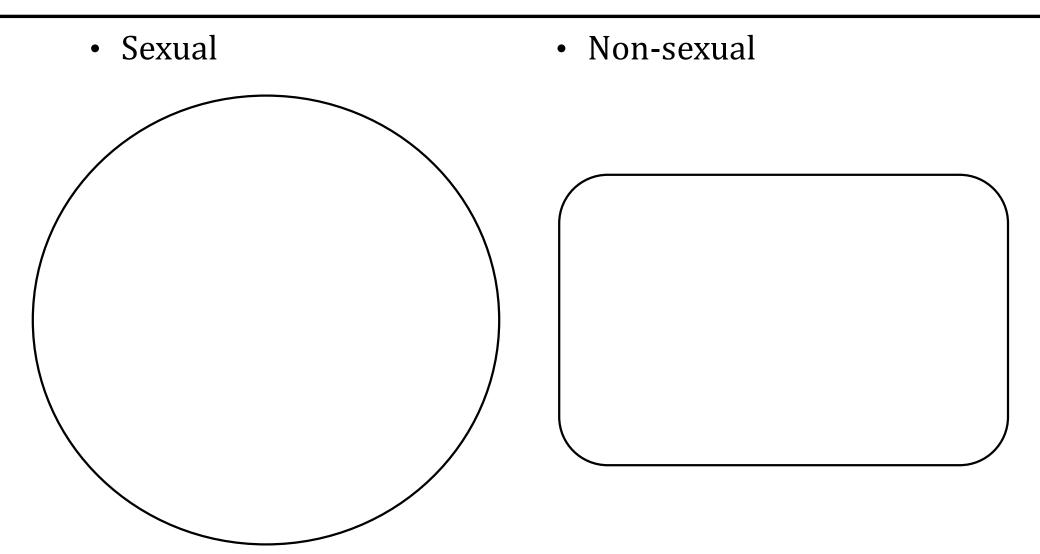
No form of punishment reduces risk to abuse



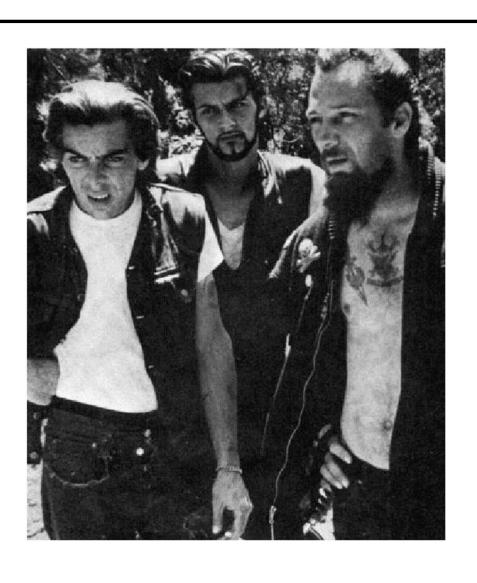
A <u>REAL</u> PROBLEM

- Prisons and intermediate sanctions should not be used with the expectation of reducing criminal behavior.
 - Includes intensive surveillance, electronic monitoring, DARE, Scared Straight, etc.
 - Some indication of increased risk for low-risk criminals
 - While incarceration serves a purpose, we must be clear about what it does and doesn't do

MANY MOTIVATIONS



1980'S: WHAT MANY THOUGHT



- Sex offenders are destined to a lifetime of destruction and havoc
- Problem: prospective versus retrospective studies

WHAT WE KNOW

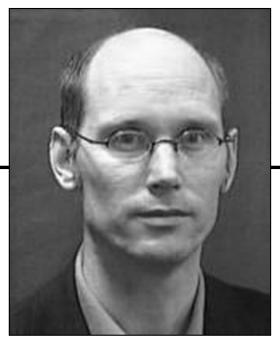
- A range of contact and no-contact offenses
 - including sexual assault, online solicitation, making a distributing sexual abuse images (child porn)
- Greatly under reported
- Like sex offenses, offenders are not all alike;
 they have unique risks and strengths
- Only about half of child molesters meet criteria for Pedophilic Disorder.
 - Behavior not always the same as a sustained interest

WHAT WE KNOW

- Many offenses are pleaded down
 - important to get a more accurate view of what occurred from available reports
- Not all sex offenders need intensive supervision
- May not have the typical criminal profile as other offenders but this does not mean they are not risky.

- Meta-analysis, 1996, 1998
 - Asked: "Compared to other sex offenders, which individual characteristics increase or decrease their chances of recidivism over the long term?"
 - 61 data sets
 - examined 28,972 sex offenders

- Measured outcomes:
 - sexual
 - non-sexual
 - general
 used re-arrests, reconviction, self-report, etc.
- No single factor found that could be used in isolation



• Results:

- 13.4% Sexual recidivism in 4-5 years (n = 23,393)
 - 18.9% for 1,839 rapists
 - 12.7% for 9,603 child molesters
- 12.2% Violent recidivism in 4-5 years (n = 7,155)
 - 22.1% for 782 rapists
 - 9.9% for 1,774 child molesters
- -36.3% any recidivism in 4-5 years (n = 19,374)
 - 46.2% for 4,017 rapists
 - 36.9% for 3,363 child molesters

• Predictors of sexual recidivism:

 PPG sexual interest in children 	r = .32
 Any deviant sexual preference 	r = .22
 Prior sexual offenses 	r = .19
 Stranger victims 	r = .15
 Early onset 	r = .12
 Unrelated victims 	r = .11
 Boy victims 	r = .11

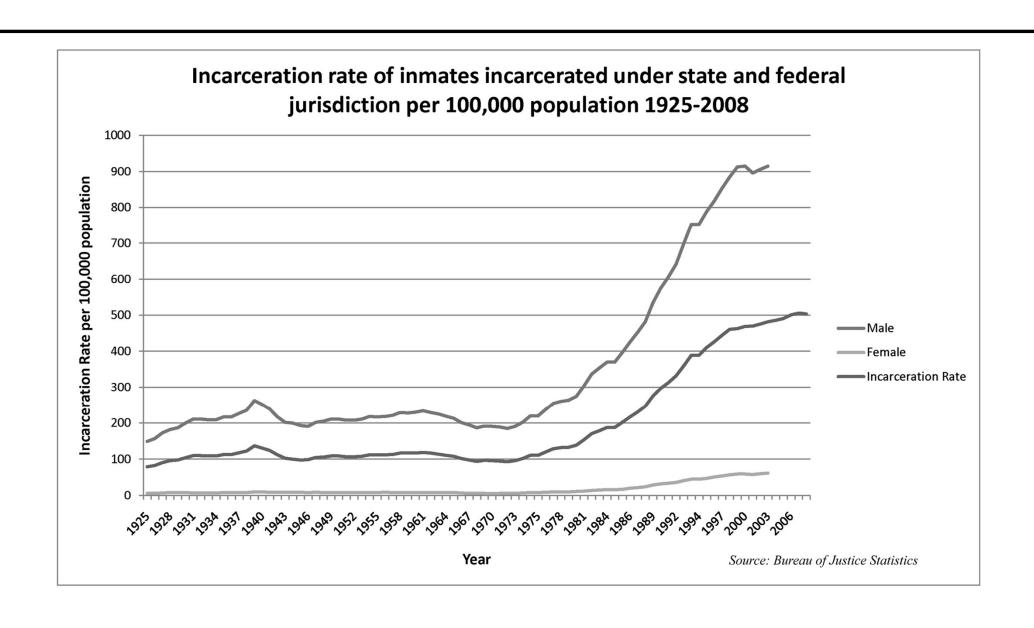
Predictors of sexual recidivism (continued)

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    Diverse sexual crimes r = .10
    Antisocial Personality Disorder r = .14
    Any prior offenses (general) r = .13
    Age (young) r = .13
    Single (never married) r = .11
    Treatment drop-out r = .17
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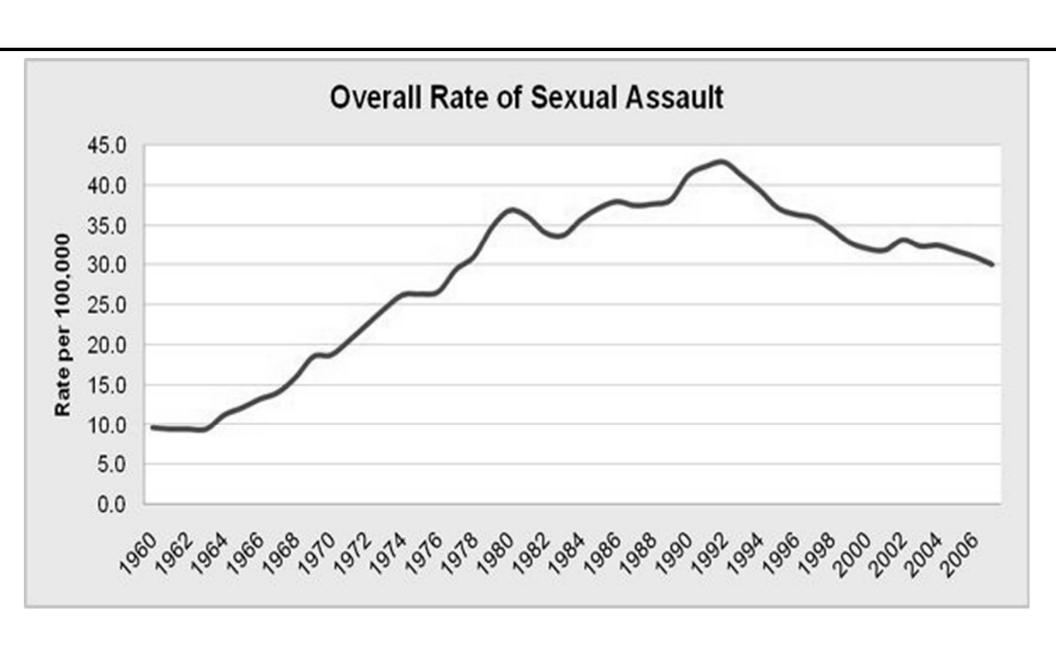
What DIDN'T correlate to recidivism?

- History of sexual abuse
- General psychological problems
- Education
- Victim empathy
- Denial (without outlier)

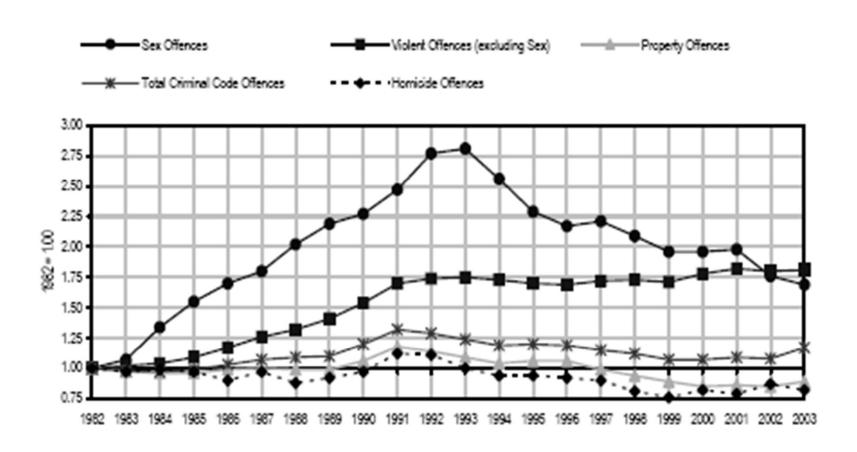
INCARCERATION RATES



SEX CRIME RATE



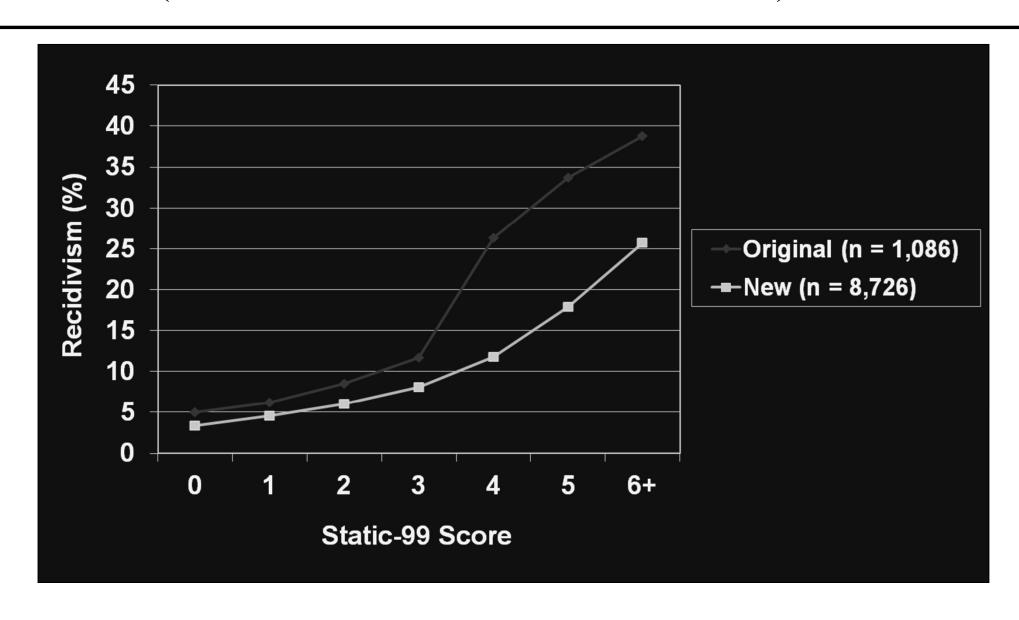
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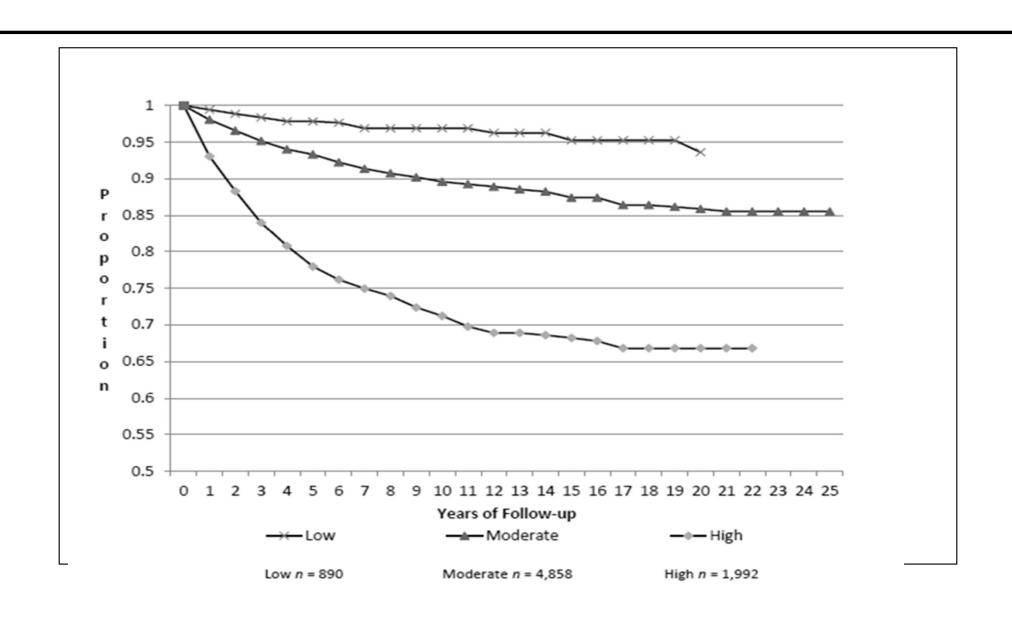
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SEXUAL RECIDIVISM AT 5 YEARS

(STATIC-99 SURVIVAL ANALYSIS)



5-YEAR SURVIVAL RATES: HANSON ET AL. 2015





ASSESSMENT



ASSESSMENT

- Comprehensive assessment versus risk assessment.
 - Traditional assessment tools do not focus on specific risk factors
 - Risk assessments should use empirically supported tools (e.g., Static-99r, Stable 2007, Acute 2007)
- Best when done after guilt phase and prior to sentencing
 - to inform the court about supervision and treatment planning and orders

ASSESSMENT

- Some assessments are clinical
 - (e.g., psychophysiological measures)
- Some are designed to be done by trained probation/parole officers

ASSESSMENT MEASURES

For use by PO's and Psychologists alike:

- Level of Service Inventory Revised
- Static-99r (actuarial, similar to life insurance tables)
- Stable-2007 and Acute-2007
- SOTIPS (Sex Offender Treatment Intervention Progress Scale)

DYNAMIC RISK FACTORS

- Deviant sexual interest/preference
- Antisocial orientation
- Significant social influences
- Intimacy deficits
- Sexual self-regulation
- Offense-supportive attitudes
- Cooperation with supervision
- General self-regulation



TREATMENT



TREATMENT

- People who complete treatment programs reoffend at lower rates
 - 32% reduction in the most recent/rigorous study
- Are they cured?
 - "Cure" is misleading
 - Rehabilitated/treated may be better words to use

TREATMENT

- What courts / parole offices can do to support treatment
 - "Your behavior is going to determine how this goes."
 - Clear boundaries
- Differs from client-centered therapy
- Regular, on-going information sharing between the treatment providers and the supervision agents is critical

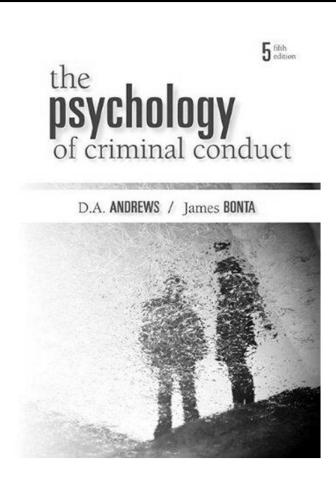
TREATMENT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE ABUSED

- Cognitive-behavioral:
 - Change thought patterns and behavior
 - Development of pro-social/non-offending attitudes and beliefs
- Builds skills for managing risks
- Best over-arching goal: A balanced, selfdetermined lifestyle

ANDREWS & BONTA (2010)

Three Principles:

- Risk
- Need
- Responsivity



From *The Psychology of Criminal Conduct, 5th ed.*

ANDREWS & BONTA - "BIG 4"

- Antisocial values and attitudes
- Antisocial behavior
- Antisocial personality structure
- Antisocial peer affiliation

EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS

RISK Principle

- effective programs match the level of treatment intensity to the level of risk posed by the offender
- high risk = high intensity
- mismatching can result in increased risk

RISK

Environmental/Situational Elements

+

Personal Elements

Risk

EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS

NEED Principle

- effective programs target identified criminogenic needs
- sexual offenders require treatment programming individualized and specific to their needs
- other programs may result in some ancillary gain, but risk for sexual recidivism likely will not be reduced

STABLE-2007

- 1. Significant Social Influences
- 2. Intimacy Deficits
 - Lovers and intimate partners
 - Emotional identification with children
 - Hostility towards women
 - General social rejection/loneliness
 - Lack of concern for others

- 3. Sexual Self-Regulation
 - Sexual drive/pre-occupation
 - Sex as coping
 - Deviant sexual interest
- 4. General Self-Regulation
 - Impulsive acts
 - Poor cognitive problem solving
 - Negative emotionality/hostility
- 5. Cooperation with Supervision

EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS

RESPONSIVITY principle

- effective programs are those which are responsive to offender characteristics
 - cognitive abilities
 - maturity
 - motivation
 - mode of intervention
 - scheduling concerns

RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS



LEARNING DIFFICULTIES





HYPERACTIVITY



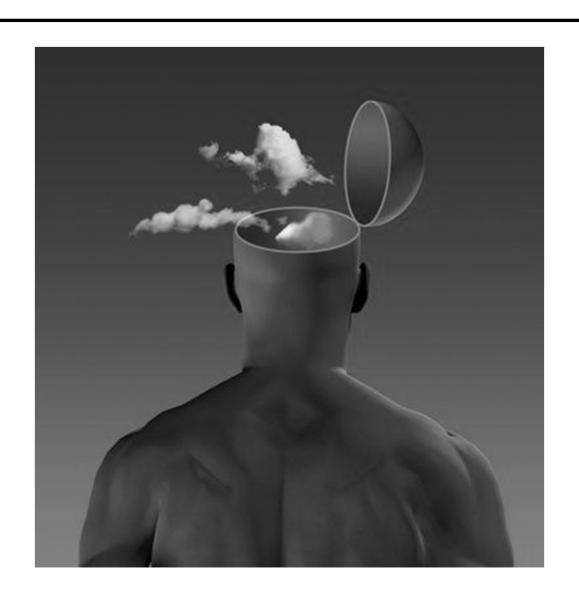
COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES



PARADOXICAL COMMUNICATION

- You need to be more motivated to change.
- * Treatment holds the promise of a "good life".
- * It is our job to point out your thinking errors; however, it is not acceptable for you to observe when we are using thinking errors.
- ❖ We expect you to demonstrate meaningful and consistent behavioral change within a highly controlled environment.
- * You need to participate fully in treatment regimens that we professionals cannot agree on ourselves.

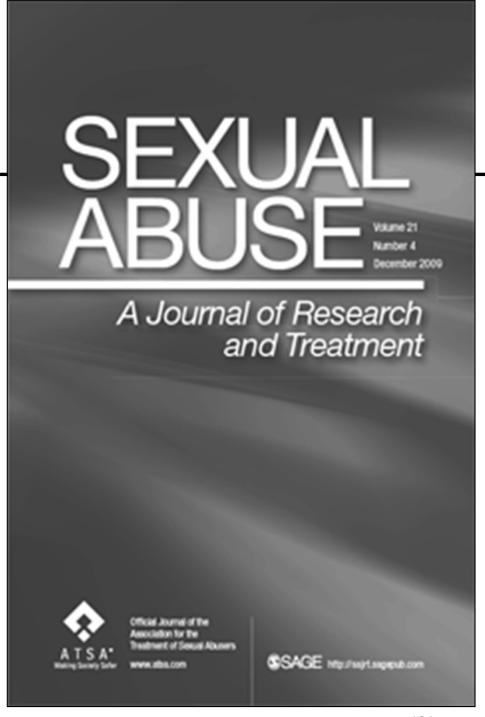
COGNITIVE RIGIDITY



AMBIVALENCE

- ❖ I want to work with you, and I don't want to sacrifice myself
- ❖ I want to change, and I want to be respected
- ❖ I want to be in treatment, and I don't want to be in a one-down position
- ❖ I want to look at myself, and I don't want to feel less of a man
- * etc. etc. etc. etc.

MARSHALL, 2005



MARSHALL, 2005

- Warm
- Empathic
- Rewarding
- Directive



Problem: Many people think they have these qualities, but don't

WHAT NOT TO DO: CASE EXAMPLE

RULE REMINDERS

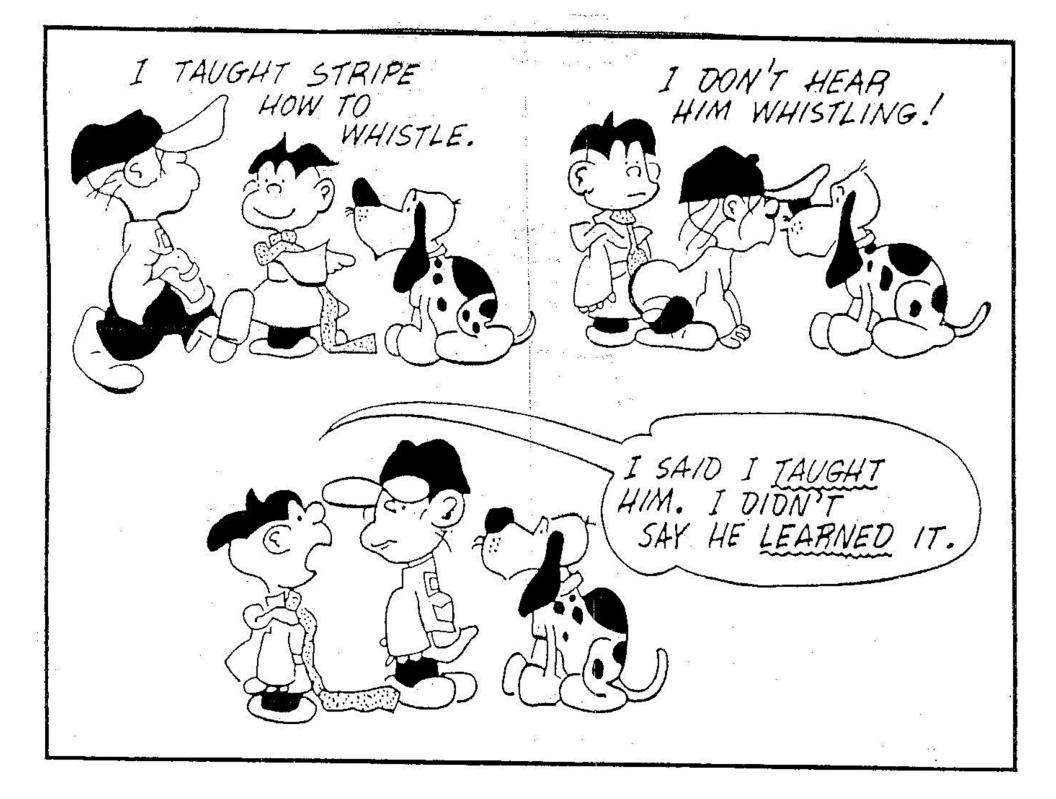
And Consequence earners

- No glass or ceramics in room
- · No food or drinks in room
- ONE water per day: SIGN OUT and INITIAL bottle
- MUST ask before entering kitchen
- NO SEXUAL BEHAVIORS
- NO REVEALING CLOTHES Triple B "NO butts, breasts, belly"
- NO inappropriate behaviors
- 20 minutes @ the dinner table
- NO entering staff office without permission
- . NO talking or hanging out in Hallways
- Lying
- · Name Calling: peers or staff
- Slamming Doors
- Staff Splitting
- Tattling
- CANNOT be in a room with other peers WITHOUT STAFF
- Caught in a room with another resident and NO staff
- Taking food without permission
- NO dating/seeing other residents or their family members

How far we have come...

- ONE person in the kitchen at a time
- Inappropriate table manners (eating with mouth open, etc.)
- NO borrowing, lending, buying or selling to any residents or staff
- SILENT Study Hall
- Chore Non-compliance
- NO talking behind peers back
- Worry about yourself and no one else
- No Pictures of other residents to be taken or kept on cameras
- No Swearing AT ALL- 10¢ a swear
- · No Feet with shoes on the couch
- MUST wait 45 MINUTES after eating before using the bathroom
- NO note passing
- No mocking each other
- NO Threatening of any kind
- No more than \$20 in possession at any time
- Only fruit, cheese, or yogurt for evening snack

These are and always have been rules! This is a reminder and a prompt! These actions WILL BE CONSEQUENCED



PROMISING TARGETS

- changing antisocial attitudes and feelings
- reducing antisocial peer associations
- promoting prosocial associations
- increasing self-control, self-management, problem-solving skills
- reducing chemical dependencies
- shifting rewards for behavior from criminal to noncriminal orientation
- develop a plan to deal with risky situations
- confront personal barriers to change

LESS PROMISING TARGETS

- Increasing self-esteem for its own sake
- Focusing on vague personal complaints not related to criminal conduct
- Improving living conditions without touching on higher risk individuals and families
- Working on personal goals without providing concrete assistance
- Making the client a better person, when being a better person is unrelated to propensity for crime

INDICATORS OF QUALITY PARTICIPATION

- Attendance
- Engagement in program
- Completion (as opposed to premature program termination)
- Quality relationship with service provider
- Respect, positive attitude
- Showing change on the intermediate targets



KEY COMPONENTS AND THE GOOD LIVES MODEL



WHAT WORKS?

Who works?

GLM APPROACH AND CORE PRINCIPLES

GLM ADULT





Making a Better Life Happen: Integrating the Good Lives Model i Sexual Offender Treatment

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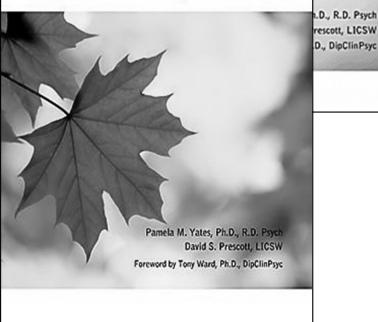
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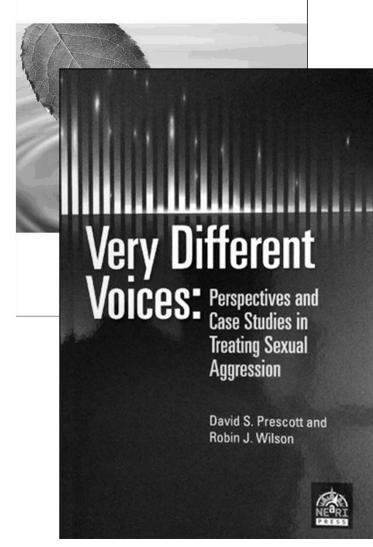
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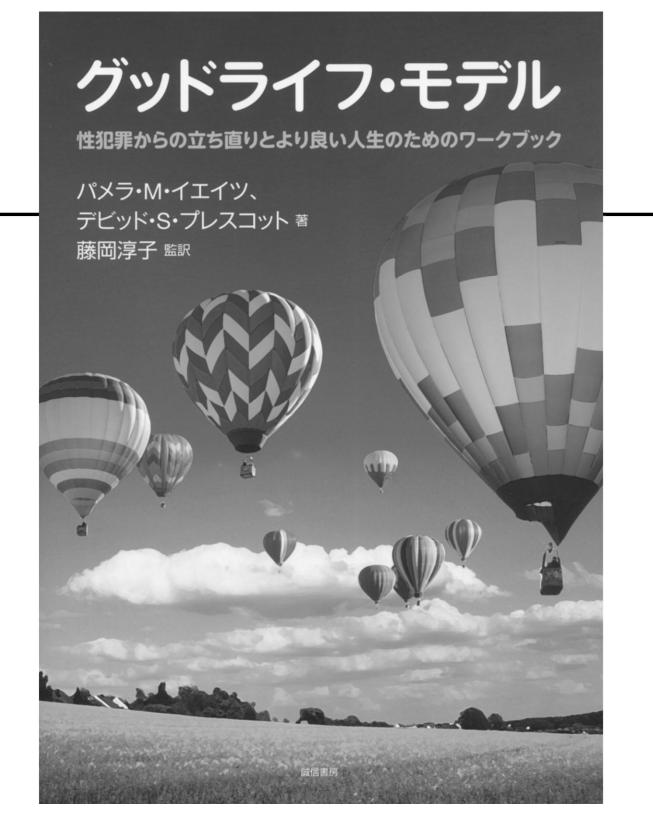
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美好生命 (GLM):人生共同需要 Primary Human Goods

(重要性及信心) Importance and Confidence

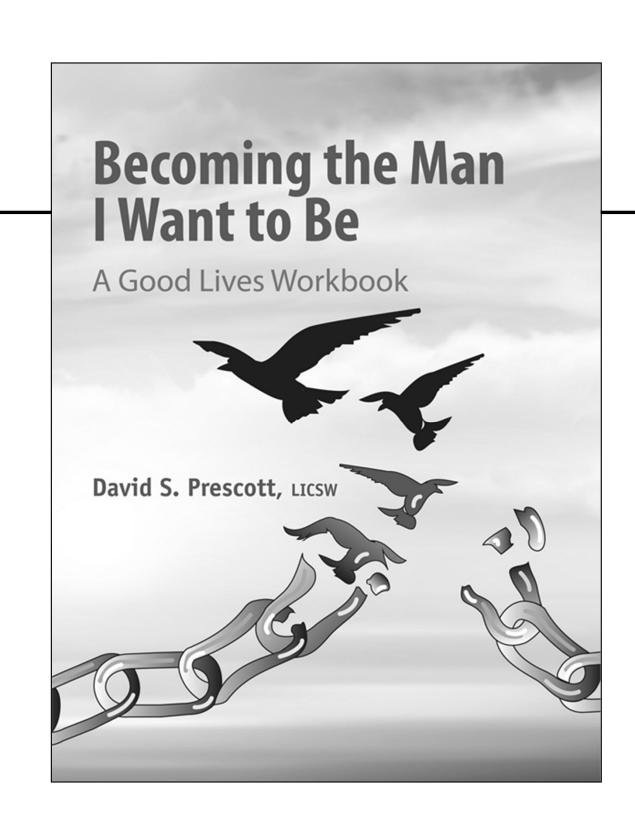
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人類共同需要	定義	重要分	信心分	備註:
Primary Human	Definitions	Importance	Confidence	Remarks
Goods		(0-10)	(0-10)	
人生:生活與求生	能照顧個人健康與/或能維持個人生命及安全	9	4	
Life	Looking after physical health, and/or staying			
	alive and safe.			
知識:學習與認知	追尋關於自己、他人、環境或特定範籌的知識	7	6	
Knowledge	Seeking knowledge about oneself, other people,			
	environment, or specific subjects.			
於工作或休閒活動	在工作、進行休閒活動時追求卓越表現	5	5	
時有卓越表現	Striving for excellence/mastery in			
Mastery at work or	work, hobbies or leisure activities.			
play				









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A Good Lives Workbook for Young Women



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THE GOOD LIVES MODEL (GLM)



"...[our clients] want better lives, not simply the promise of less harmful ones" (Ward et al., 2006)

"As a kid I had lots of examples of what I didn't want to be. I spent my life trying not to be those things. Then when an aide asked me about 5 years ago what I wanted to be I had no idea."

40 y/o male in civil commitment (USA)

REFLECTION EXERCISE

- Take three deep breaths. Take a moment to think about what a Good Life means to you.
- If it helps, close your eyes and think about what was happening the last time you remember feeling truly satisfied and fulfilled in your life. Try to *see* fulfilment. Try to *hear* fulfilment. Try to *taste* fulfilment. Try to *smell* fulfilment. Try to *feel* fulfilment.
- Take some notes.

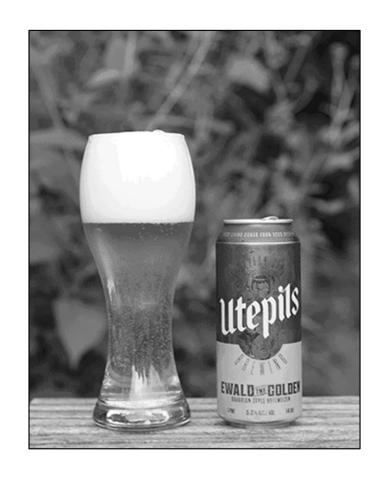
We will revisit this exercise later.
You will not be expected to share your responses.

GOING UPSTREAM

- What is something (anything) that you would like right now?
 - World peace? A new phone? Maybe a drink?
 - If you had that, then what else would you have in your life?
 - And if you had that, what else would you have in your life?
 - And if you had that, what else would you have in your life?
 - Keep going until your answer is one word and you can't go further
 - What have you learned?

WHAT ARE ALL THE NEEDS THAT THESE MEET?





KRAKOW

- Lord's Ark Church
- Built by hand from ruins caused by Soviet invasion
- What needs was this meeting?



GLM APPROACH

- Strengths-based, positive approach
- Collaborative, motivational approach
- Focuses on how treatment/supervision/case management will benefit client
- Two goals:
 - Reducing/managing risk
 - Attaining fulfilling life, psychological wellbeing
- GLM integrated with RNR

GLM APPROACH

- Offending relates to the pursuit of legitimate goals via harmful, maladaptive means
- All human beings are goal-directed and predisposed to seek *primary human goods*
- Primary human goods = actions, experiences, circumstances, states of being, etc., that individuals seek to attain for their own sake

GLM APPROACH

- Secondary goods = concrete ways (means) to secure primary goods (also called instrumental goods)
- Dynamic risk factors = markers for internal or external obstacles that block achieving primary goods in prosocial ways in addition to increasing risk

A NOTE ON NARRATIVE

- We often think in terms of risk and protective "factors"
- Problem of reification
- Ward and his colleagues (including us)
 encourage thinking in terms of the narrative
 that underlies the factors
- What's the actual story?
- How did events result in this "factor"?

PRIMARY HUMAN GOODS

- GLM proposes at least 10 primary human goods
- Value/importance placed on various goods determines individual's conceptualisation of a "good life"; reflected in good life plan (GLP)
- Assumption: Prosocial attainment of goods will help reduce or manage risk to reoffend (alongside targeting criminogenic needs)

PRIMARY HUMAN GOODS AS COMMON LIFE GOALS (YATES & PRESCOTT, 2011)

Primary Good	\rightarrow	Common Life Goal
Life	\rightarrow	Life: Living and Surviving
Knowledge	\rightarrow	Knowledge: Learning and Knowing
Excellence in Work & Pl	lay→	Being Good at Work & Play
Excellence in Agency	\rightarrow	Personal Choice and Independence
Inner Peace	\rightarrow	Peace of Mind
Friendship/Relatedness	$s \rightarrow$	Relationships and Friendships
Community	\rightarrow	Community: Being Part of a Group
Spirituality	\rightarrow	Spirituality: Having Meaning in Life
Happiness	\rightarrow	Happiness
Creativity	\rightarrow	Creativity

GLM VS. ANDREWS & BONTA BIG 8 (POSSIBLE COMPARISON)

GLM

- Happiness/Pleasure
- Creativity
- Knowledge
- Being good at work and play
- Personal choice/independence
- Relationships and friendships
- Meaning and purpose in life
- Peace of mind
- Community
- · Living and surviving

Big 8

- Substance abuse and other pleasure seeking
- Poor performance in school or work
- Impulsivity/self-regulation deficits
- Antisocial peer group/social isolation/family problems
- Antisocial history
- Aggression/irritability
- Attitudes and beliefs supportive of sexual violence
- Alcohol/drugs, reckless, dangerous behavior

- Life: Living & Surviving
 - Healthy living and functioning
 - Basic survival needs

- Instrumental (secondary) goods:
 - Acquiring income for food/shelter
 - Physical activity
 - Healthy nutrition
 - Health care

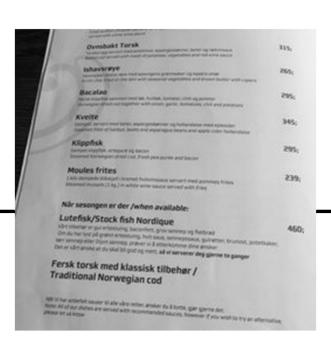


- Knowledge: Learning & Knowing
 - Desire for information and understanding about oneself and the world
- Instrumental (secondary) goods:
 - Attending school, training, vocational courses
 - Self-study
 - Therapy and self-help activities



- Being Good at Play / Being Good and Work
 - Mastery in work / leisure
- Instrumental (secondary) goods:
 - Participation in sport or other leisure activities/hobbies
 - Participation in training, certification, apprenticeships
 - Meaningful paid or voluntary work

- Personal Choice and Independence
 - Desire for independence, autonomy, choice, self-directedness



- Instrumental (secondary) goods:
 - Formulate plans to achieve a specific end or objective
 - Engage in activities to ensure self-sufficiency
 - Assert self; communicate needs and desires with others
 - Control, dominate, abuse or manipulate others to establish personal control

- Peace of Mind
 - Emotion regulation, equilibrium
 - Freedom from emotional turmoil and stress
- Instrumental (secondary) goods:
 - Activities to minimize emotional distress/achieve equilibrium (e.g., exercise, meditation)
 - Substance use or sexual activity to regulate mood/cope



- Relationships and Friendships
 - Desire to establish bonds with others; includes intimate, romantic and family relationships
- Instrumental (secondary) goods:
 - Activities that facilitate meeting new people and maintaining relationships
 - Spending time with friends
 - Giving and receiving support (e.g., emotional, practical)
 - Intimate relationships

- Community: Being Part of a Group
 - Desire to be connected to similar social groups



- Instrumental (secondary) goods:
 - Participate in community activities (e.g., social service groups, special interest groups)
 - Participate in volunteer activities, groups
 - Membership in groups sharing common interests, values, concerns
 - Provide practical assistance to others in times of need (e.g., neighbors)

- Spirituality: Having Meaning in Life
 - Desire for meaning and purpose in life
 - Sense that one is part of larger whole
- Instrumental (secondary) goods:
 - Attends formal religious/spiritual events (e.g., church)
 - Meditation/prayer
 - Involved in spiritual community/group
 - Mindfulness
 - Forest bathing



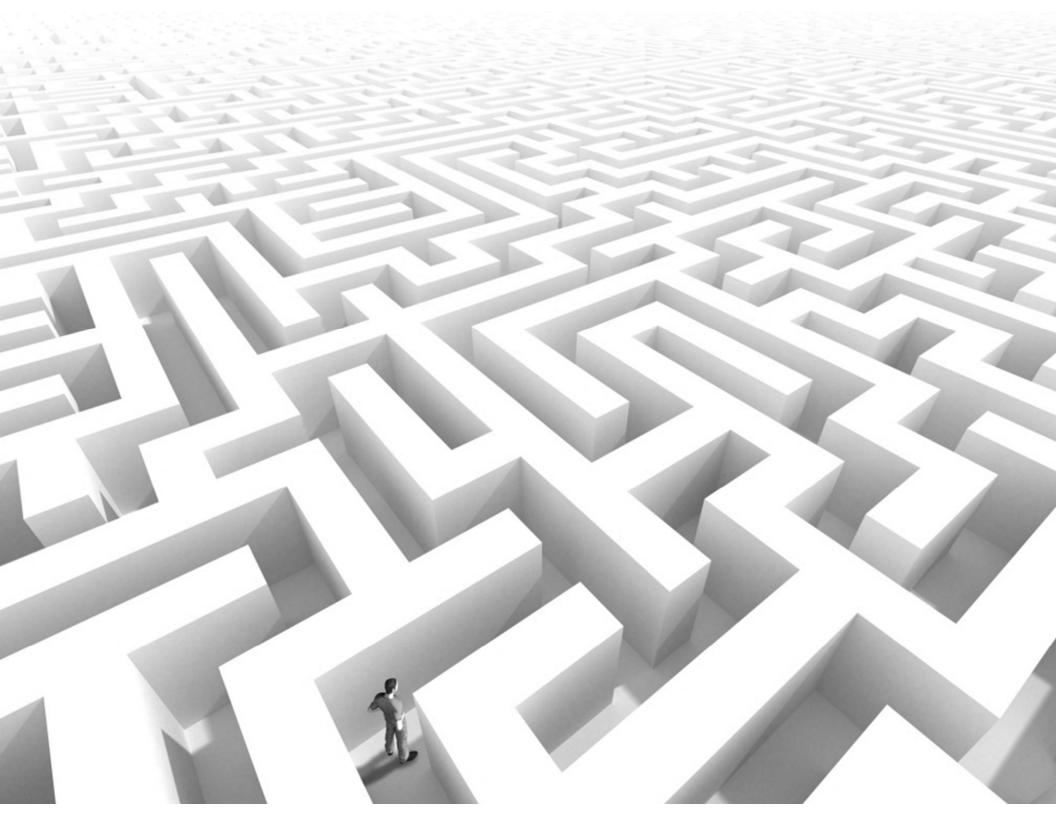
- Creativity
 - Desire for novelty or innovation
 - Instrumental (secondary) goods:
 - Engages in new/novel experiences that has not attempted previously
 - Engages in artistic, creative activities
 - Desire/need for novel sexual practices



- Happiness
 - State of being happy/content
 - Pleasure in life



- Instrumental (secondary) goods:
 - Activities that result in sense of satisfaction, contentment, fulfillment
 - Activities that result in sense of pleasure (e.g., leisure activities, sports, sex)
 - Activities intended to achieve sense of purpose, direction in life (e.g., work, friendships, family)



WHEN THINGS GO WRONG: GOOD LIFE PLAN OBSTACLES

The GLM proposes that offending and life problems result when...

- Maladaptive/harmful means used to seek out primary goods
- 2. A Good Life Plan lacks scope
- 3. Conflict between goods and/or means
- 4. Lack of capacity to attain goods in a prosocial/adaptive way (internal and external)

A QUICK NOTE...

- "Obstacles" are referred to in earlier texts as "flaws"
- "Flaws" can sometimes have a negative connotation ("flawed human being") even though the original intention was different (e.g., the flaws in leather or diamonds can give them their special character)
- English is a living language where connotations can change ©
- "Obstacles" might just as easily be "challenges", although that word is also subject to misuse

HARMFUL/PROBLEMATIC MEANS







NARROW SCOPE

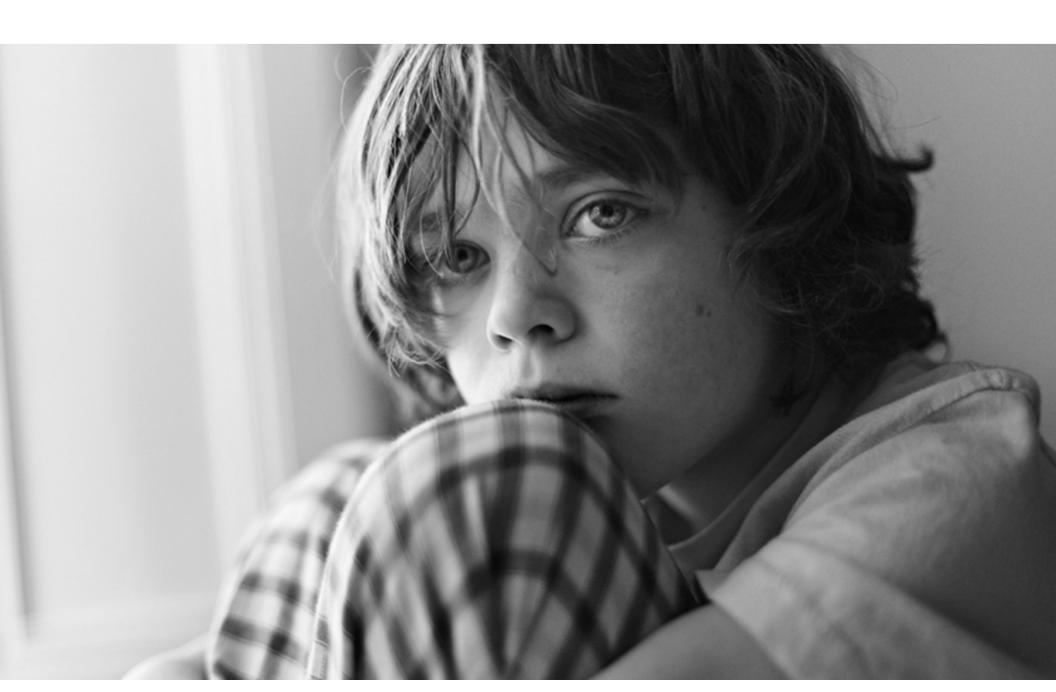


CONFLICT: THE PURSUIT OF ONE GOOD INTERFERES WITH PURSUIT OF ANOTHER GOOD





LACK OF CAPACITY: INTERNAL



Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in the lives of adult males who have sexually offended (Levenson, Willis & Prescott, 2016)

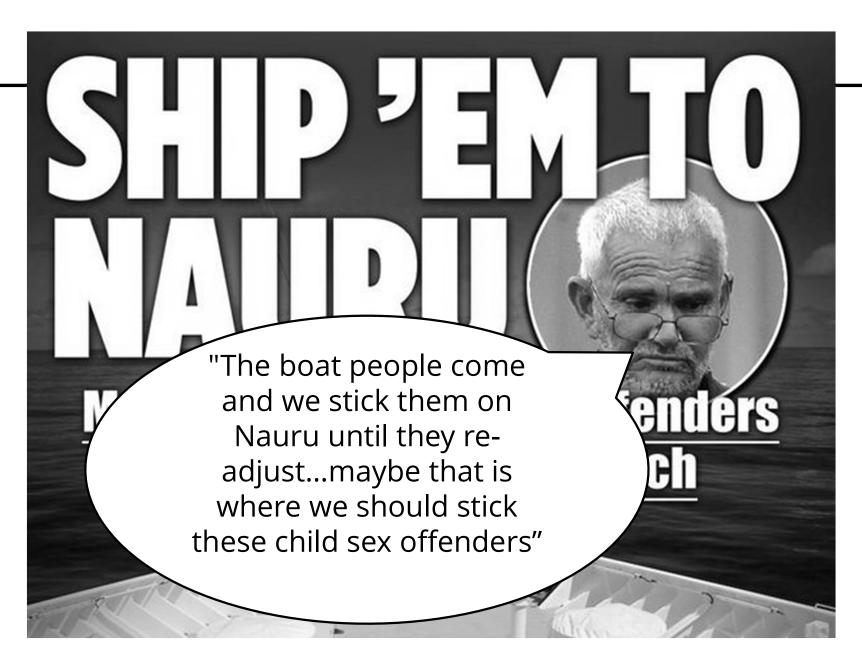
ACE items:	SOTx (n = 679)	CDC males (n = 7,970)
Verbal abuse	53.3%	7.6%
Physical abuse	42.2%	29.9%
Child sexual abuse	38%	16%
Emotional neglect	37.6%	12.4%
Physical neglect	15.9%	10.7%
Parents not married	54.3%	21.8%
DV in home	24%	11.5%
Substance abuse in home	46.7%	23.8%
Mental illness in home	25.9%	14.8%
Incarceration family member	22.6%	4.1%

LACK OF CAPACITY: INTERNAL



Maladaptive schemas	Maladaptive attachments	Maladaptive coping
other people will abuse/reject/ abandon me; dangerous world	relationship instability, hostility towards women, social rejection	substance abuse, sex as coping, aggression

LACK OF CAPACITY: EXTERNAL



IDENTIFYING OBSTACLES

 What might have obstructed Paul from seeking valued primary goods in prosocial, adaptive ways?

SPOT SOME OBSTACLES: PAUL

Paul is a 42-year-old male imprisoned for sexual offenses against female children (8 – 11 years-old). In each instance, Paul was a trusted babysitter (for his employer then neighbour). He described his offending in a romanticised fashion, stating that he was in relationships with each victim. He said that he "never hurt them" and that the sex was "entirely consensual." Paul often took the victims away camping. He enjoyed teaching them about bush survival skills and different tree varieties. Paul enjoyed being surrounded by nature. He had few adult friends and stated that he preferred the company of children because they don't judge him like adults do.

CASE ANALYSIS: PAUL

Primary goods implicated Obstacles in Good Life Plan: in offending:

- Relationships & Friendships
- Knowledge

Primary goods Important to Paul:

- Relationships & Friendships
- ? Peace of mind
- ? Spirituality

- Maladaptive means
- Lack of capacity (internal)
 - Offense supportive cognitions (children as sexual objects)
 - Maladaptive
 attachments/relational styles (e.g.
 emotional congruence with
 children, general social rejection)
 - ?Offense related sexual interest



TREATMENT PROGRESS



KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Is this person working with or against his supervising agent?
- Statements regarding wanting to, being able to, needing to change
- "Stages of Change"
 - Pre-contemplation
 - Contemplation
 - Preparation
 - Action
 - Maintenance

PROTECTIVE FACTORS

VRIES ROBBE ET AL. (2015)

- Medication
- Empathy
- Secure attachment in childhood
- Intimate relationship
- Motivation for treatment
- Attitude toward authority
- Self-control
- Coping skills
- Work and leisure interests

VRIES ROBBE ET AL. (2015)

Desistance Factors:

- Treatment as a turning point
- Social network
- Personal agency
- Internal locus of control
- Finds positive outcomes in negative events

VRIES ROBBE ET AL. (2015)

Best Outcomes:

- Goal-directed living
- Good problem-solving
- Constructive employment/leisure activities
- Sobriety
- Hopeful, optimistic, motivated attitude towards desistance

WHEN ARE THEY FINISHED?

- No magical formula
- Treatment versus Aftercare/Maintenance treatment
- Ask
 - Do others believe the offender has made significant progress?
 - Do others believe the offender has made acceptable progress?



COMMUNITY SUPERVISION



MISSION CRITICAL

- Close coordination between supervising agent and treatment provider(s)
- Supervising agent is the eyes and ears of the team in the community.

IMPORTANT STUDY

- Blasko & Taxman (2018)
- Offenders who believe their supervising agent is:
 - Fair
 - Respects them
 - Listens to them
- Have lower rates of violations and returns to prison
- The working relationship matters!

MOST IMPORTANTLY

- You don't have to be a therapist to be therapeutic!
- All professionals have a role in helping people become less dangerous.

- Community safety is the highest priority.
- Monitor victim access
- Observe offenders in the community, including their home and work.
- Look for positive or negative changes in problem solving and related behaviors.
- Identify and deal with non-compliance problems early.

- Address problem attitudes
- Provide support and acknowledge successes, even very small ones.
- Maintain frequent communication with other team members, such as the treatment provider, employer, spouse, et cetera.
- Support treatment compliance and extend probation if necessary to allow completion of treatment.
- Monitor compliance with registration and notification requirements.

- Monitor and help to strengthen the factors that stabilize the offender like housing and employment.
- Officers should remember that all people can change.
 - It is a process and takes time and support.
- Officers should remember they are not alone.
 - Most communities use a team approach to management

- Supervision and treatment are often tightly linked. More risk = more supervision.
 - The goal is to have the offender not need us to be watching them all the time.
- Specialized rules
 - Can include searching computers and devices
- Maintaining appropriate boundaries
 - supportive, respectful, professional
- Safety planning and community support teams

SPECIAL ISSUES

Females

Re-offense rates of 1-5%

Child Sexual Abuse Images

Not all have had contact offenses

Juvenile-only

 Young men who are prosecuted years after their offenses have often changed dramatically in a short time.

THE SAFEST SEX OFFENDER

- Stable
- Occupied
- Accountable to others
- Plans for the future
- Everything to lose by repeating past behavior

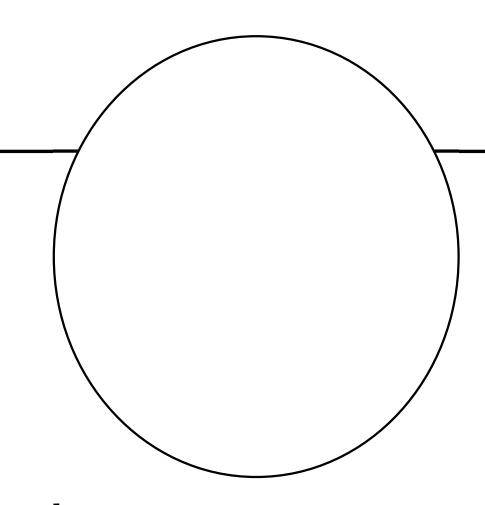


TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE



WHAT IS TRAUMA?

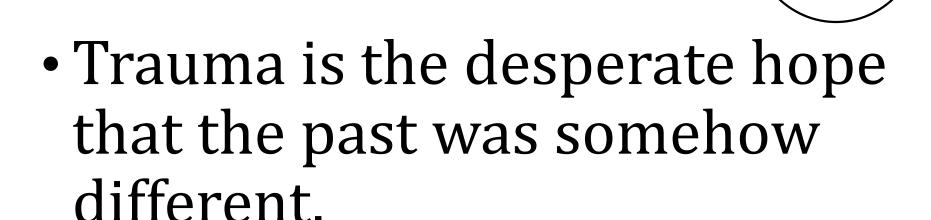
- PTSD
- Complex PTSD
- DESNOS
- Complex trauma
- Developmental Trauma Disorder







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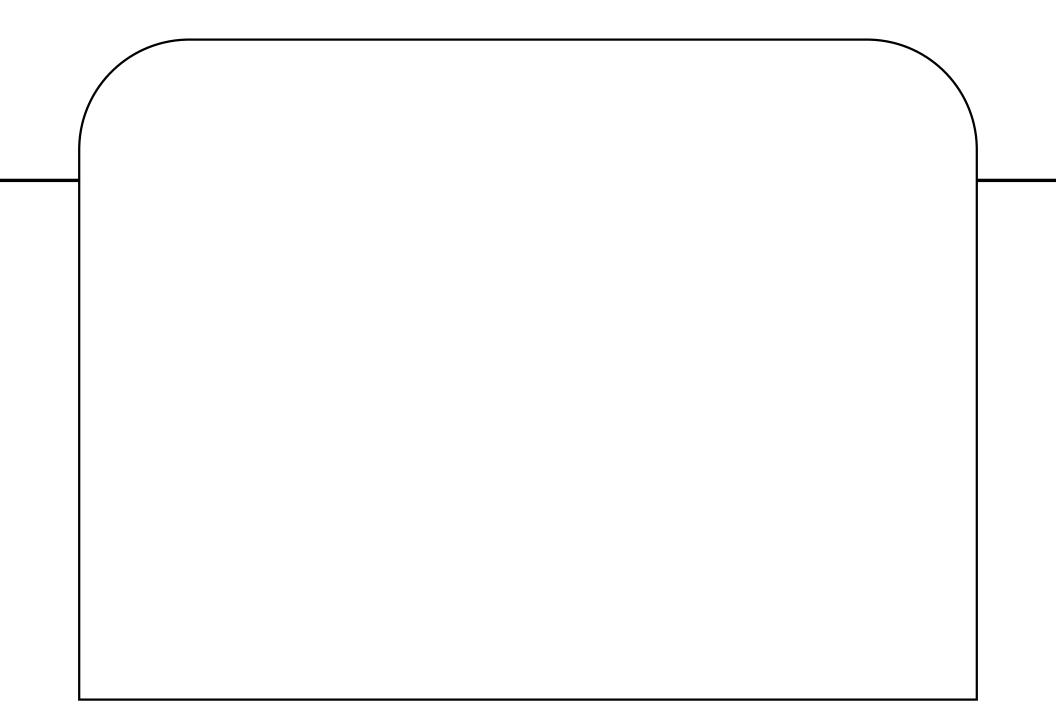


• -- Jan Hindman

WHAT IS TRAUMA?

• APA:

• **Trauma** is an emotional response to a terrible event like an accident, rape or natural disaster. Immediately after the event, shock and denial are typical. Longer term reactions include unpredictable emotions, flashbacks, strained relationships and even physical symptoms like headaches or nausea. While these feelings are normal, some people have difficulty moving on with their lives. Psychologists can help these individuals find constructive ways of managing their emotions.



ABSENCE OF CURIOSITY



KEY THEME

- Just notice
- See what happens next
 - Not just mindful...
 - Investigating each experience
 - Practice Making Choices based on what you notice

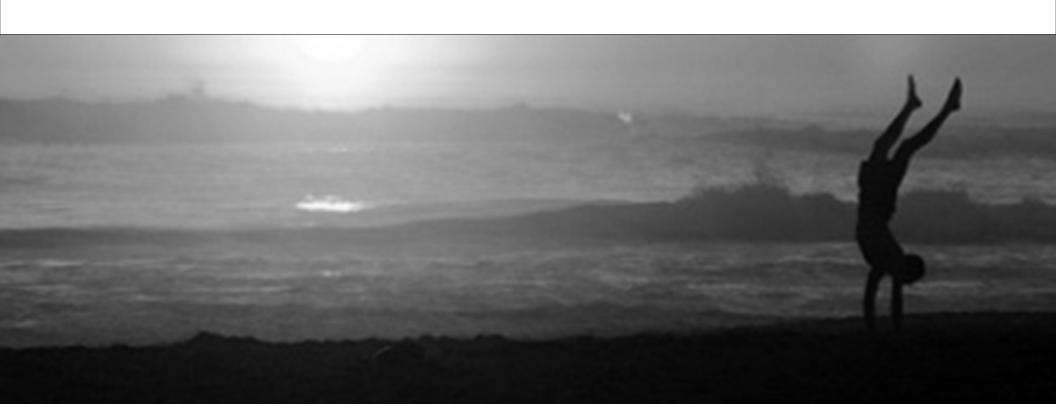


TRAUMA

- Relational issues
- Somatic challenges

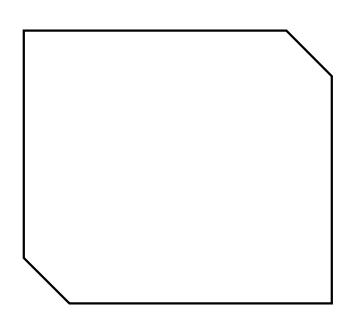
The goal of (trauma) treatment is to help people live in the present, without feeling or behaving according to irrelevant demands belonging to the past

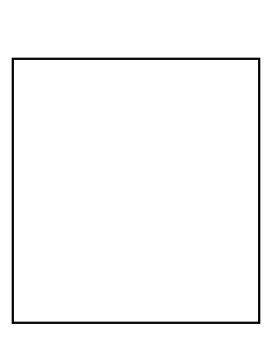
~Bessel van der Kolk



CASE EXAMPLE

- EBT roll-out
- JCCO directed client into treatment
- Client reluctant to attend
- Harm

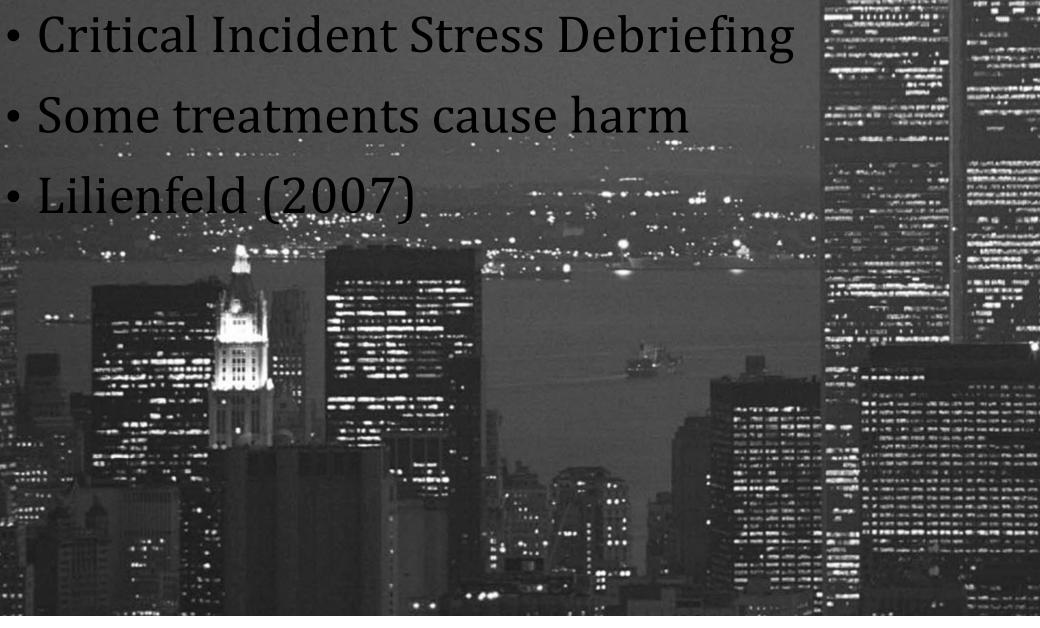




BENISH, IMEL, & WAMPOLD, 2008

- Treatment for PTSD is effective
- "Bona fide psychotherapies produce equivalent benefits for patients with PTSD"
- Much controversy

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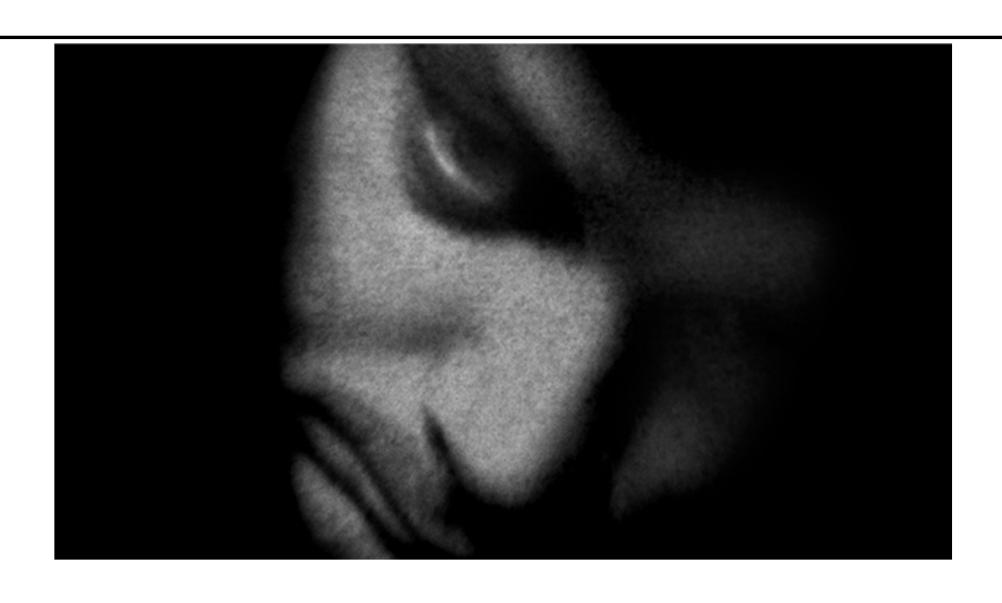


ULTIMATELY

No intervention that takes power away from the survivor can possibly foster her recovery, no matter how much it appears to be in her immediate best interest.

-- Judith Herman, M.D.

Reframe: Interventions that empower survivors foster recovery



- Traumatic event including
 - Actual or threat of death or serious injury
 - Threat to physical integrity
 - Response of intense fear, helplessness, horror
- Persistent re-experiencing of events
- Persistent avoidance of associated stimuli & numbing of responsiveness
- Persistent symptoms of increased arousal
- Duration >1 month, significant disturbance in functioning

- Re-experiencing distress
 - Recollections, images, thoughts, perceptions
 - Dreams
 - Flashbacks, illusions, hallucinations
- Avoidance of related stimuli
 - Thoughts, feelings, conversations
 - Activities, places or people

- Numbing of general responsiveness
 - Inability to recall important aspects of event
 - Diminished interest/participation in activities
 - Detachment/estrangement from others
 - Restricted range of emotions (e.g., love)
 - Sense of foreshortened future
- Arousal symptoms
 - Insomnia, anger, hypervigilance, difficulty concentrating, exaggerated startle response

- Events
 - Military combat
 - Violent personal assault (physical, sexual, mugging)
 - Kidnapping, terrorism, torture, incarceration, disasters, auto accidents, terminal diagnosis)
 - Witnessing fatal accident, body parts
- Typically worse when event is of human design
- Typically worse when stressor is repeated, chronic

IMPORTANT

- Not all trauma results in PTSD
- Trauma can have a devastating effect on life outside of PTSD

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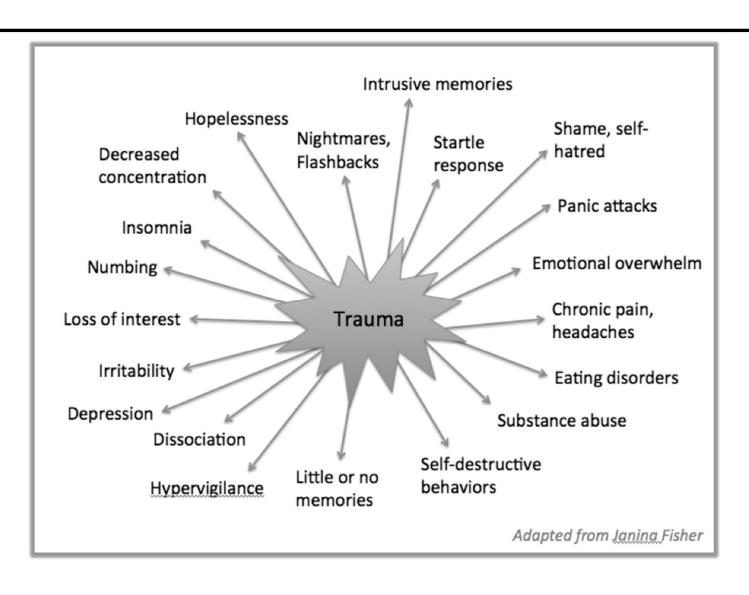
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COMMON TRAUMA RESPONSES



HERMAN, 1992

Type 1 Trauma: Isolated, simple trauma

Usually a single incident or timelimited duration

Acute Stress Disorder/PTSD

Response and effects may vary with many factors

Type 2 Trauma: Chronic & Complex

Prolonged, repeated trauma

Increased risk for long-term PTSD symptoms

Increased risk for related behavioral health syndromes

DEVELOPMENTAL EFFECTS OF CHILDHOOD ADVERSITY

Attachment

- Trauma impacts child & caregiver relationship
- Impairs trust and ability to form secure attachments

Cognition

- Brain selectively focuses on maintaining safety rather than planning, learning, or future-oriented activities
- Expectations and Interpretations

Self-regulation

• Frontal lobe development is disrupted, can result in long-term effects on emotional and behavioral self-control

Cascade Effects

 Early deficits in one domain of functioning impede subsequent development in other areas

DEVELOPMENTAL EFFECTS OF CHILDHOOD ADVERSITY AND RISK

Attachment

- Intimacy deficits
- Dismissive or disorganized attachment style
- Negative peer/social influences
- Hostility towards women
- Emotional congruence with children

Cognition

- Attitudes and beliefs that support child abuse, criminality, violence against others
- Schemas/core beliefs: Dangerous world, children as sexual, women as unknowable

Self-regulation

- Coping style focusing on problems instead of solutions, focus on the emotions that problems generate, etc.
- General selfregulation, sexual self-regulation, etc.
- Can appear as ADHD, Conduct Disorder, etc.

Cascade Effects

- Early deficits in one domain of functioning impede subsequent development in other areas
- Risk factors as obstacles to achieving developmental tasks and – ultimately – Good Lives Goals.

DEVELOPMENTAL EFFECTS OF CHILDHOOD ADVERSITY AND GOOD LIVES GOALS

Attachment

- Relatedness, being connected to others
- Community, being part of a group
- Meaning and purpose in life, spirituality

Cognition

- Meaning & purpose, spirituality
- Knowledge
- Creativity/new experiences

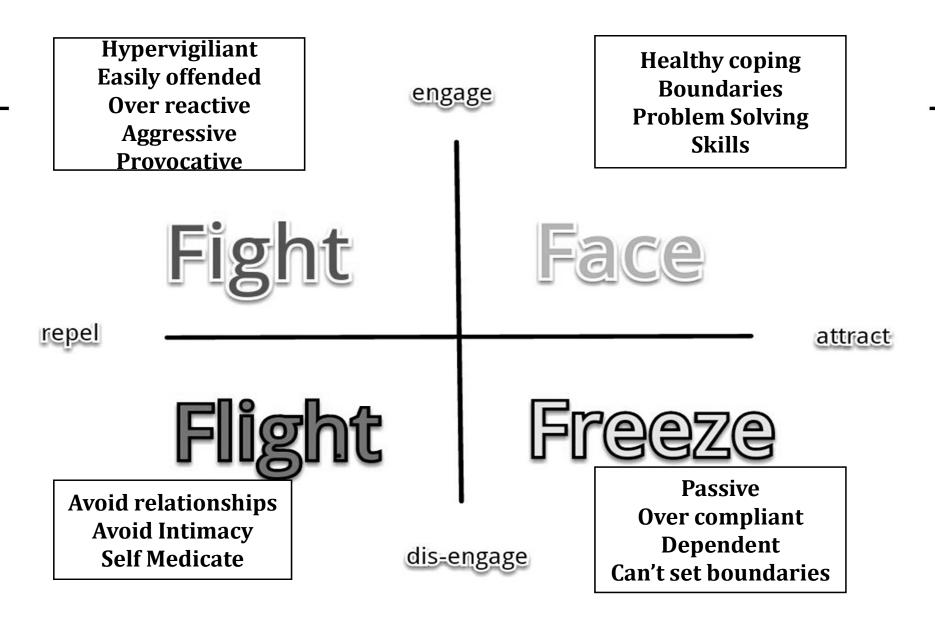
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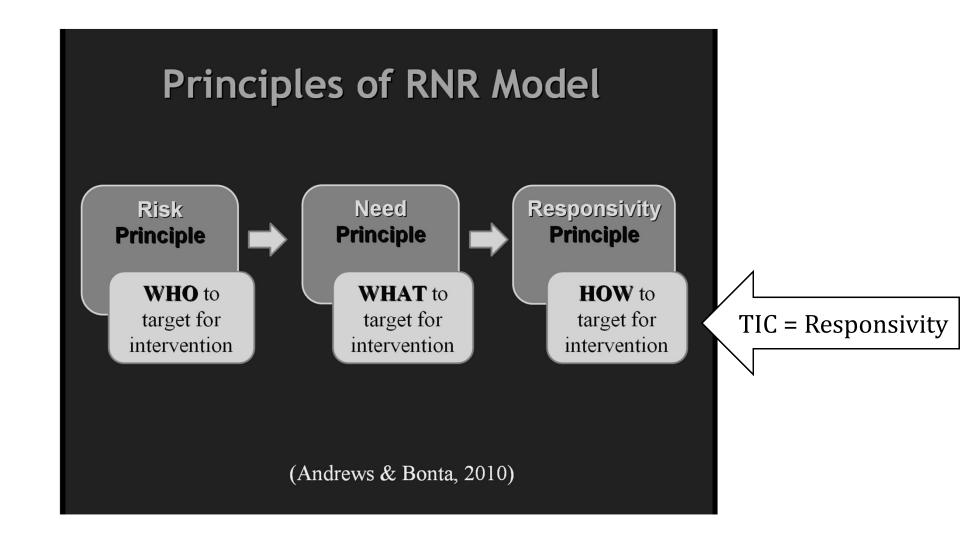
- Autonomy, independence, being my own person
- Creativity, happiness/pleasure, having fun
- Can appear as ADHD, Conduct Disorder, etc.

Cascade Effects

- Adverse experiences =>
- Challenges in development =>
- Obstacles to balanced, selfdetermined life =>
- Risk factors =>
- Barriers to good life

Ways trauma may impact relational dynamics





TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE IN SOTX

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- Healthy lives,
- Safe communities



HOW DO PEOPLE CHANGE?

- Challenging "distorted cognitions"?
- Completing assignments?
- Following the manual?
- Through their experiences and discoveries?
- Or, via a relationship experience where hope and possibility are renewed ... or born.

ATTACHMENT



EMPATHIC ATTUNEMENT



EMPATHIC, ATTUNED INTERVENTIONS

Unexpected

*Welcome

Impactful



WHAT WE NEED ...

- ❖ Mindset
- ❖ Heartset
- Spirit
- Attitude
- Intention



COMPASSION



POLITICAL CLIMATE

- Coercion
- Shame
- ❖Blame
- Threats
- ❖ Punishment



WE CAN LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND



SKILLS

- How could I make this problem worse?
- How does the behavior make sense?
- What are all the ways he/she feels two ways about his/her life?
- What are the positive goals for change?



TO BE CONTINUED..

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