INTRODUCTION TO SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT

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FOUNDATIONS OF TREATMENT & SUPERVISION

RISK - NEED - RESPONSIVITY

RISK PRINCIPAL

The risk principle focuses on providing the appropriate dosage and intensity of treatment and supervision for each individual based on level of assessed risk.

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STATIC RISK ASSESSMENTS

- Most widely used:
 - Static 99R
 - Static 2002R

- · Examples of factors include:
 - · Age at release from index sex offense
 - Ever lived with intimate partner
 - · Prior sexual offense charges/convictions
 - Prior non-sexual violence convictions
 - Number of prior sentencing dates
 - Victims who are strangers

CONCEPTUALIZATION OF SEX OFFENSE RISK

- Sex offender risk can be conceptualized as consisting of two domains of deviant sexual interest of deviant sexual interest and general criminality.
 - Deviant sexual interest can include paraphilic disorders, persistence and variability of offending behaviors.
- Risk assessments use an actuarial framework to depict the empirical correlates of these two domains.
- Intensity of Treatment and Probation services should be matched to the assessed needs
 of the individual.

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NEED PRINCIPLE

The need principal TARGETS AN INDIVIDUAL'S DYNAMIC RISK FACTORS, THOSE FACTORS THAT ARE MOST LIKELY TO RESULT IN A REDUCTION OF RECIDIVISM RISK!

DYNAMIC RISK ASSESSMENT

- Examples:
 - Sex Offender Treatment Intervention and Progress Scale (SOTIPS)
 - STABLE-2007
 - Violence Risk Scale: Sex Offender Version

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CRIMINOGENIC NEEDS

- DEVIANT SEX INTEREST
- OFFENSE SUPPORTIVE ATTITUDES
- LACK OF ADULT ATTACHMENTS
- POOR PROBLEM-SOLVING
- RESISTANCE TO SUPERVISION
- NEGATIVE SOCIAL INFLUENCES

- SEXUAL PREOCCUPATION
- EMOTIONAL CONGRUENCE WITH CHILDREN
- LIFESTYLE IMPULSIVITY
- SELF-REGULATION PROBLEMS
- GRIEVANCE/HOSTILITY
- EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

RESPONSIVITY PRINCIPLE

 Intervention is most likely to reduce reoffending when tailored specifically to the offender's characteristics, which includes learning style.

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RESPONSIVITY: HOW SERVICES ARE DELIVERED

- USE COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL LEARNING APPROACH
- TAILOR TREATMENT TO INDIVIDUAL CHARACTERISTICS
- IDENTIFY THE SKILL TO TEACH
- FOCUS ON USEFULNESS OF SKILL

- MODEL THE SKILL (ROLE PLAY)
- PRACTICE THE SKILL
- PROVIDE FEEDBACK
- PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO ENHANCE SKILL
- ASSIGN PRACTICE IN COMMUNITY

