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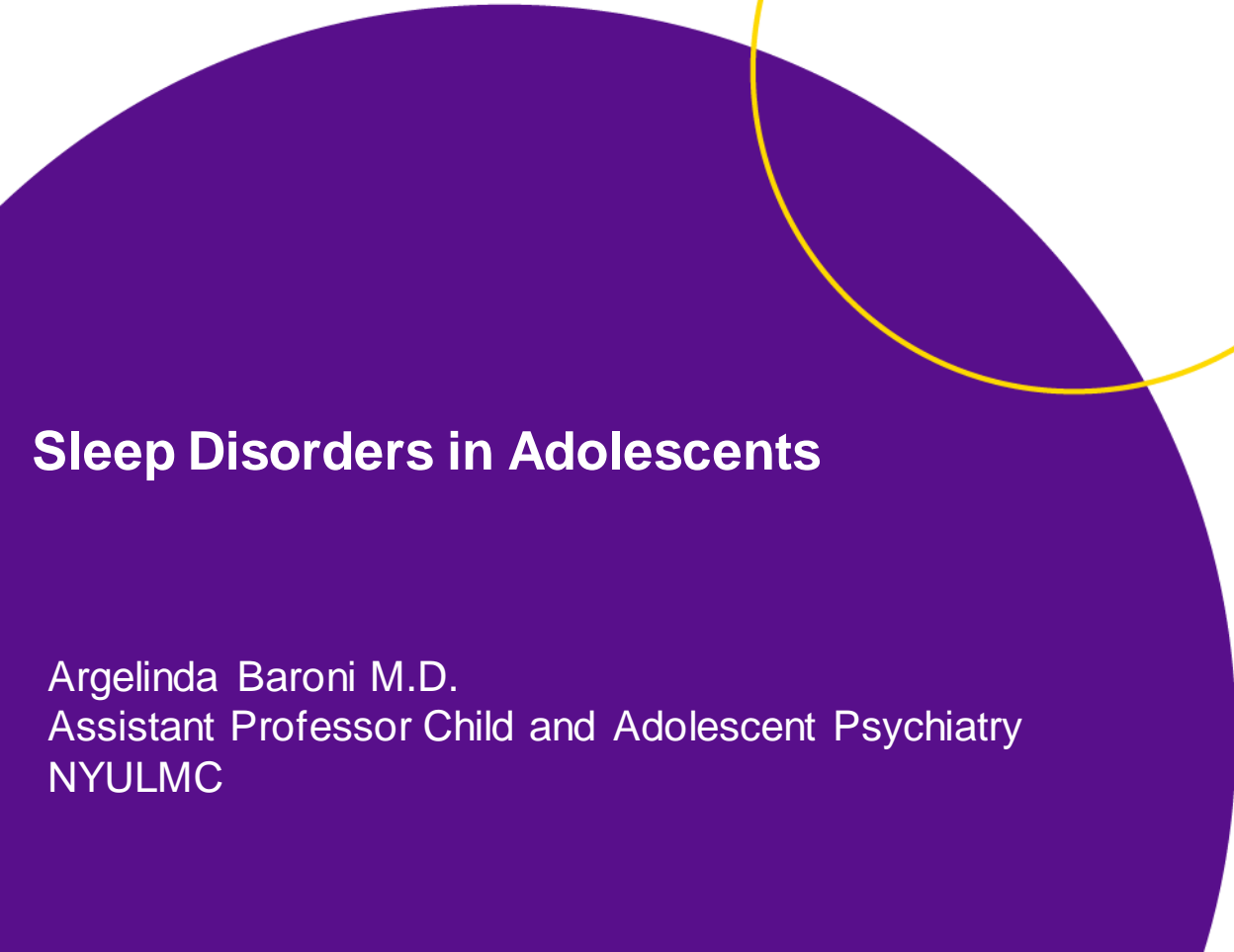
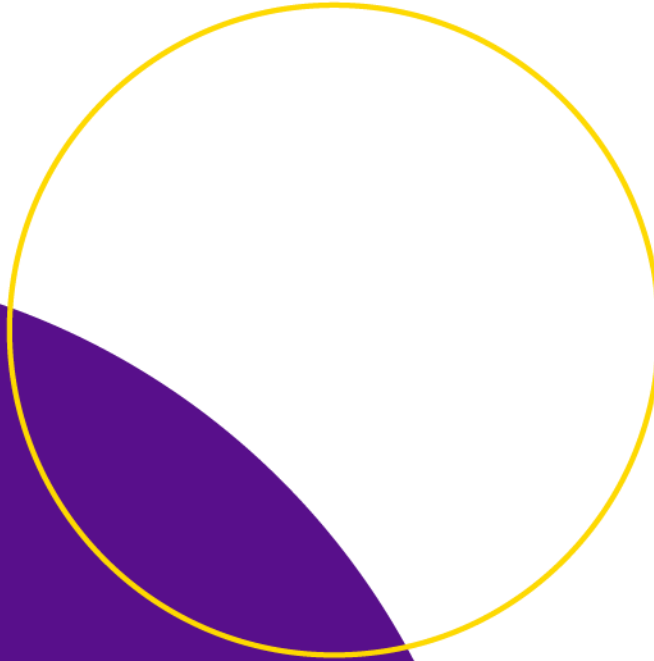
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# Sleep Disorders in Adolescents

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# Sleep in infancy and childhood: implications for emotional and behavioral difficulties in adolescence and beyond

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Sadeh *et al.*, 2014.

## PEDIATRICS<sup>®</sup>

### Impact of Sleep Extension and Restriction on Children's Emotional Lability and Impulsivity

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# Barriers and Facilitators of Evidence-Based Practice in Pediatric Behavioral Sleep Care: Qualitative Analysis of the Perspectives of Health Professionals

## Barriers

- 1) **Lack of knowledge, skills, techniques, training, or education**
- 2) Lack of resources or materials
- 3) Lack of time

## Facilitators

- 1) **Knowledge, skills, techniques, training, or education**
- 2) Resources or materials
- 3) Time

# Basic Facts

- In adolescents total sleep time need is approx. **9 to 9 ¼ hours**
- Often present sleep deprivation
  - Average sleep duration is 7-7 ½ hours of sleep, especially in 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders – cumulative sleep debt
- Any guess why?



# Common Sleep Issues

- Early high school starts- tardiness and absences
- Irregular wake-sleep schedule (schooldays vs. weekends)
- Chronic sleep deprivation with cognitive and emotional consequences
- Excessive Daytime Sleepiness- 25% adolescents fall asleep once a week, more than 1 in 5 fall asleep doing homework. More than half report drowsy driving
- Inappropriate use of caffeine or other stimulants





# Common Sleep Disorders in Adolescents

- Insufficient sleep and Inadequate sleep hygiene
- Insomnia
- Delayed sleep phase
- Obstructive Sleep Apnea
- Parasomnias- sleepwalking, sleep talking, sleep inertia
- Restless legs syndrome/periodic limb movement disorder
- Narcolepsy



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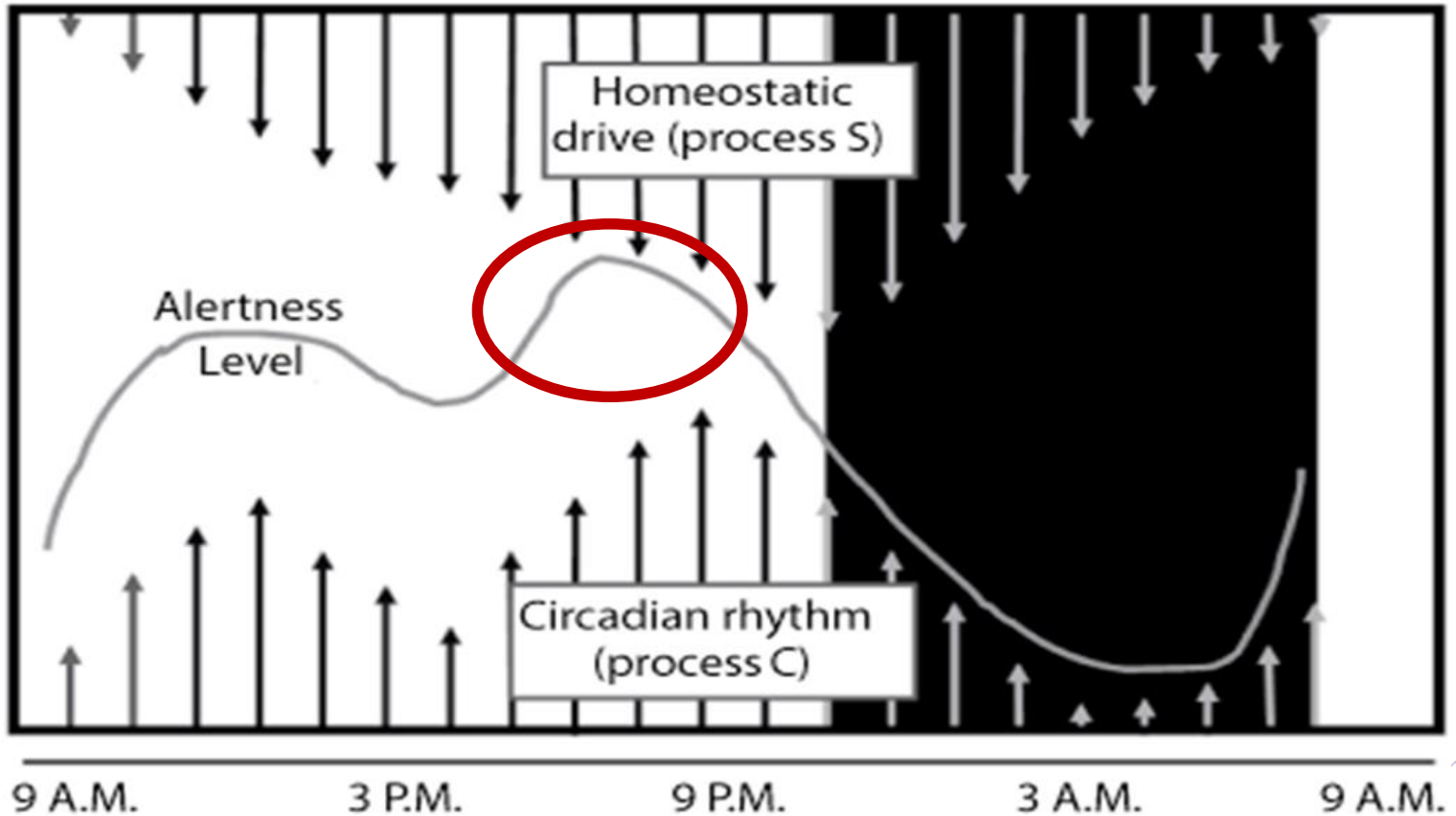
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# Parent and Teen Education

- ✓ What's normal
  - Sleep duration
  - Sleep regulation
  - Sleep cycles
- ✓ Sleep hygiene- importance of associations
- ✓ Cognitive and emotional consequences of sleep deprivation

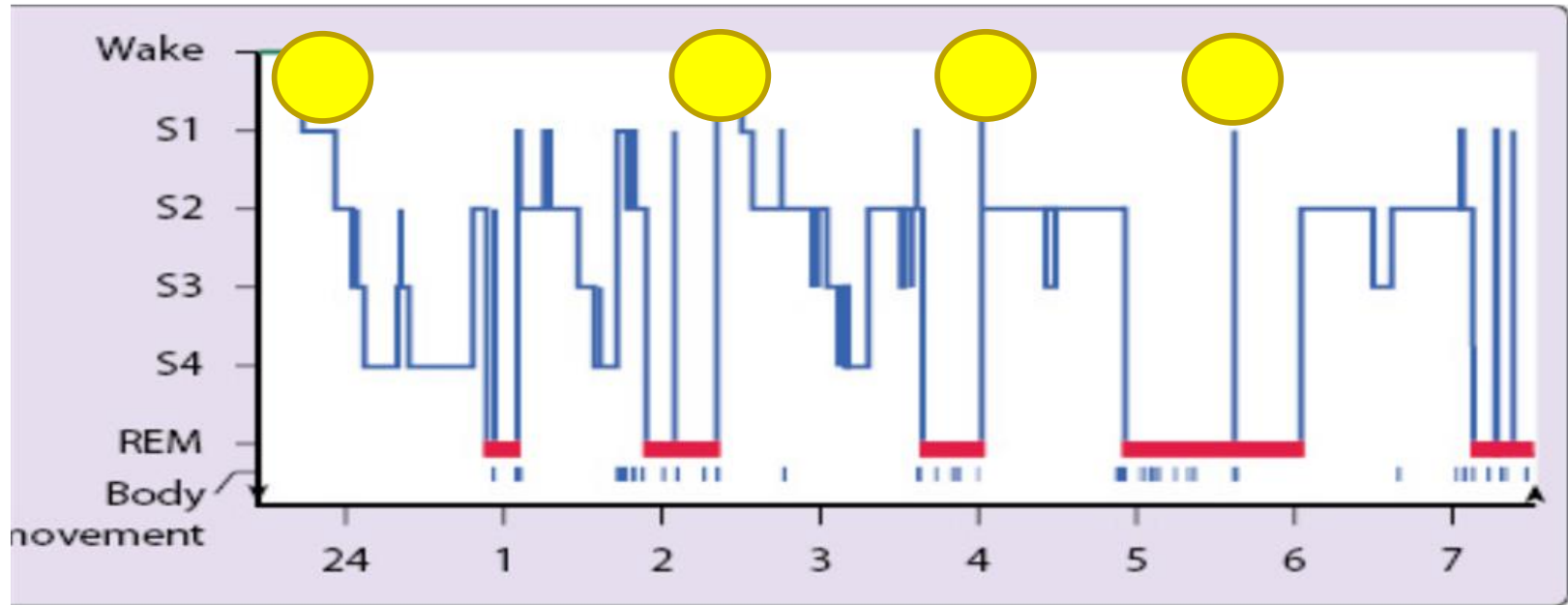
# Sleep Regulation



Circadian Process responsible for “Forbidden zone” or “second wind”



# Sleep Cycles



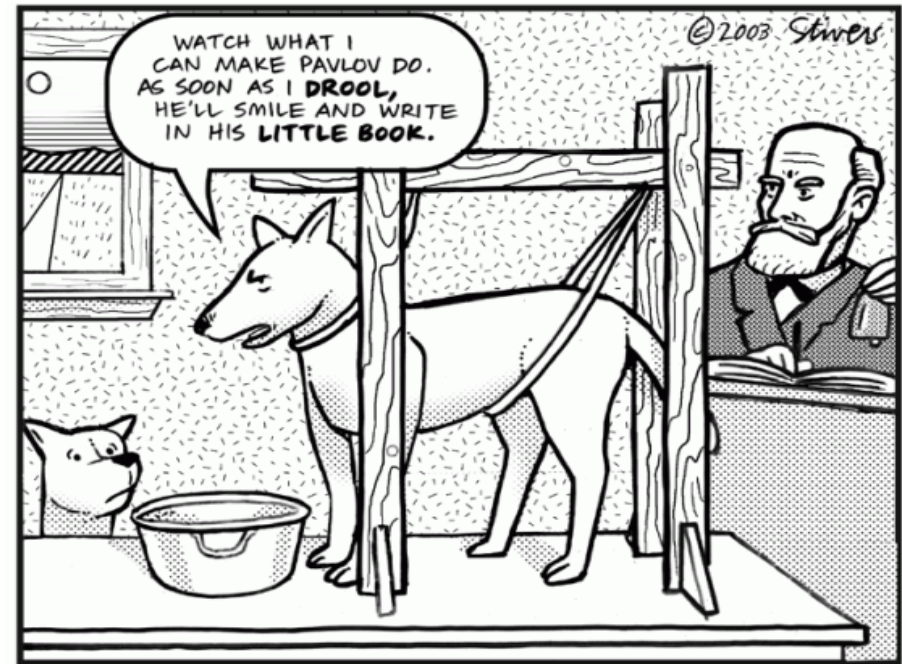
Multiple brief awakenings are normal



# Sleep is All About Conditioning

- Regular wake-time and bedtime ( $\pm 2$  hours)
- Sleep-conducive bedtime routines
- Adequate sleep environment
- Avoidance of stimulating activities 1-2 hours prior to bedtime
- No wake-promoting activities in bed
- No napping during the day
- No caffeine, nicotine, alcohol, MJ close to bedtime

The brain needs to salivate sleep in presence of bed.



# Hannah

- Hannah is 16 yo female
- History of depression on venlafaxine, in remission
- Negative medical history
- Came in for difficulties falling asleep and difficulties waking up in the morning that has led to multiple tardiness in school
- She is a good student and she is upset about the situation
- No clear precipitants
- Started about 2-3 years ago, but is progressively getting worse

# Charlie

- Charlie is a 19 yo male
- History of ADHD, on Concerta
- PMH of multiple concussions, no h/o seizure
- Came in at the end of July “to fix” his sleep before getting back to college
- Difficulties falling asleep, worries about his sleep a lot, often sleeps in to recuperate
- Symptoms started with stress related to college application but never been a good sleeper







## How to screen: B.E.A.R.S.

- Bedtime issues
- Excessive daytime sleepiness
- Awakenings/abnormal behaviors during sleep
- Regularity and duration of sleep
- Snoring

# Sleep History

- History of sleep problems
  - Onset/Course
  - Excessive daytime sleepiness
- Sleep-wake schedule
  - Time in bed vs. time asleep
  - Awakenings-how long?
  - Wake up time
  - Naps
  - Regular over school days vs. vacation days
- Bedtime routine
  - Regular? Soothing? Screen use?



# Sleep History

- Bedtime environment
  - Consistent
  - Dark
  - Quiet
  - Co-Sleeping?
- Sleep ROS
  - Snoring/Gasping
  - Excessive movements during sleep
  - Restless Leg Syndrome
  - Abnormal behaviors during sleep
  - Enuresis
- Medications
- Medical and psychiatric history



# When to Refer to Sleep Specialist?

## Respiratory Indications

- **Suspicion for obstructive sleep apnea**
  - Presence of respiratory symptoms or associated symptoms
- **Neurodevelopmental syndromes**
  - Down Syndrome
  - Prader Will
  - Chiari malformation
- **Craniofacial abnormalities**
- **Neuromuscular disorders or abnormal chest wall**
  - Achondroplasia or dysostosis
- **Pre- and post-tonsillectomy in selected cases**

## Non-Respiratory Indications

- **Suspicion for Periodic Limb Movement Disorder (Restless Leg Syndrome)**
- Evaluation of hypersomnia and narcolepsy (with multiple sleep latency test)
- In presence of **frequent or severe** abnormal sleep behaviors (parasomnias as sleepwalking or night terrors, suspicion for epilepsy)
- **(When the case is very unclear and nothing works!)**



# Sleep Diary

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## TWO-WEEK SLEEP DIARY

1. Mark time child gets into bed with a down arrow ↓

3. Shade in periods when child is asleep

5. Mark M if child took any medication with an action on sleep

2. Mark time child gets out of bed with an up arrow ↑

4. Mark W if child was awakened by parent or alarm, or S if child awakened by self self

Day	Date	Mid-Night	1am	2am	3am	4am	5am	6am	7am	8am	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm	11pm	Mid-Night					
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Sat	1-28			Awake							↑				(Example: 2-day record)														↓		

# Hannah's Sleep Diary

... I did not sleep around midnight, woke up and couldn't get back to sleep at about 4 AM, went back to sleep from 5 to 7 AM, and had coffee and medicine at 7:00 in the morning.

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# Charlie's Sleep Diary

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## Criteria for Insomnia *DSM-5*

- Difficulties initiating sleep (**in children without caregiver intervention**)
- Difficulties maintaining sleep characterized by frequent awakening or problems returning to sleep (**in children difficulties to return to sleep without caregiver intervention**)
- **Coexisting mental disorders and medical conditions do not adequately explain the complaint of insomnia**





# Circadian Rhythm Sleep-Wake Disorders *DSM-5*

- Sleep disruption due to a **misalignment** between the **endogenous circadian rhythm** and the sleep–wake **schedule required**
- The sleep disruption leads to excessive sleepiness or insomnia, or both
- **Delayed sleep phase type**: Pattern of delayed sleep onset and awakening times, inability to fall asleep and awaken at a desired or conventionally acceptable earlier times (usually at least 2 hours delay)



# Insomnia



# Epidemiology

- 10% of adolescents meet criteria for an insomnia disorder (however many might be misdiagnosed and in fact have delayed sleep phase)
- Complaints increase with age and are twice as prevalent in women
- High comorbidity with psychiatric and medical disorders



# Pathophysiology of Insomnia

- No clear pathogenesis, likely multifactorial
- **Positive family history** is common
- **Indication of biological hyper-arousal state**
  - Increased activation of Autonomic Nervous System
  - Elevations in brain glucose metabolism in sleep & wake, and smaller sleep-related reductions in brain glucose metabolism in wake-promoting regions at PET studies
  - SWS is generally decreased and increases in faster frequencies (e.g., beta & gamma) are observed in EEG



# Insomnia and Psychiatric & Medical Disorders: Chicken or the egg?

- Traditionally insomnia was conceptualized as a symptom of another psychiatric disorder
- Now also considered a risk factor for depression, anxiety, substance use, suicidal behavior
- DSM-5 allows insomnia diagnosis as a comorbid condition even in presence of a primary psychiatric diagnosis (as depression)



# A Model of Chronic Insomnia

## Predisposing Factors

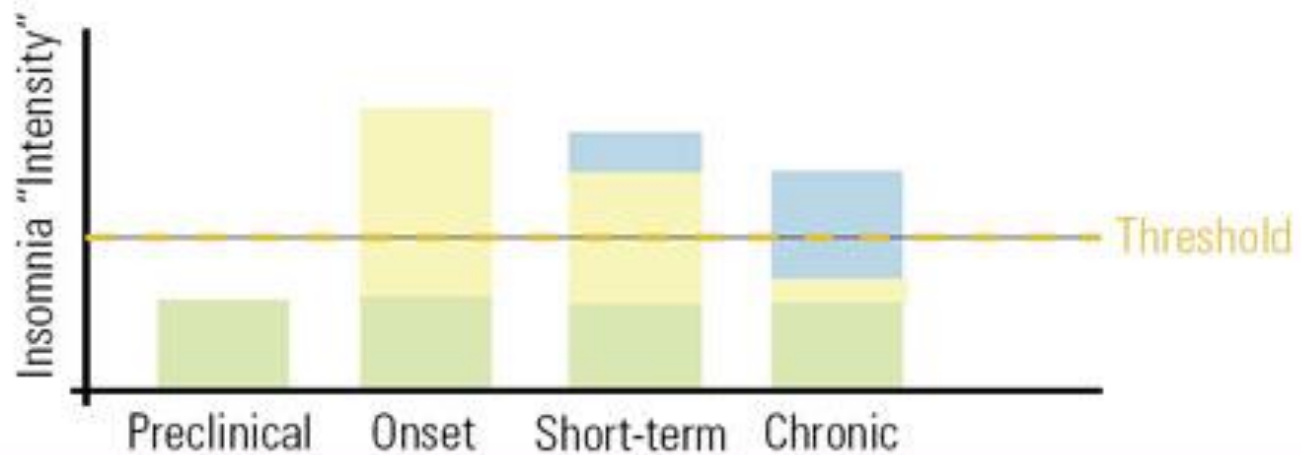
- Biological traits
- Psychological traits
- Social factors

## Precipitating Factors

- Medical illness
- Psychiatric illness
- Stressful life events

## Perpetuating Factors

- Excessive time in bed
- Napping
- Conditioning



# Treatment of Insomnia

- CBT-I
- Biofeedback
- Medications



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# Components of CBT-I for Insomnia

- Education
- Sleep Hygiene
- Correction of Cognitive Distortions
- Stimulus Control (++)
- Sleep Restriction (++)
- Arousal Reduction (Relaxation techniques) (++)
- Circadian Rhythm Maintenance (not strictly part of CBT-I)



# Delivery & Efficacy of CBT-I

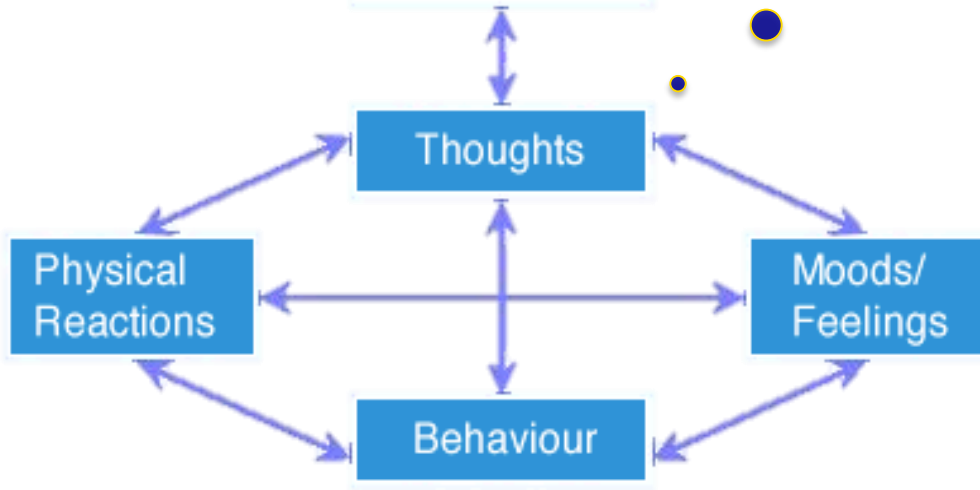
- Typically 4 – 6 sessions (one per week)
- Generally well accepted by patients
- Can be delivered 1:1 or in groups or as web-program
  
- Indicated for all types of insomnia
  
- CBT produces benefits for sleep onset latency, sleep quality, reduces awakenings, increases total sleep time
- **70 – 80%** of patients achieve a therapeutic **response**, whereas about **40% achieve clinical remission**
  
- CBT produces sleep improvements that are sustained over time, a clear advantage compared with drug treatment



# CBT for Insomnia

I won't be able to work  
I'll never sleep well  
What if I can't fall sleep?

Difficulties falling/staying asleep



Muscular tension  
Restlessness  
EDS  
Impaired focus

Anxiety  
Frustration  
Sadness  
Anger

Avoiding going to bed or spending too much time awake in bed  
Watching TV/texting/emailing in bed  
Checking the clock in the middle of the night  
Napping during the day  
Alcohol/Marijuana use before bed



# CBT-I Model of Insomnia

## • **Dysfunctional Thoughts**

- Worry over sleep loss
- Rumination over consequences
- Unrealistic expectations
- Misattributions/ amplifications

## • **Maladaptive Behaviors**

- Excessive time in bed
- Checking the time in bed
- Irregular sleep schedule
- Daytime napping
- Sleep-incompatible activities in bed



# Cognitive Distortions & Misinformation

- Thoughts that contribute to insomnia:
  - **Cognitive Distortions**
    - “I won’t be able to work tomorrow”
  - **Worries and rumination**
    - “I’ll be a wreck if I don’t sleep”
  - **Incorrect beliefs about sleep**
    - “I should not wake up through the night”
    - “If I don’t get 8 hours of sleep, I’ll feel terrible”
  - **Misperception of sleep**
    - “I did not sleep all night”



# CBT-I: Stimulus Control Therapy

The brain needs to salivate sleep in presence of bed



- Based on conditioning theories: learned association between wakefulness and the bed/bedroom
- To break the cycle, the **patient must not spend time wide awake in the bedroom**
- **Go to bed only when sleepy**
- Do not use the bedroom for sleep-incompatible activities – work, email, texts, etc
- **Leave the bedroom if awake for more than 20 minutes**
- **Return to bed only when sleepy**
- **No clock watching** at night (ideally outside bedroom)
- **Do not nap** during the day
- **Arise at the same time every morning**
- While awake @ night- **BORING** activities



## Stimulus Control Therapy (2)

- Use sleep logs to track how much sleep they getting
- Not only use the bed only for sleep, but also sleep only in bed in order to associate the bed only with sleep



# CBT: Sleep Restriction Therapy

- **Reeducate the body to sleep in a consolidated fashion**
- **Increase propensity to sleep by increasing homeostatic sleep drive with partial sleep deprivation**
- Systematic reduction of time in bed to the amount of total sleep time from sleep log data
  - e.g., you must get out of bed after 5-6 hours of sleep
- Increase time in bed by 15 minutes only when sleep efficiency exceeds 90% for 5 nights
- Hold driving
- Avoid in Bipolar Disorder





# Worry Diary

- To address ruminations and worries at night
- The patient is instructed to set aside (10-15 min) once a day in the afternoon to write down ALL the possible worries and start addressing one per day
- This approach tends to decrease worries at bedtime. Occasionally patients might be allowed to write down worries before sleep or in the middle of the night



# Relaxation techniques

- Visual imagery
- Sleep Body Scan (e.g. UCLA podcast/Headspace)
- Progressive muscle relaxation during the day and prior to sleep
- Deep breathing during the day and prior to sleep
- Biofeedback is also indicated in cases not responding to usual relaxation techniques



# Delayed Sleep Phase Disorder



# Delayed Sleep Phase Pathogenesis

- Likely primarily biological
  - Problem with entrainment of circadian clock
  - Abnormal response to light with increased sensitivity to evening light
  - Genetic predisposition (DSPD runs in families)
- Secondary gain and social factors also present



# Differential Diagnosis with Insomnia

- Sleep Diary
- NYC vs SF?
- Vacation?
- Daily variation of energy level?
- Difficulties falling asleep depending of time in bed?



## Delayed Sleep Phase Disorder is associated with:

More depression and anxiety symptoms

Suicidality

Aggressive and antisocial behavior, and rule-breaking

Poor self-regulation

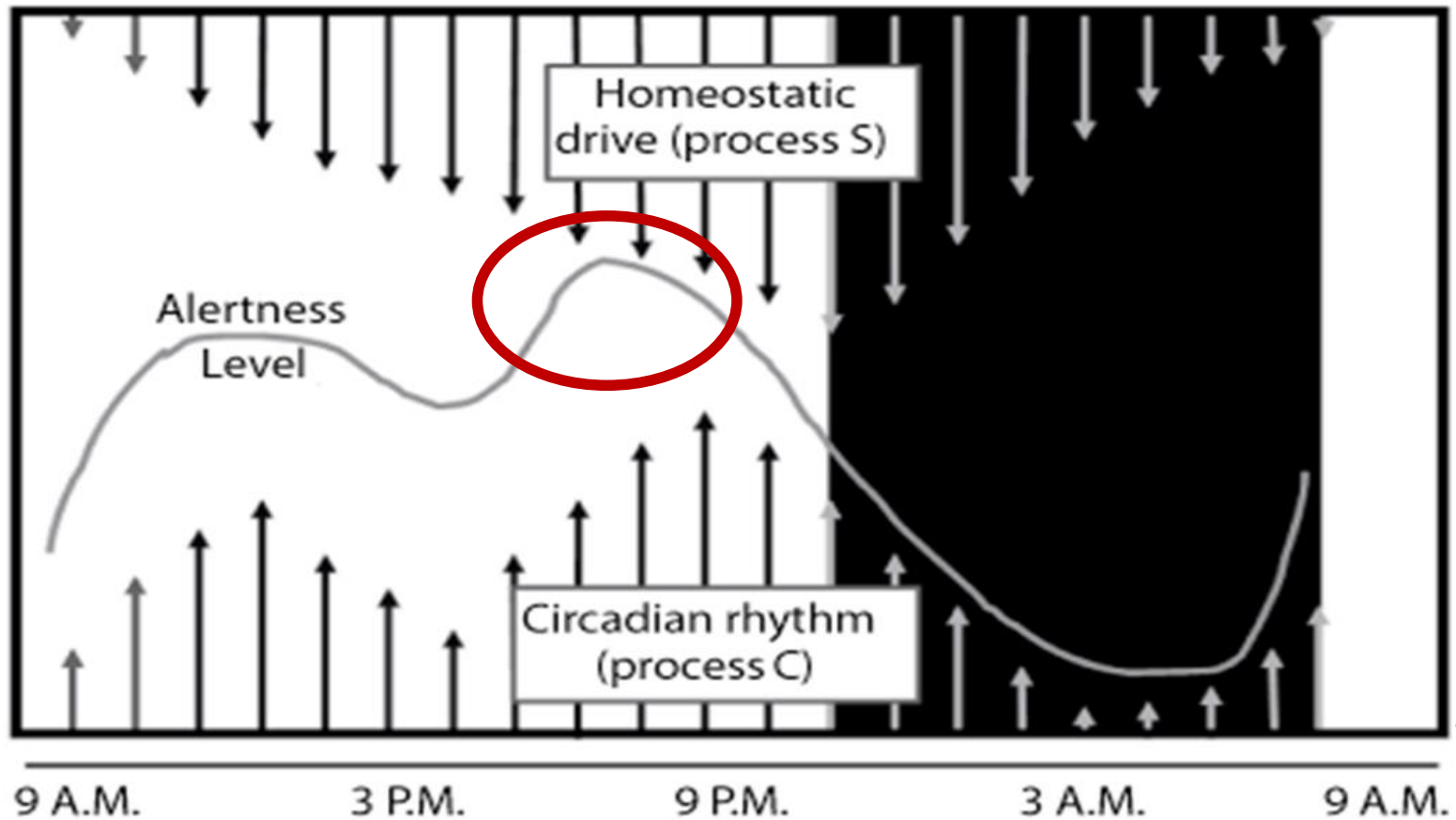
Greater use of alcohol and nicotine

Greater tendency for impulsivity

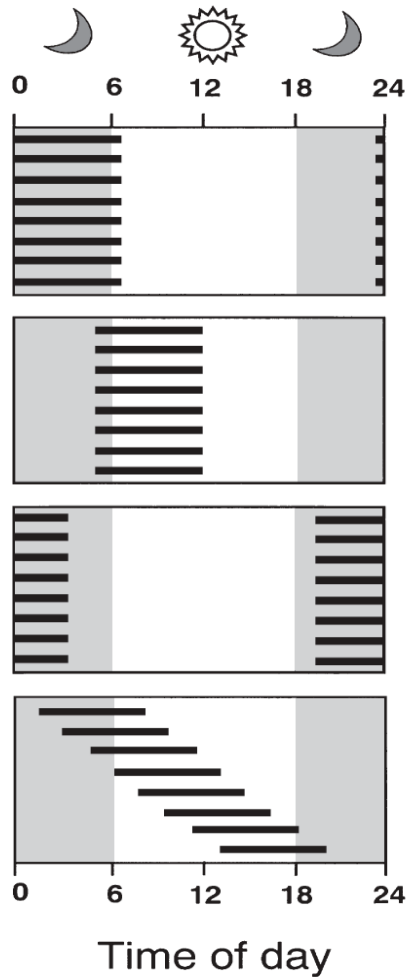
Phase advance is associated with improved mood and decreased anxiety both



# Sleep Regulation



# Circadian Sleep Preferences



Normal

Delayed Sleep Phase



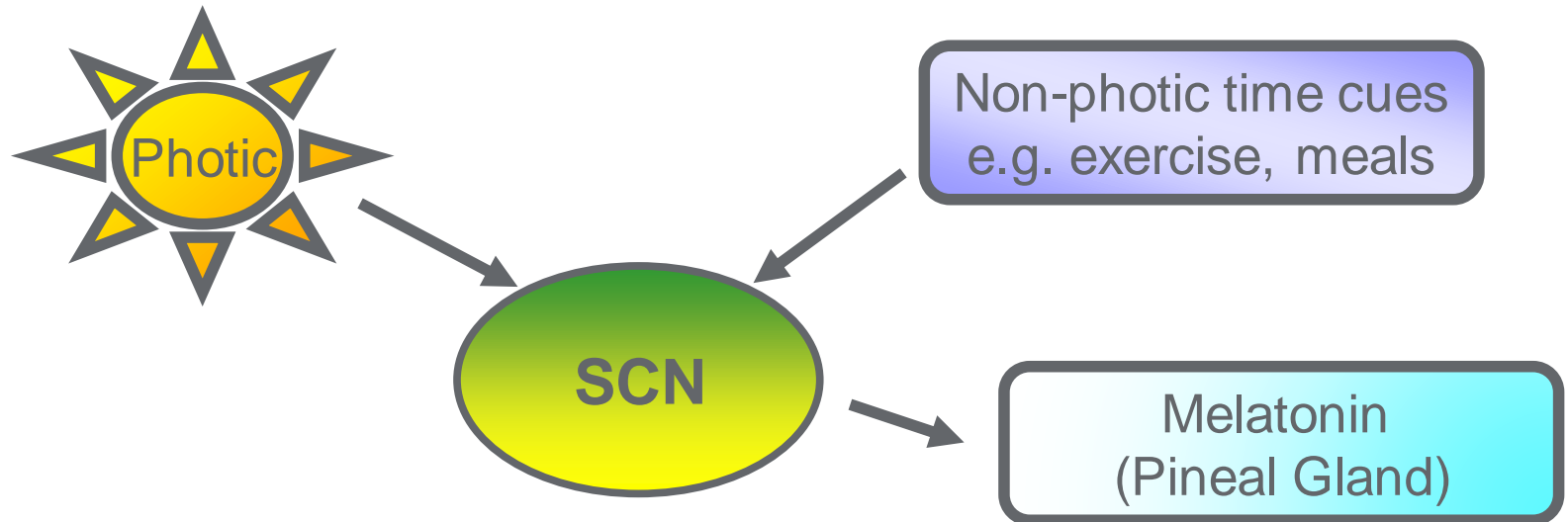
Advanced Sleep Phase

“Free-running”



# Process C: the master clock SCN

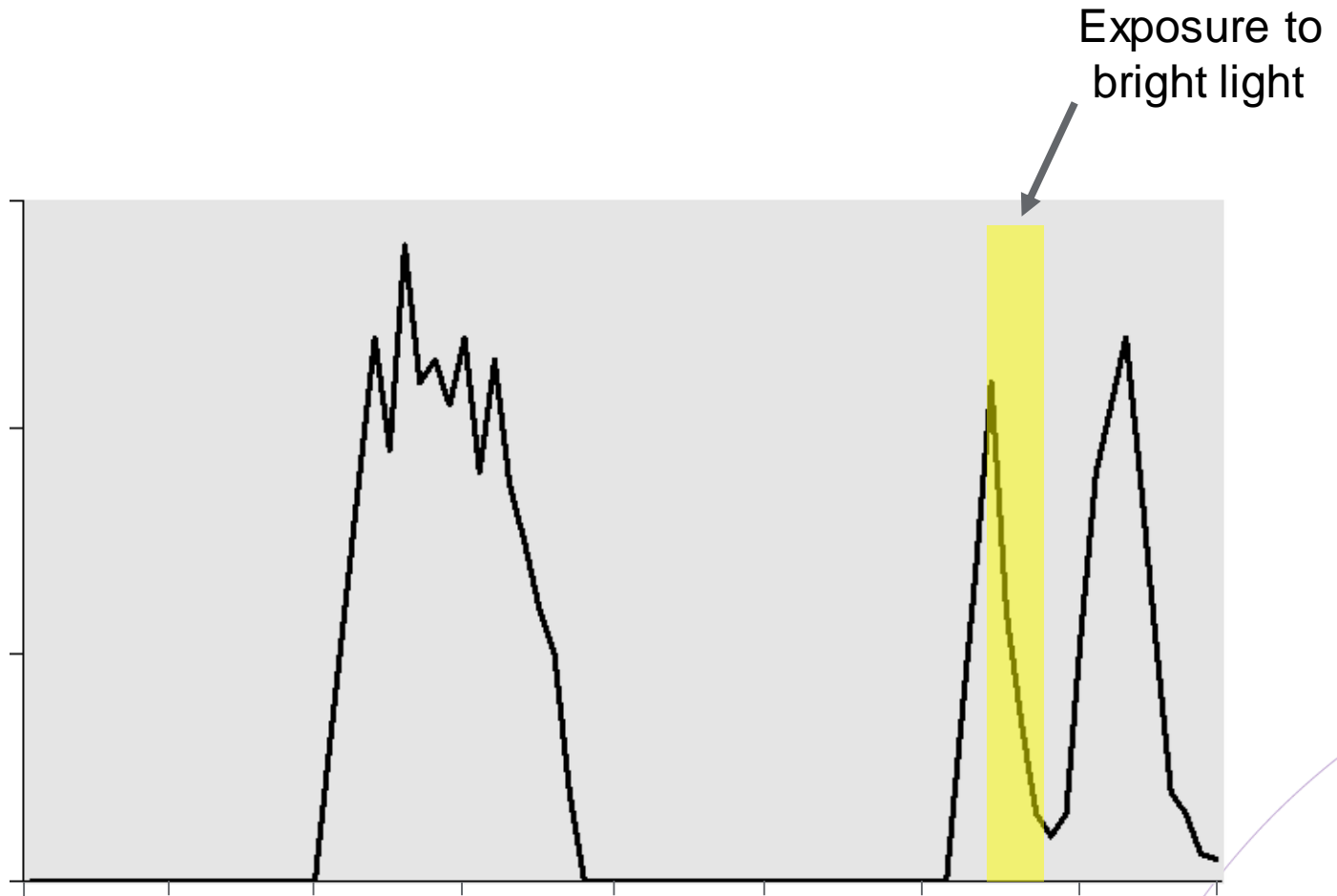
## Influences on timing of the circadian pacemaker



- SCN period is not exactly 24 hours, usually slightly longer
- External time cues necessary for constant entrainment
- Light is the most important time cue (zeitgeber) to reset the master clock
- SCN stimulates timed melatonin secretion



# Light suppresses melatonin and affects the phase

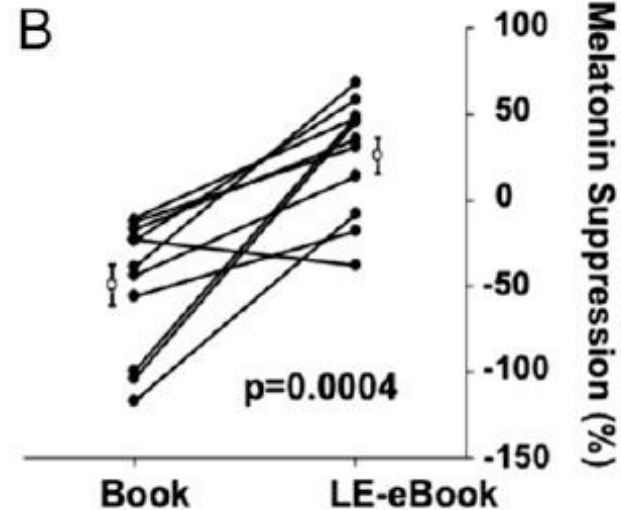
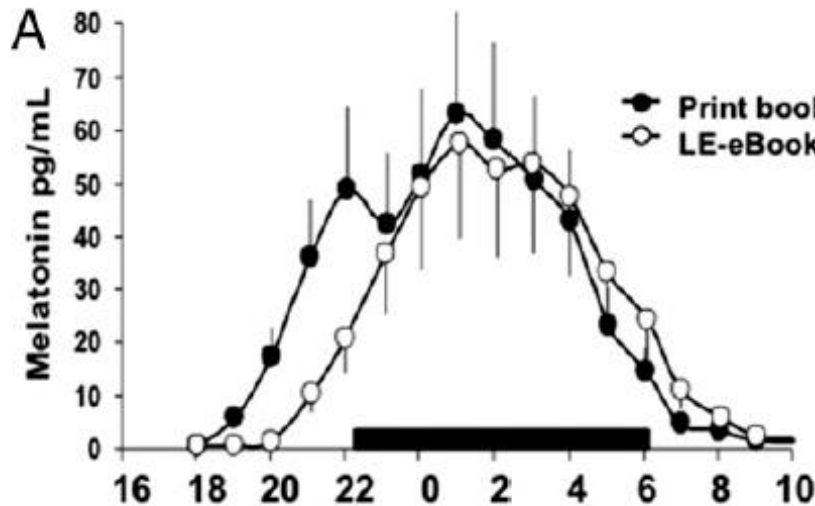


# Evening use of light-emitting eReaders negatively affects sleep, circadian timing, and next-morning alertness

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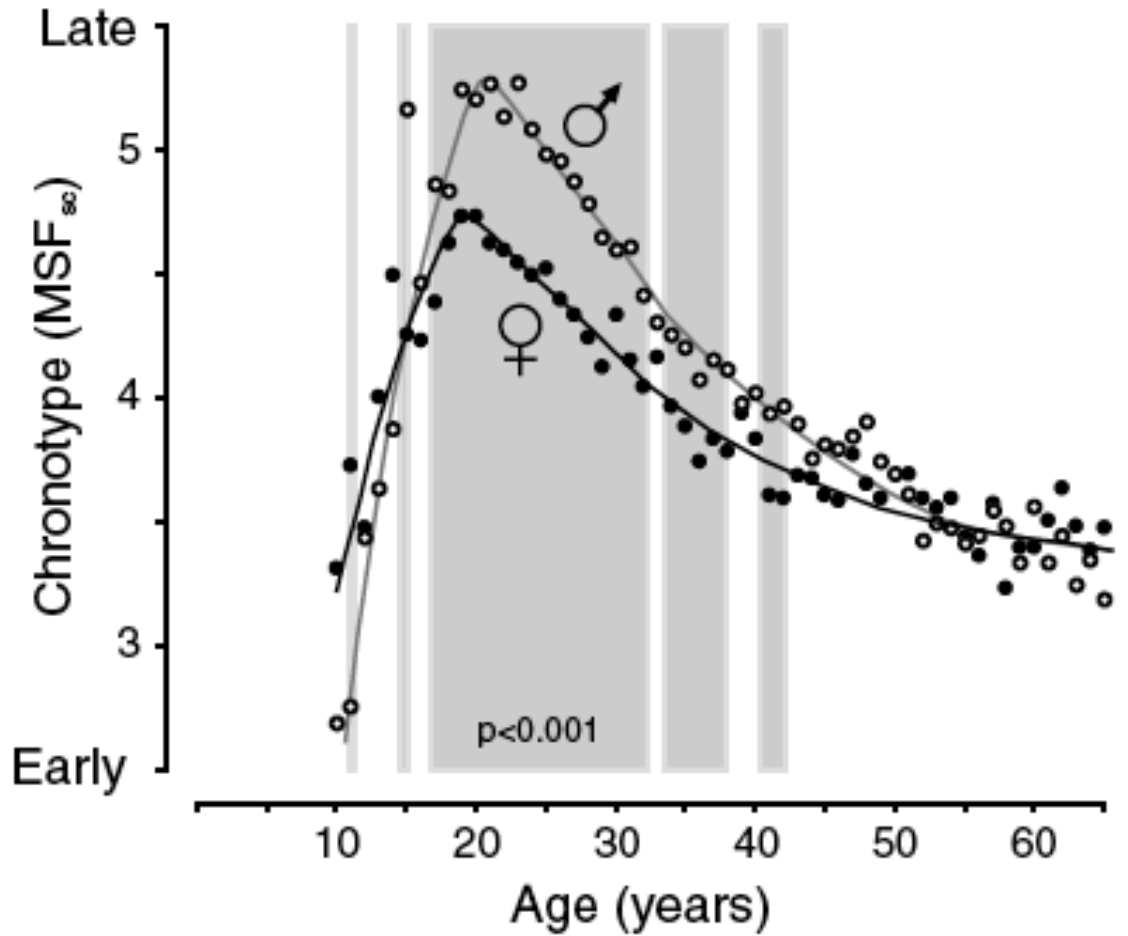
## Melatonin secretion times shift with age

- Adult melatonin production begins around 6-8 PM and peaks until 4 AM, stopping production around 5 AM
- Adolescent melatonin production begins around 11 PM and peaks until 7 AM, stopping around 8 AM
- Waking at 7 AM for a teenager is like waking at 4 am for an adult
- Basis for delayed high school start

Carrell et al, 2011



# Circadian preference shifts with age



# Treatment of Delayed Sleep Phase

- Education
- Strict sleep hygiene
- Phase Shift
  - Phase Advance
  - Phase Delay (chronotherapy)
  - Bright light
  - Melatonin



# Treatment DSPD: Education

- Sleep regulation and two-process model
- Need to avoid weekend “jet lag”
- Effect of light exposure on melatonin
- Motivation- Negotiation- Leverage



# Treatment DSPD: Sleep Hygiene

- Regular wake-time and bedtime ( $\pm 2$  hours)
- Sleep-conducive bedtime routines
- **Dim light (sunglasses) 1-2 hours prior to sleep**
- **Bright light ?- WHEN**
- Adequate sleep environment
- Avoidance of stimulating activities 1-2 hours prior to bedtime
- No napping during the day
- No caffeine, alcohol, MJ





# Light Therapy for Delayed Sleep Phase



- Light exposure in AM
- Dim light/sunglasses/F.Lux
- Rule of thumb- Light after the latest wake up time (usually weekend)
- Dose 2,000 -10,000 lux- time varies accordingly
- Advance of bedtime/wake-time
  - 30 min every 3 days to once a week
- 30 min of light maintenance dose at wake time if necessary
- Melatonin 0.5 mg 4 hours prior to scheduled sleep time can also be used



# Chronotherapy (Phase Delay)

- Move bedtime and rising time **later** each day, around the clock
- Stop when the person is sleeping on a normal schedule.
- Family support is essential

Example....

Day 1: sleep 04:00 to 12:00

Day 2: sleep 07:00 to 15:00

Day 3: sleep 10:00 to 18:00

Day 4: sleep 13:00 to 21:00

Day 5: sleep 16:00 to 00:00

Day 6: sleep 19:00 to 03:00

Day 7 to 13: sleep 22:00 to 06:00

Day 14 and thereafter: sleep 23:00 to 07:00



# Treatment of Delayed Sleep Phase

## Don't Forget

- Light is a treatment... Misuse is dangerous and common.
- Psychiatric co-morbidities are high
- Actigraphy & diary for compliance
- Inform school
- No naps to preserve homeostatic sleep drive
- Chronic treatment is common
- Enlist help of family and friends for adherence
- Warn of increased potential sleepiness until treatment is completed
- Secondary gain is common



# Hannah's bright light time

Initial time of bright light

... I fell asleep around midnight, woke up and couldn't get back to sleep at about 4 AM, went back to sleep from 5 to 7 AM, and had coffee and medicine at 7:00 in the morning.

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# Medications for Insomnia

## OTC

- Antihistamines
- Melatonin
- Herbals/Supplements

## Prescription FDA approved in adults

- BZDs\*
- NonBzRAs\*
- Melatonin receptor agonists\*
- Low dose doxepin\*

## Other Prescription

- Alpha agonists
- Antidepressants
- Antipsychotics
- Anticonvulsants
- Other



# Insomnia medications in children

- There are currently no sleep medications labeled for use in children by the FDA
- Little empirical data: case reports/series
- Few pediatric randomized controlled trials
- Basis of use generally extrapolation adult data
- Clinical experience guides usage



# Melatonin

- Mechanism: supplementation effects endogenous pineal hormone
- Has both hypnotic (MT1) and chronobiotic (MT2) properties
- Pharmacokinetics: plasma levels peak 1 hr
- Effects sleep architecture: minimal
- Concentration may vary (pharmaceutical grade)





# Melatonin

- Mild side effects
- No long term effects known
- Dosing:
  - Hypnotic: 0.1-1 mg younger, 2.5-3mg older, 5 mg adol; up to 10 mg special needs reported;
  - Chronobiotic: 0.5 mg 5-7 hours before habitual sleep onset
- Timing of dose dependent on DLMO (3-6 hrs prior)?

van Geijswijk 2010



# Melatonin: Pediatric Studies

- RCT PC/DB melatonin for idiopathic insomnia in healthy children
- Children with chronic sleep onset insomnia
- (n=72) received either melatonin 0.05, 0.1, and 0.15 mg/kg or placebo x 1 wk
- Melatonin advanced SO and DLMO by ~1hr and decreased SOL by 35min (actigraphy)

van Geijlswick 2010



# Melatonin: Pediatric Studies (ADHD)

- Premise: Children with ADHD have a delayed endogenous circadian clock
- ADHD patients with sleep onset insomnia vs normal controls have significantly later sleep onset, morning wake time, melatonin onset
- Several studies suggest 5 mg bedtime melatonin significantly shortens SOL in children with ADHD

Smits et al 2001, 2003; Van der Heijden et al 2005,2007; Weiss 2006



# Melatonin: Pediatric Studies (ASD)

- Several studies suggest alterations of melatonin secretion in children with ASD:
- Daytime elevation, lack of or later nighttime elevation, decreased amplitude
- Growing evidence melatonin effective in treating sleep-onset and possibly maintenance insomnia in ASD
- Open label, RCT
- Improvement sleep latency; minimal adverse effects
- Dose range 1-6mg

# Diphenidramine: Pediatric Studies

- Double-blind RCT 50 children 1mg/kg: subjective improvement SOL, NW (Russo 1976)
- “TIRED” study
- Design: 44 **6-15 month olds** with night wakings
- 1-week DB, PC RCT; f/up 2,4 wks
- Outcomes: subjective improvement night wakings, SOL
- Results: 1/22 DPH vs 3/22 improvement (!)
- Data safety monitoring board stopped trial due to lack of efficacy  
(Merenstein 2006)



# Hypnotics: Benzodiazepines

- BzD GABA-A receptor agonists
- Examples: temazepam, triazolam, clonazepam
- Anticonvulsant, anxiolytic, myorelaxant properties
- Decrease SOL, WASO; increase TST
- Effects on sleep architecture: most suppress SWS, variable REM, decreases arousals
- Side effects:
  - Potential daytime sedation/cognitive impairment, rebound insomnia; anterograde amnesia, disinhibition
  - Respiratory depression; relative contraindication OSA
  - Dependence/abuse potential
- Limited utility in children



# Non-Benzodiazepine RAs

- Non-BzD GABAA receptor agonists:
  - Short-acting (zaleplon, zolpidem)
  - Sleep maintenance (eszopiclone, zolpidem-CR)
  - Greater selectivity, improved safety profile; lower risk dependence
  - Mechanism: binds GABA; high affinity BZD receptor agonist
- Side effects:
  - Daytime drowsiness
  - Headache, dizziness, confusion, anterograde amnesia; some rebound insomnia
  - Hallucinations
  - Complex sleep-related behaviors



## NBZDRAs: Pediatric Studies

- Open-label, dose-escalation, PK/PD study (2-18yo)
- Effect of age group significant for AUC ( $p=0.02$ ); recommended max 20mg
- Mean SOL decrease 5 min; TST increase 20 min
- Sleep parameters exhibited considerable variability and potential paradoxical effects. PK measures not predictive of sleep outcomes
- Role of age-related differences in concentrations of GABA receptors and degrees of maturity of the inhibitory circuitry in children





# Zolpidem Pediatric Study

- RDBPC Trial of Zolpidem for insomnia associated with ADHD
- N = 201 (6-17 y/o), 0.25 mg/kg, max dose 10 mg
- No change in mean SOL or TST at week 4 vs. placebo
  - Subjective sleep improvement noted
- No residual sedation/rebound
- Side Effects: dizziness, H/A, hallucinations (7%)
- Children may require > dose than adults

• Blumer et al, 2009



# Eszopiclone Pediatric Study

- Eszopiclone for ADHD related insomnia
  - 12 week RDBPC trial, 6-11 y/o (1-2 mg) & 12-17 y/o (2-3 mg), N=486
  - 12 month open label extension for safety (N≈300)
  - No difference between placebo and active treatment on SOL (PSG), WASO (PSG), CGI, ADHD scales
  - Side Effects: headache, dysgeusia (distorted taste), dizziness, 11% d/c due to adverse effects
  - No rebound insomnia upon d/c
- Sangal et al, 2014



# Other Agents

- Alpha-2 Agonists
- Antidepressants (\*doxepine)
- Antipsychotics/Mood Stabilizers



# **ASAP ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY REVIEW COURSE**

## **Adolescent Mood Disorders: Part III**

### **Bipolar Disorder Adolescents**

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# Bipolar Disorder: General Introduction

- Bipolar disorder is a biologically based disorder that causes unusual shifts in a person's mood, energy, and impairs their ability to function.
- It causes dramatic mood swings - from overly "high" *and/or* irritable mood to sad and hopeless mood, and then back again.
- In older adolescents and adults there are often periods of normal mood in between.
- These mood related changes are accompanied by severe changes in energy and behavior.
- The periods of highs and lows are called **episodes** of mania and depression.

# Symptoms of Bipolar Disorder: Mania or Manic Episode

- Increased energy, activity, and restlessness
- Excessively "high," euphoric mood
- Extreme irritability
- Racing thoughts, talking very fast, jumping from one idea to another
- Distractibility, inability to concentrate
- Decreased need for sleep
- Unrealistic beliefs in one's abilities and powers

# Symptoms of Bipolar Disorder: Manic Episode

- Poor judgment
- Spending sprees
- Increased sexual drive
- Abuse of drugs, particularly cocaine, alcohol, and sleeping medications
- Provocative, intrusive, or aggressive behavior
- Denial that anything is wrong
- A manic episode is diagnosed if elevated mood occurs with three or more of the other symptoms most of the day, nearly every day, for 1 week or longer. If the mood is irritable, four additional symptoms must be present.

# Symptoms of Bipolar Disorder: Hypomania

- A mild to moderate level of mania is called “**hypomania**”.
- Hypomania may feel good to the person who experiences it and may be associated with good functioning and enhanced productivity.
- Without proper treatment, however, hypomania can become more severe in some people or can switch into depression.



# Symptoms of Bipolar Disorder:

## Depressive Episode

- Sad, anxious, or empty mood
- Feelings of hopelessness or pessimism
- Feelings of guilt, worthlessness, or helplessness
- Loss of interest or pleasure in activities once enjoyed, including sex
- Decreased energy, a feeling of fatigue or of being "slowed down"
- Difficulty concentrating, remembering, making decisions
- Restlessness or irritability

# Symptoms of Bipolar Disorder:

## Depressive Episode

- Sleeping too much, or can't sleep
- Change in appetite and/or unintended weight loss or gain
- Chronic pain or other persistent bodily symptoms that are not caused by physical illness or injury
- Thoughts of death or suicide, or suicide attempts
- A depressive episode is diagnosed if five or more of these symptoms last most of the day, nearly every day, for a period of 2 weeks or longer.

# Mood Swings & Symptoms of Psychosis

- Severe episodes of mania or depression can include symptoms of psychosis (or psychotic symptoms).
- Common psychotic symptoms are hallucinations and delusions.
- Psychotic symptoms in bipolar disorder tend to reflect the extreme mood state at the time (are mood congruent).
- People with bipolar disorder who have these symptoms are sometimes incorrectly diagnosed as having schizophrenia.

# Bipolar Disorder and Suicide

- Bipolar disorder can result in an increased risk of suicide.
- This increased risk seems to be higher earlier in the course of the illness.
- Recognizing bipolar disorder early and learning how best to manage it may decrease the suicidal risk.

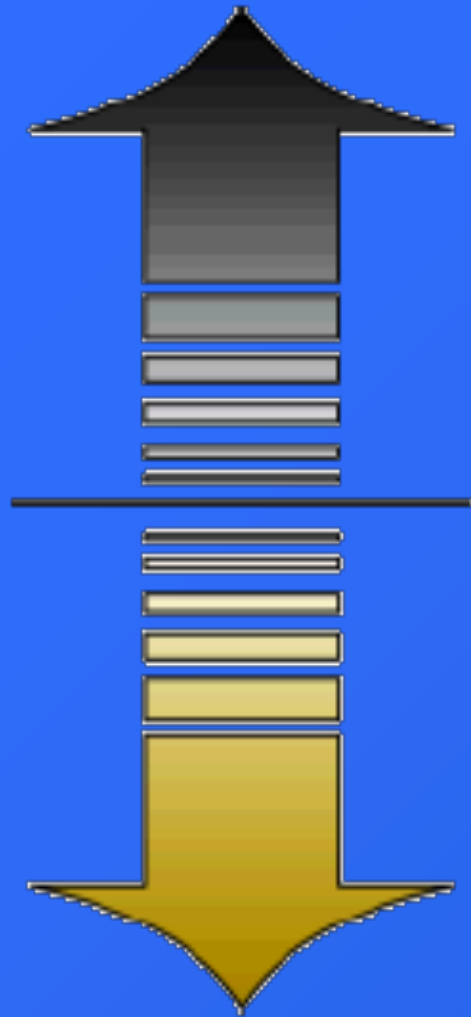
# Suggestions of Suicidal Risk

- talking about feeling suicidal or wanting to die
- feeling hopeless - nothing will ever change or get better
- feeling helpless - nothing I do makes any difference
- feeling like a burden to family and friends
- alcohol or drug abuse
- putting affairs in order or giving away possessions to prepare for one's death
- suicide note
- putting oneself in situations where there is a danger of being killed

# Bipolar Spectrum Disorders

- It may be helpful to think of the various mood states in bipolar disorder as a spectrum or continuous range.
- At one end is severe depression, above which is moderate depression and then mild low mood.
- This mild low mood is often short-lived (it is termed "dysthymia" when it is chronic).
- Then there is normal or balanced mood, above which comes hypomania (mild to moderate mania), and then severe mania.

# Bipolar Spectrum Disorders



severe mania

hypomania (mild to moderate mania)

normal/balanced mood

mild to moderate depression

severe depression

# Bipolar Disorder: Mixed States

- Symptoms of mania and depression may occur together in what is called a mixed state.
- Symptoms of a mixed state often include agitation, trouble sleeping, significant change in appetite, psychosis, and suicidal thinking.
- This may be accompanied by a sad, hopeless mood while feeling extremely energized.



# Diagnosis of Bipolar Disorder Subtypes

- The classic form of the disorder involves *recurrent episodes of both mania and depression* (Bipolar I).
- In some cases the person never develops severe mania, but experiences *milder episodes of hypomania that alternate with depression* (Bipolar II).
- When four or more episodes of illness occur within a 12-month period, a person is said to have *rapid-cycling bipolar disorder*.
- Some people experience multiple episodes within a single week, or even within a single day.
- Rapid cycling tends to develop later in the course of illness and is more common among women than among men.

# Adolescent Bipolar Disorder

- Bipolar disorder can emerge in early childhood but may not be clearly identified until adolescence
- Mothers often report that as children they were extremely difficult to soothe and slept erratically.
- They seemed extraordinarily clingy and, from a very young age, often displayed uncontrollable, seizure-like tantrums or rages out of proportion to any event.
- These severe tantrums often appear to be without provocation.

# Frequency of Adolescent Bipolar Disorder

- Prevalence is largely unknown as there are no well accepted criteria for the diagnosis of Adolescent Bipolar disorder
- The best guess is that the disorder occurs at least as often as adult bipolar disorder (e.g., about 1%)
- May be significantly under diagnosed in adolescents.

# Frequency of Adolescent Bipolar Disorder

- It is suspected that a significant number of adolescents diagnosed with ADHD at an early age actually have early-onset bipolar disorder instead of (or along with) ADHD.
- According to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, up to one-third of children and adolescents with depressive disorders may actually have early onset of bipolar disorder.
- 20 to 40 % of adults with Bipolar Disorder report a childhood onset of symptoms.

## Adolescent Bipolar Disorder: Clinical Presentation

- As with adults, Bipolar disorder in adolescents is viewed a serious mental disorder
- Characterized by recurrent episodes of depression, mania, and/or mixed symptom states.

# Adolescent Bipolar Disorder: Clinical Presentation

- While older adolescents often have a clinical presentation that is somewhat similar to that seen with adults.
- The clinical presentation of early-onset bipolar disorder in children can look quite different than that seen in older individuals.

# Adolescent Bipolar Disorder: Clinical Presentation

- Most cases of adolescents with bipolar disorder do not present with the sudden or acute onset often found with adults.
- Most do not show the improvement between episodes, often found with adult bipolar disorder.
- With adolescents the symptom onset may be more insidious.

# Adolescent Bipolar Disorder: Clinical Presentation

- With children,
  - initial symptoms of the disorder can be depressive in nature
    - With these being confused with and treated as MDD.
  - In other cases, ADHD like symptoms appear first
    - with these symptoms being followed later by a full manic episode.
- Unlike adults - adolescents in a manic state are more likely to be irritable and prone to destructive outbursts than to be elated or euphoric.



# Adolescent Bipolar Disorder: Clinical Presentation

- Adolescents more often show
  - rapid cycling and mixed states rather than clear manic or clear depressive episodes, and
  - an “ongoing and continuous mood disturbance that is a mix of mania (or hypomania) and depression”.
- The rapid and severe cycling between moods produces chronic irritability and few clear periods of wellness between episodes.

## Adolescent Bipolar Disorder: Clinical Presentation

- Depression and dysphoria are an almost constant part of pediatric bipolar disorder.
- As noted earlier, hyperactivity is often the first manifestation of early-onset bipolar disorder.
- When adolescents are initially seen because of bipolar symptoms,
  - approximately 90% of early-onset, and
  - 30 % of adolescents with bipolar disorder meet criteria for a diagnosis of ADHD.
- Comorbid conduct disorder is common.

# Bipolar Disorder vs. ADHD

## **Bipolar Disorder (Mania)**

1. More talkative than usual, or pressure to keep talking
2. Distractibility
3. Increase in goal directed activity or *psychomotor agitation*

## **ADHD**

1. Often talks excessively
2. Is often easily distracted by extraneous stimuli
3. Is often “on the go” or often acts as if “driven by a motor”

**Differentiation:** Elated mood, Grandiosity, Decreased need for sleep, Hypersexuality, and Irritable mood.

Hart (2005)

# Adolescent Bipolar Disorder: Comorbidity

- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
  - Between 60 - 80% display symptoms
- Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD) & Conduct Disorder (CD)
  - 70 - 75%
- Substance Abuse (adolescents)
  - 40 - 50%
- Anxiety Disorders
  - 35- 40%

# Adolescent Bipolar Disorder: Genetics

- Bipolar Disorder has a heavy genetic loading
- In the general population, a conservative estimate of an individual's risk of bipolar disorder is about 1.2 %.
- More than two-thirds of those with bipolar disorder have at least one close relative with the disorder or with unipolar major depression

# Adolescent Bipolar Disorder: Genetics

- When one parent has bipolar disorder, the risk to each child is about 15 – 30 %
- When both parents have bipolar disorder, the risk increases to 50 – 75 %
- The risk to siblings and fraternal twins=15 – 27 %
- The risk in identical twins is approximately 70 %

# Etiology :What is Inherited?

- A significant question is What is Inherited??
- The answer is not entirely clear, but ...
  - It's believed this condition is caused by an imbalance in neurotransmitters.
  - a low or high level of a specific neurotransmitter such as serotonin, norepinephrine or dopamine is the likely cause.
  - Others have suggested that it is an imbalance of these substances that may be the problem
  - Here, a specific level of a neurotransmitter may not as important as its amount in relation to the other neurotransmitters.
  - Still other studies have found evidence that a change in the sensitivity of the receptors may be the issue.
  - It seems likely that the neurotransmitter system is at least part of the cause of bipolar disorder, but further research is still needed to define its exact role.

# Etiology of Bipolar Disorder

## Environmental Factors

- That more than hereditary is involved in Bipolar Disorder is indicated by the fact that in studies involving identical twins, raised in the same home, one twin sometimes develops bipolar disorder while one does not .
- Here it is suggested that environmental factors may play a role in bipolar disorder.
- For some, stresses such as a death in the family, divorce, or other traumatic events seem to trigger a first episode of mania or depression.



# Etiology of Bipolar Disorder

## Environmental Factors

- Puberty may trigger the disorder in adolescent females.
- Stressful life events can lead to the onset
  - Once the disorder is triggered and progresses, it seems to develop a life of its own.
  - Once the cycle begins, a psychological or pathophysiological process takes over and ensures that the disorder will continue.
- The best explanation for this disorder seems to be reflected in the "Diathesis-Stress Model."
- Genetics PLUS environmental precipitants.

# Treatment of Adolescent Bipolar Disorder

- Treatment of adolescents with bipolar disorder is generally similar to adults with this disorder.
  - Less is known about the effectiveness & safety of the medications used.
  - Lithium appears to frequently have a strong prophylactic effect against mania, and is sometimes used with adolescents.

# Treatment of Adolescent Bipolar Disorder

- As with adults, anti-convulsants are often used to control rapid cycling and aggressive behavior.
  - Depakote – an anti-convulsant – used to control rapid cycling.
  - Tergetol – an anti-convulsant – has anti-manic and anti-aggressive qualities.
  - Other anti-convulsants (Neurontin, Lamictal, Topamax)

Sometimes these are used in combination with Lithium.

# Treatment of Adolescent Bipolar Disorder

- As with adults, certain antipsychotic drugs may also be used to control symptoms.

Included here are atypical antipsychotic medications such as Clozaril®, Zyprexa®, Risperdal®, and Seroquel®.

- Such drugs have been shown to sometimes function as mood stabilizers in cases where drugs like lithium and anticonvulsants may not work
- They are used to deal with acute mania, and/or to treat psychotic depression.

# Issues in the Pharmacological Treatment of Adolescent Bipolar Disorder

- Bipolar youth often require multiple medications for mood stabilization, treatment of attention problems, depression, and sometimes psychotic symptoms.
- There can, however, be risks with drug treatments
- Problems can arise in cases of misdiagnosis.
- Sometimes adolescents with undiagnosed bipolar disorder are mistakenly treated for MDD with antidepressants.

# Issues in the Pharmacological Treatment of Adolescent Bipolar Disorder

- Treating such adolescent with antidepressants (in the absence of a mood stabilizer) can precipitate a manic episode.
- In adolescents with ADHD symptoms, treatment with stimulant drugs (in the absence of a mood stabilizer) can result in manic symptoms and/or worsen symptoms.

# Issues in Pharmacological Treatment of Adolescent Bipolar Disorder

- It is difficult to determine which adolescent will become manic or experience a worsening of symptoms.
- There is a greater likelihood among adolescents with a strong family history of bipolar disorder.
- Medication side effects in adolescents.
- Risk of intoxication with lithium in adolescents, i.e. dehydration
- Risk of metabolic syndrome
- Severe teratogenic effects in pregnant adolescents

# Additional Treatment Approaches

- **As with adults, treatments in addition to medication are often necessary to assist adolescents with bipolar disorder and their families.**
- **These interventions may involve**
  - Educating the family about the nature of adolescent bipolar disorder and involving the family in treatment.
  - Insuring that the adolescent receive the special educational services necessary to prevent them from falling behind academically
  - Appropriate classroom accommodations to help them function effectively in the academic environment.
  - Family and individual approaches to therapy should be provided as necessary.



# Examples of Educational Accommodations

- **Provide student with a safe place and person to go to when feeling overwhelmed or stressed**
- **Shortened day (permit late start as needed)**
- **Prior notice of transitions**
- **Consistent schedule**
- **Scheduling the student's most challenging tasks at a time of day when she/he is best able to perform**
- **Modified or shortened assignments**
- **Adjust for medication needs, dispensing, as well as plans for addressing side effects (e.g., sedation)**

Hart (2005)

# CURRENT TRENDS OF DESIGNER DRUG USE IN ADOLESCENTS

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- DESIGNER DRUGS
- LEGAL HIGHS
- LEGAL & ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE USE
- LEGAL INTOXICANTS

# Definition of “Legal Highs”

- A substance with stimulant or mood altering properties whose sale or use is not banned by current legislation regarding the misuse of the drugs.

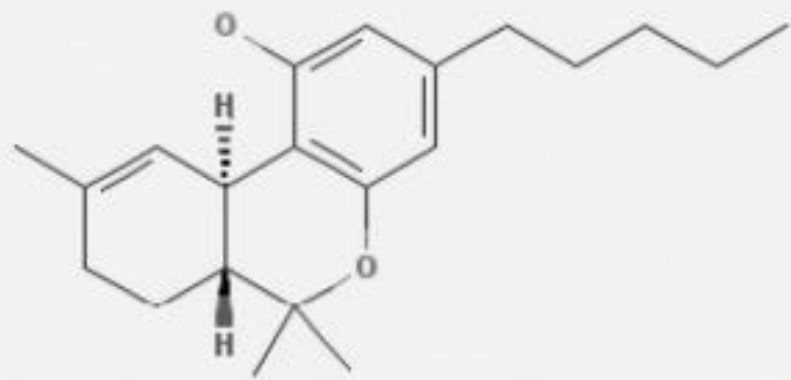
- *(Oxford Dictionary)*

# Legal Intoxicants

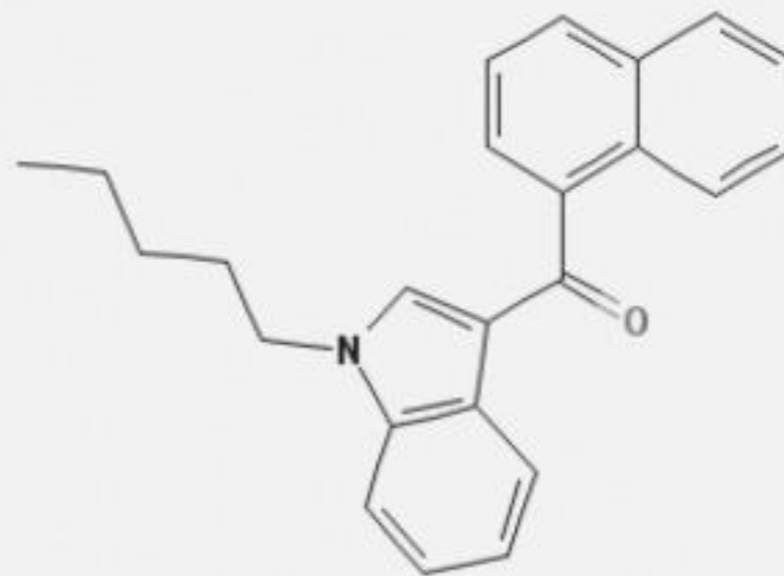
- × intoxicating drugs which are not prohibited by drug laws
- × the most commonly used intoxicant is alcohol
- × native intoxicating plants historically used by indigenous cultures
- × modern chemical intoxicating substances that have not been defined as illegal, i.e. many synthetic cannabinoids and cathinones

# Why Designer Drugs in the First Place?

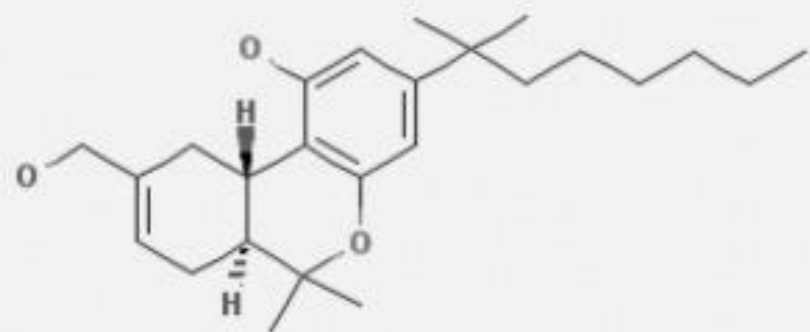
- Legal
- Good effects
- Readily available - online, convenience stores
- Some people prefer the edgier high
- Exploring new experiences
- **Not detected in most routine drug tests**



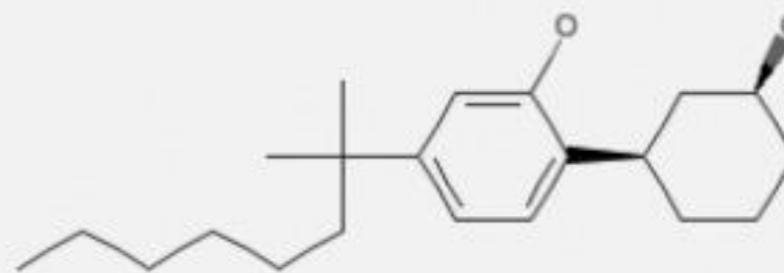
tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)



JWH-018



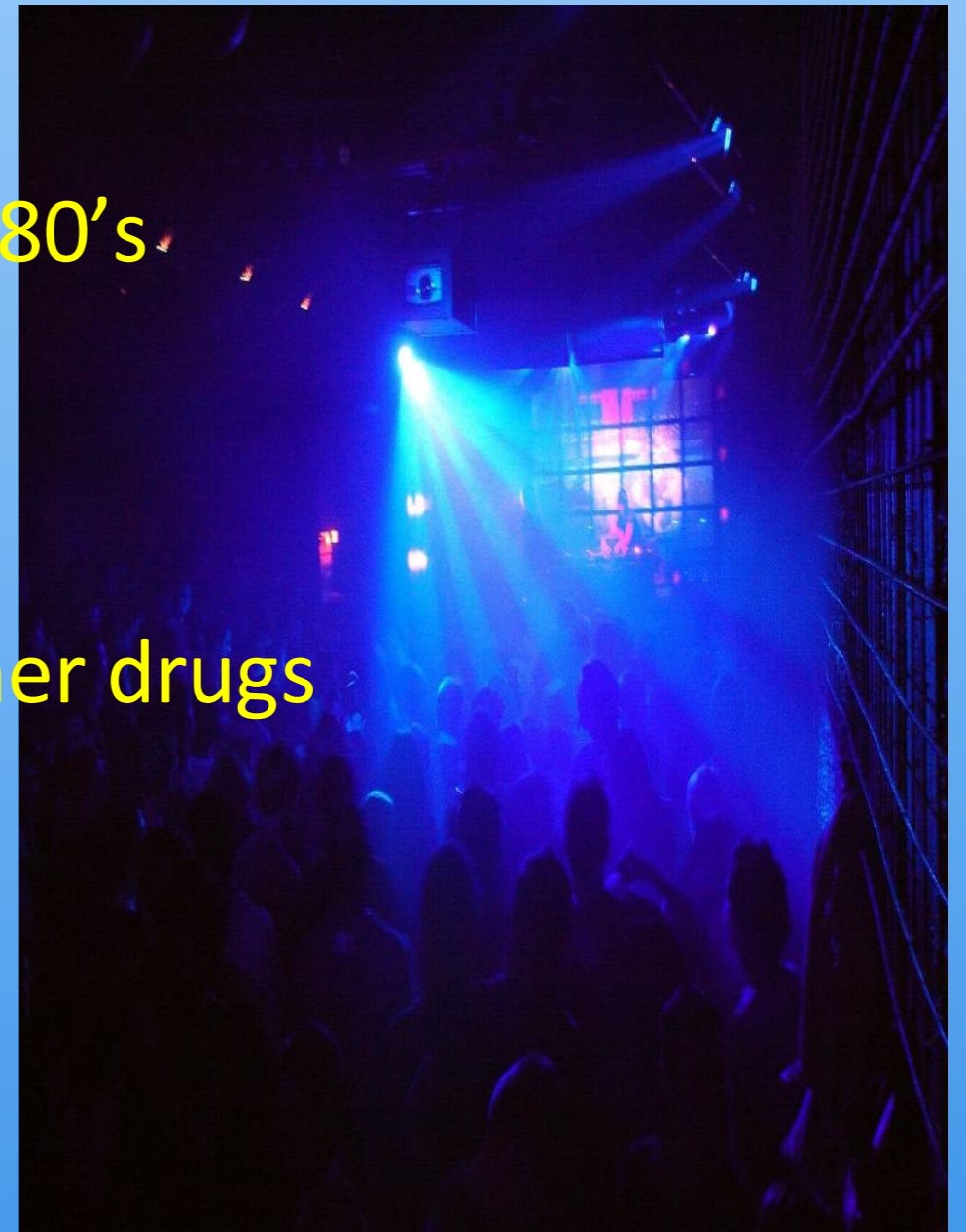
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# HISTORY OF DESIGNER DRUGS

- Modern use of the term in the mid-1980's
- MDMA (Ecstasy)
- In the 1990's, explosion of new designer drugs





# Synthetic Cannabinoids Then

## 2004 – 2008

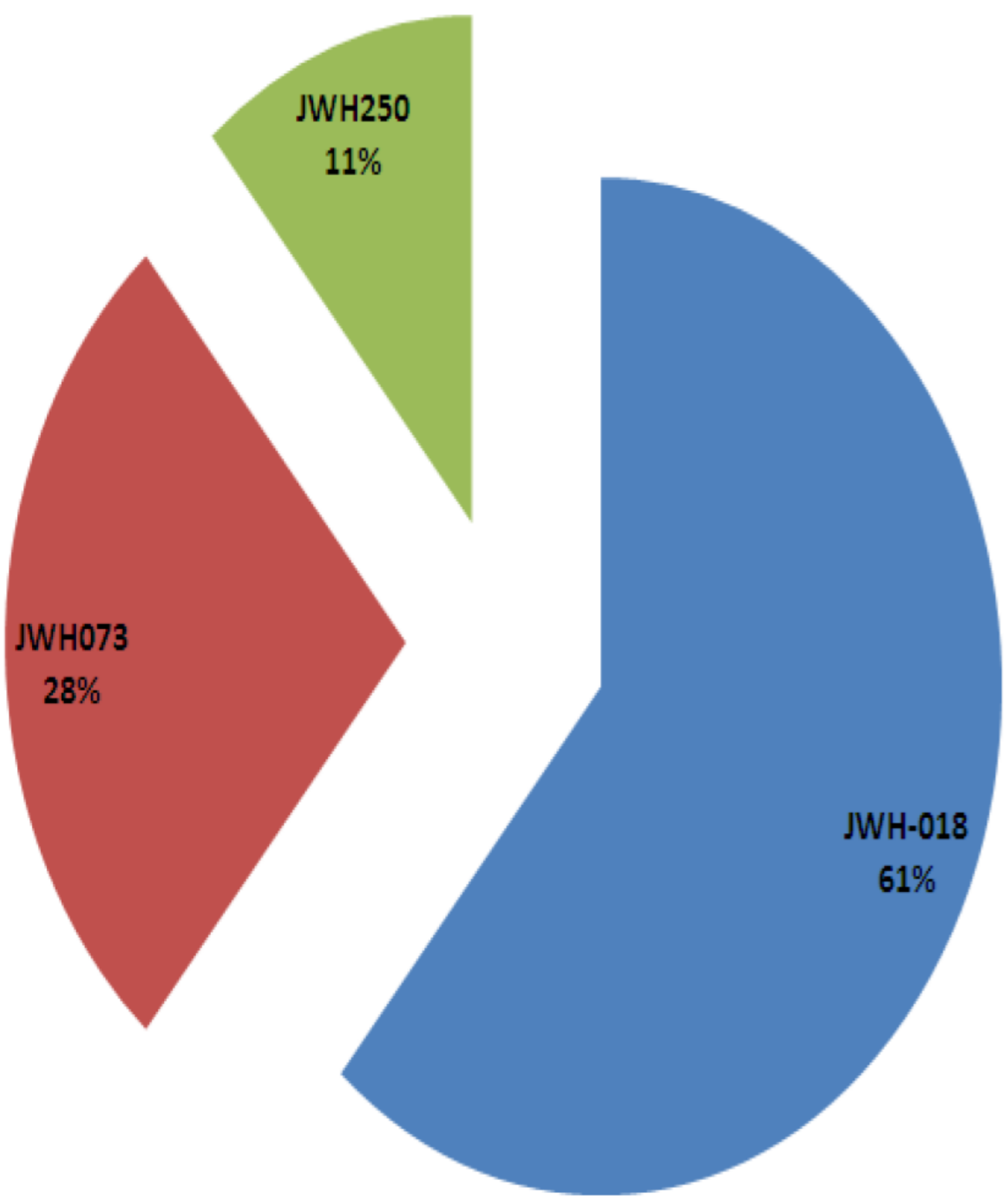
- First products identified on the street in 2004, contain HU-210.
- Widely available in stores and online.
  - “Fake Pot”
- Considered novelty products.



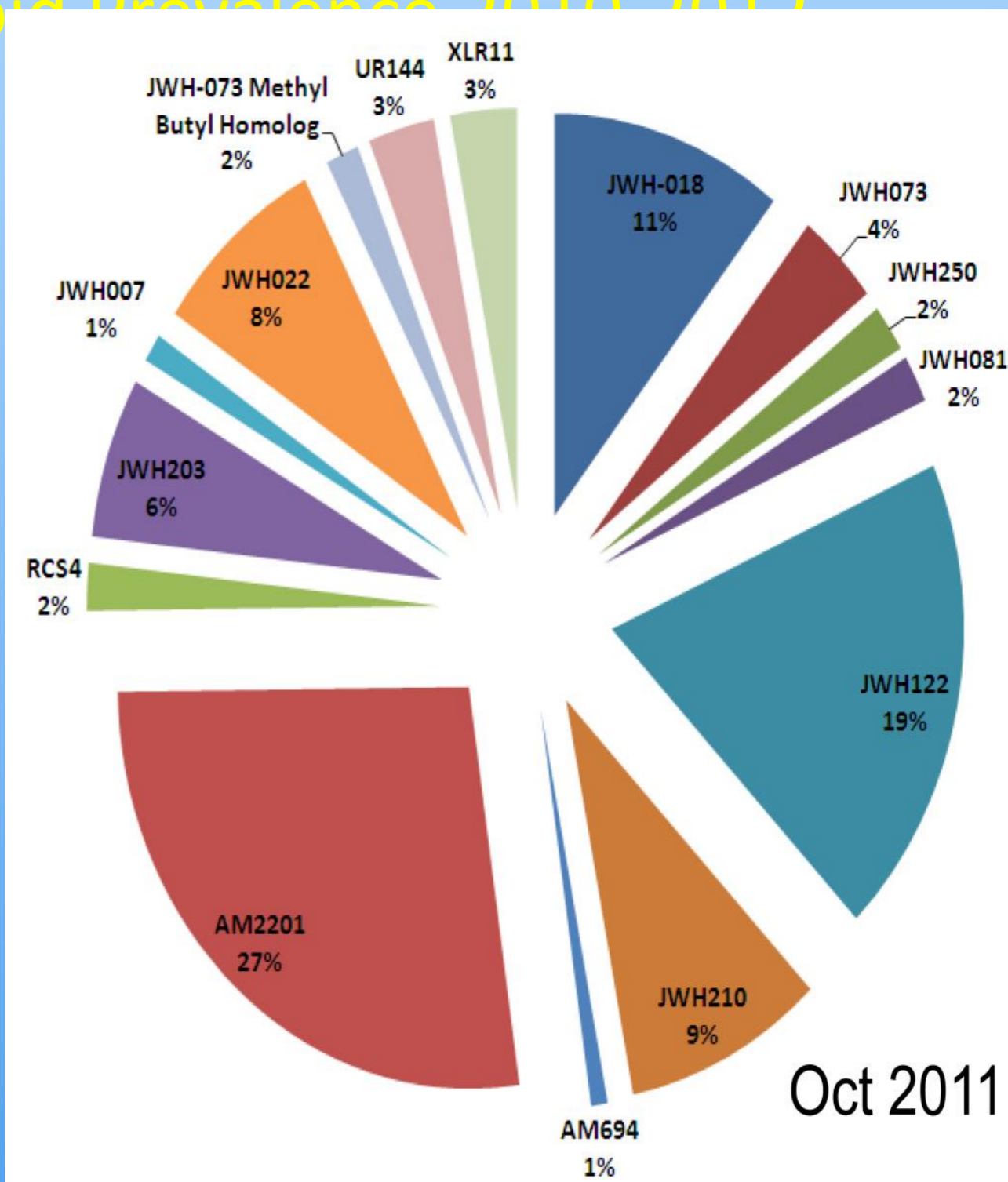
# Synthetic Cannabinoid Evolution

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
JWH-018	AM-2201	JWH-203	PB-22	AB-PINACA
JWH-073	AM-694	JWH-022	F-PB-22	AB-FUBINACA
JWH-019	JWH-081	JWH-018 Cl-analog	BB-22	ADBICA
JWH-250	JWH-122	UR-144	MAM-2201	5-F-ADBICA
	JWH-200	XLR-11	AKB-48	ADB-PINACA
	JWH-210	AM-2233	F-AKB-48	ADB-FUBINACA
	RCS-4	AM-1248		5-F-ADB-PINACA
	RCS-8	A-796260		AB-001
				F-AB-001/STR135
				APICA
				PB-22
				APINACA/AKB48
				EAM-2201
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# Synthetic Cannabinoid Developments 2010-2012



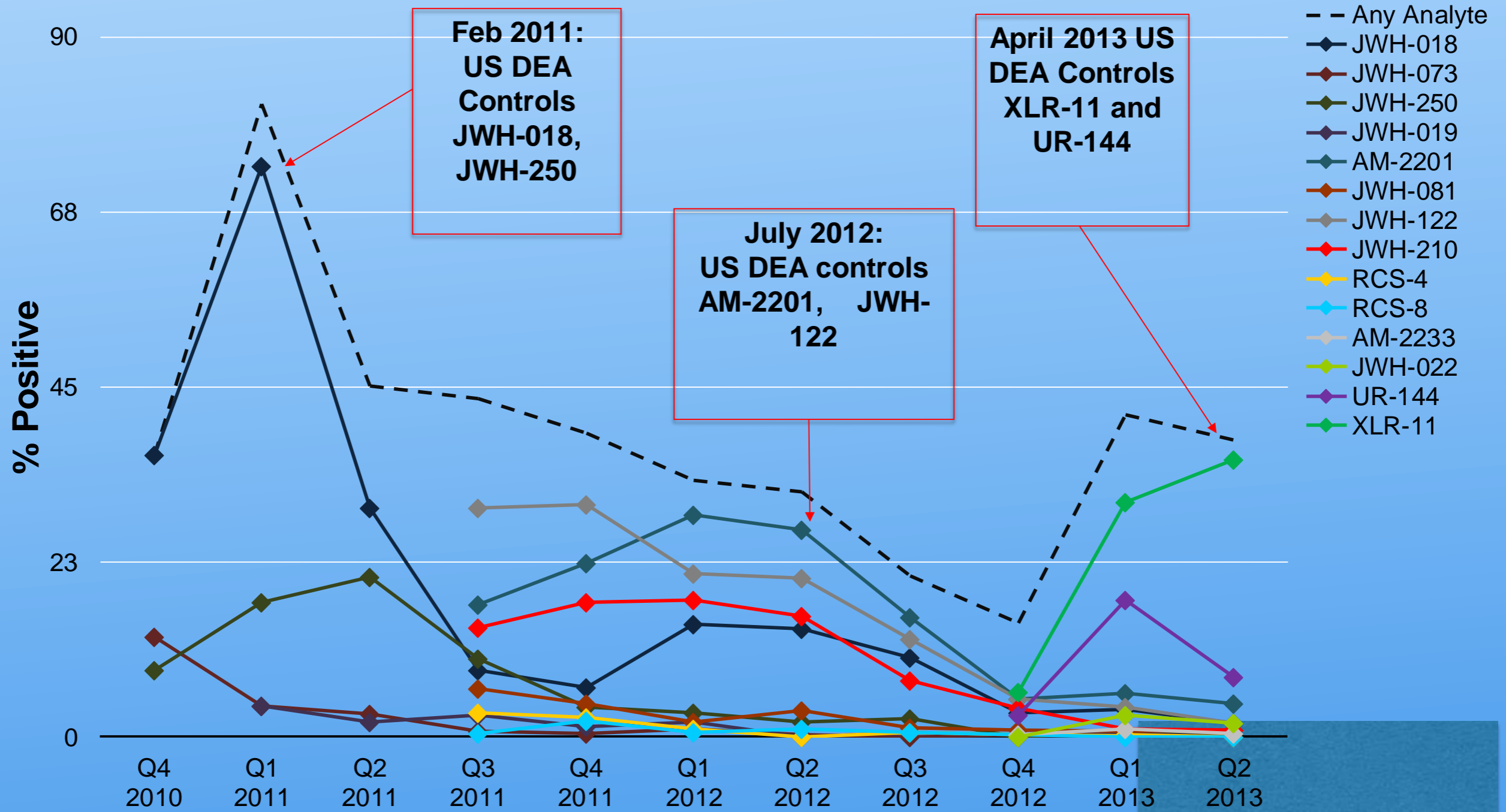
July- December 2010



Oct 2011

Oct 2011 – April 2012

# Synthetic Cannabinoid Blood



Source: Data extracted from NMS Labs Laboratory Information Management System . October 2010 May 2013.

# Synthetic Cannabinoids 2014

- Open sale of scheduled compounds is prohibited.
- Lag in scheduling persists.
- Broad analog provisions are in place but confusing and unworkable.
- Acute and chronic human health effects are now better documented.
- First deaths reported.



# CASE REPORT

- January 2012, Murray et. al described case report of a 40 year old man with bipolar disorder
- Was using cocaine but switched to 'bath salts'



<http://www.businessinsider.com/problems-prosecuting-bath-salts-2013-8>

# CASE REPORT

- Shortly after he snorted and injected an unknown quantity, he became *“aggressive, uncontrollable, delusional, removed all of his clothing, and ran outside.”*



# CASE REPORT

- Police were called
- He struggled with the police exhibiting strength, violence, aggression
- He was restrained with an electronic control device and physically restrained in ambulance  
[www.news.com.au](http://www.news.com.au)





# CASE REPORT

- Noted to have labored breathing and was placed on NRB with 100% O<sub>2</sub>
- “*yelling incomprehensibly*”, had dilated pupils. HR: 164
- Was still not sedated after 2 mg of IM Lorazepam

# CASE REPORT

- In hospital, he was still yelling and aggressive
- Medical records showed routine medications of quetiapine, methadone, and Temazepam
- HR was down to 91 bpm, BP 100/64

# CASE REPORT

- While being transferred from ER stretcher to hospital bed, he suddenly became quiet and withdrawn
- Within 5 minutes of arrival to hospital, he developed bradycardia and then had cardiac arrest with pulseless electrical activity

# CASE REPORT

- He was resuscitated and admitted to the MICU
- Given IV fluids, and treated for persistent hypotension
- Developed metabolic acidosis, renal failure, hepatic failure, anoxic brain injury

# CASE REPORT

- 42 hours after presenting, declared brain dead
- During evaluation, blood and <http://www.dojni.gov.uk/fsni-alcohol-drugs> urine toxicology were negative for barbiturates, amphetamines, benzos, cocaine, marijuana, methadone and opiates

# CASE REPORT

- Further specialized testing in tertiary care center showed positive for MDPV, and negative for quetiapine.
- Symptoms of MDPV toxicity were consistent with Excited Delirium Syndrome (ExDS)

Murray BL, Murphy CM, Beuhler MC. Death following recreational use of designer drug “bath salts” containing 3, 4-methylenedioxyprovalerone (MDPV). *J. Med. Toxicol.* (2012) 8:69-75.

# BATH SALTS IN THE ER

- In April, 2015, Mohsen et al conducted a survey of ER clinicians experience with Bath Salts
- Utox confirmation of Bath salts in ER, impractical because results take several days

# BATH SALTS IN THE ER

- Clinicians need to rely on patient's self report
- In survey, 77% of the 25 ER doctor respondents did not specifically ask patients about bath salts use
- 60% of them had encountered bath-salt intoxicated individuals



# BATH SALTS IN THE ER

- Patients mostly male, between 19 and 29 years old and used other drugs as well
- Presentations of agitation, aggression/violence, and hallucinations.
- IV/IM tranquilization used
- Most discharged home

# SYNTHETIC MJ IN THE ER

- In April of 2015, Governor Cuomo issued a health alert warning New Yorkers of a recent increase in synthetic marijuana (Spike, K2) that sent more than 160 patients to the ER in a period of about a week in April.
- This is 3 years after the governor urged the New York State Department of Health to issue regulations banning the sale and possession of many substances used to make synthetic cannabinoids and bath salts in August of 2012
- Owner and/or employee of an establishment selling these substance would be charged with possession and a fine of \$500, or 15 days in jail, or a civil penalty of up to \$2000 per violation

Albany Press Office, Governor Cuomo Issues Health Alert: Illegal Synthetic Marijuana  
Sends

more than 160 New Yorkers to the Hospital since April 8. April 17, 2015

# SYNTHETIC MJ IN THE ER

- In August of 2015, Governor Cuomo expanded the list of banned substances found in synthetic marijuana
- Between June 7 and August 1, 2015, Emergency room visits in NY were ten times what they were in that period last year.

<http://www.mytwintiers.com/news/local-news/nys-health-department-expands-list-of-banned-substances-in-synthetic-cannabinoids>, NYS Health Department Expands List of banned substances in synthetic cannabinoids. August 6, 2015

# SYNTHETIC MJ IN THE ER

- CNN reported on August 4, 2015 that a surge of synthetic marijuana over the summer have caused overdoses and crime.
- Police chiefs met in Washington to discuss developing field tests to detect synthetic marijuana

# SYNTHETIC MJ IN THE ER

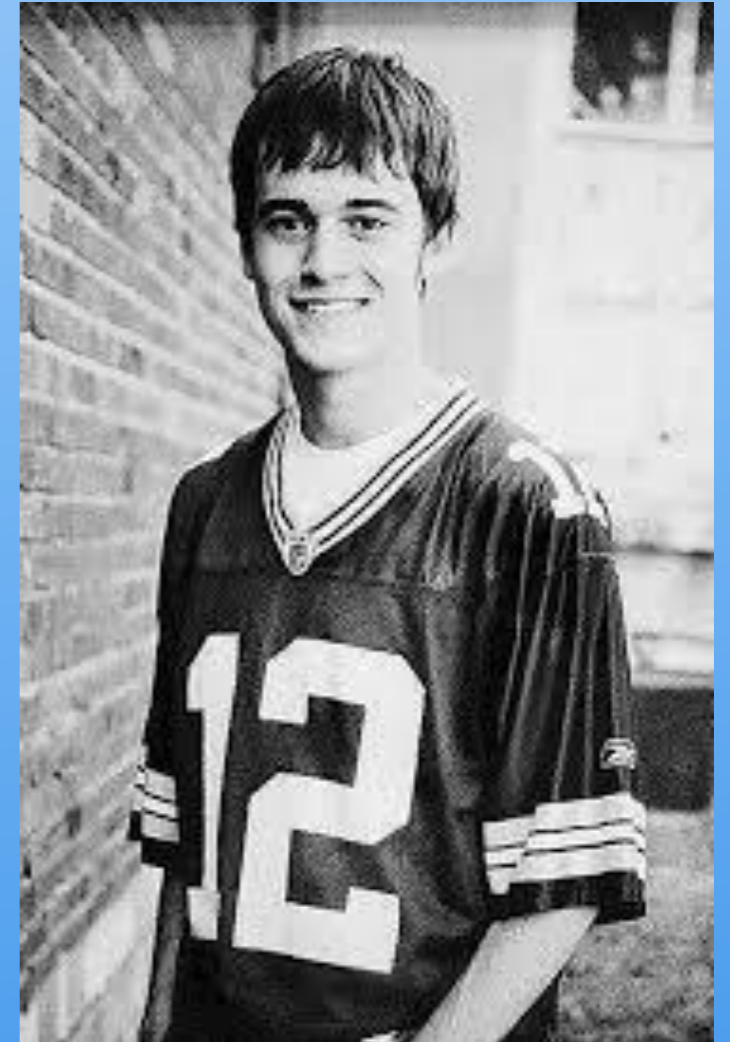
- Survey of 35 major city police departments across U.S found that 30% of violent crimes related to synthetic MJ use



<http://www.mapleshade.com/police/>

# DEATH BY SUICIDE

- David Rozga killed himself in 2010 after taking synthetic marijuana. According to his father, he had told a friend *“that he felt like he was in hell”*



Salter J, Suhr J. Synthetic drugs sent thousands to ER. NBC News. April 6, 2011.

# DEATH BY SUICIDE

- He had no documented history of depression
- After getting high on K2, he got a shotgun and killed himself

Salter J, Suhr J. Synthetic drugs sent thousands to ER. NBC News. April 6, 2011.



<http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/k2spice-synthetic-marijuana>

# DEATH BY SUICIDE

- In 2011, Jarod Moody shot himself in the head with a pistol he took from a friend.
- He had been sober from his former drug of choice, Dilaudid
- Hospital toxicology negative
- Later discovered he was on “Ivory Wave,” A bath salt



Braiker B. 'Bath Salts': Cracking Down on a Dangerous Legal High.  
[www.abcnews.go.com](http://www.abcnews.go.com) Jan. 13, 2011



# SUICIDE-MURDER

- Army Sergeant David Stewart of Spanaway Washington killed his wife, Kristy Sampels and their 5-year old son, Jordan, and then shot himself in front of a state trooper in April 2011.

Clarridge C. Drug may have been behind the murder-suicide of Spanaway family. [Seattletimes.com](http://seattletimes.com) April 22, 2011

# SUICIDE/MURDER

- Coroner Gary Warnock found granules of bath salts in Stewart's car and in the home.
- A 500-mg jar of "Lady Bubbles" brand bath salts found in pocket



<http://www.dallasobserver.com/news/texas-house-bans-crack-y-bath-salts-get-your-lady-bubbles-while-you-can-7112276>

# SUICIDE/MURDER

- Toxicology results showed that both Sgt. David Stewart and Kristy S. Sampels had methylenedioxypropylamphetamine (MDPV) in their systems at the time of their deaths.



# MURDER UNDER THE INFLUENCE



Bath Salts Linked to the Cannibal Zombie Attack youtube May 31, 2012

# MURDER UNDER THE INFLUENCE

- Spires, 18, arrested for robbing passengers and stabbing 24 year old Kevin Sutherland on the Washington Metro on July 4, 2015. Sources suspect synthetic MJ but unclear. Judge ordered psych exam

[http://dcist.com/2015/07/charging\\_documents\\_paint\\_a\\_grisly\\_p.php](http://dcist.com/2015/07/charging_documents_paint_a_grisly_p.php)

<http://www.wusa9.com/story/news/local/dc/2015/07stabbing-noma-american-university/29739327/>



# MURDER UNDER THE INFLUENCE

- In Cranford, NJ, William J. Parisio (Bill), a 22 year old college student at Rutgers allegedly killed his longtime girlfriend, Pamela Schmidt in 2011
- Bill had drug problems and had been in rehab. He also had bipolar disorder according to the media, that his mother claimed was made worse by “bath salts.”

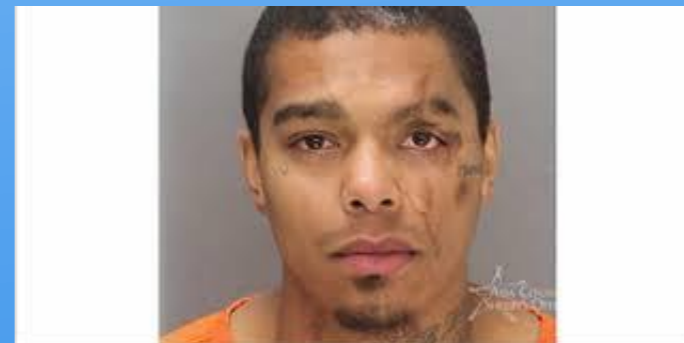


[http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2011/03/rutgers\\_student\\_accused\\_of\\_kil.html](http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2011/03/rutgers_student_accused_of_kil.html)

# BATH SALTS AND VIOLENCE

August 23, 2015, Daily Mail reported that an ex-convict in Idaho city while on bath salts, assaulted five people.

- Sean Daniel Carnell, aged 23:
- attacked a construction worker with his own shovel



Daily Mail reporter, Ex-con on 'bath salts-fueled rampage assaults five people, kicks a dog and pushes over a man in a wheel chair in 90 minutes of random violence, Daily Mail. August 23, 2013.

# BATH SALTS AND VIOLENCE

- kicked a little boy's dog
- beat a skateboarder
- choked a woman and may have burned down her apartment
- grabbed a man in a wheelchair and tipped him over and left him in the street



# BATH SALTS AND VIOLENCE

- In Orland in June 2015, Christopher Wells assaulted four people and claimed to have killed his mother, although she was later found to be fine.
- Police found “*294 hypodermic needles, drug paraphernalia and a usable amount of bath salts, cocaine, and marijuana*” in his house.



# DEA CONTROL

- September 7, 2011 the DEA used it's emergency scheduling authority to temporarily control Mephedrone, 3, 4, methylenedioxypropylamphetamine (MDPV) and Methylone) to protect the public from "imminent hazard posed by these dangerous chemicals."
- Possessing and selling these chemicals or the products containing them illegal in the U.S of at least one year while further research.
- As of May 7, 2014, DEA classified "bath salts" as schedule 1 (high potential for abuse, and no medical uses), meaning penalties for possession and sale.

<http://www.dea.gov/pubs/pressrel/pr090711.html>

<http://circanews.com/news/dea-bans-bath-salts>

# LAWS BANNING



- Many states have already banned NPS. However, chemists alter the molecular structure slightly, staying ahead of the ban. DEA started putting strains of synthetic marijuana on list of scheduled 1 drugs since 2011. In January 2015, put 3 more on the list.
- In August of 2015, Boston Mayor, Marty Walsh signed an ordinance outlawing the possession, sale, manufacturing and distribution of synthetic marijuana
- Boston police would have the authority to enforce a \$300 fine for each violation

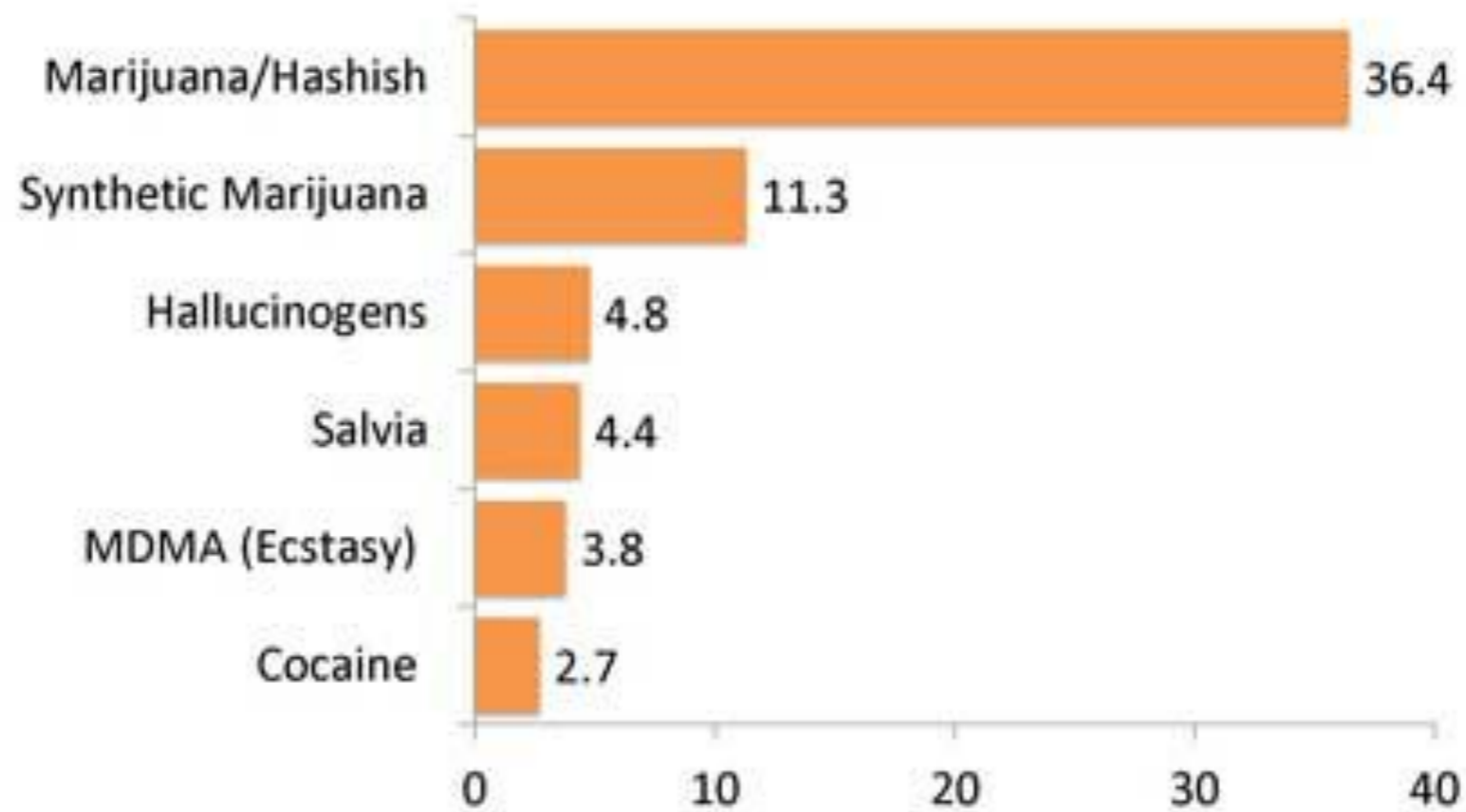
# LAWS BANNING



- According to [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov):
- At least 43 states have taken action to control one or more synthetic cannabinoids
- At least 44 states have taken action to control one or more synthetic cathinones.

# LAWS BANNING

Past-Year Use of Illicit Drugs by High School Seniors (percent)



Source: University of Michigan, 2012 Monitoring the Future Study

# WILL LAWS BANNING HELP?

We are the  
**Drug Policy Alliance.**  
We envision new  
drug policies grounded in  
science, compassion,  
health and human rights.

- New York State Senate introduced a bill that would criminalize the sales of synthetic marijuana in August 2015.
- Kassandra Frederique, Policy manager at the Drug Policy Alliance argued that criminalizing use of synthetic cannabinoids and bath salts will “only make it harder to regulate these substances and harder for people who struggle with their use to get help.
- Suggested prevention and harm reduction education, regulation, and control

# WILL LAWS BANNING HELP?

- Van Amsterdam et al (2015) looked at 25 experienced drug users in 2012 in the Netherlands. Prevalence of NPS use low
- One finding was that the legality of the NPS was not important.
- Already used ecstasy, cocaine, etc. More interested in experimenting <http://www.care2.com/greenliving/forget-cannabis-the-3-most-deadly-drugs-are-completely-legal.html>
- Speculated legal status more significant for populations regularly tested for substance use: athletes, military personnel, etc.

# WILL LAWS BANNING HELP?

- Winstock and Wilkins discuss the challenge of policy makers to keep up with the constant/rapid changing of molecular structures of NPS
- As well as the wide distribution which has increased in the last few years.
- NPS have been around for decades. What has changed has been their diversity, potency, and the internet: “*drug market without borders*”

<http://estavialibrary.org/events/internet-101-13/>



# WILL LAWS BANNING HELP?

- Decrease in the supply of MDMA and purity of ecstasy and cocaine also contributed to increase in seeking synthetic compounds with similar effects especially in UK
- Also marketed as “safer” alternatives to illicit drugs
- Discussed advantages and disadvantages to criminalization of NPS and alternatives



<http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/alcohol/ecstasy.php>

# WILL LAWS BANNING HELP?

- A few other approaches besides criminalization:
- Legal sale with age, place of sale and advertising restrictions

<http://thompsonhall.com/minnesota-medicinal-marijuana-lawyer/>

- Restricted sale without medical supervision
- Restricted sale with medical supervision

# WILL LAWS BANNING HELP?

- Prohibition with civil penalties (i.e. fines)
- Prohibition with diversion and education options
- Prohibition with criminal penalties



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-Synthetic cannabinoids are commonly known as “synthetic marijuana,” “K2,” or “spice.”

-Often sold in legal retail outlets as “herbal incense” or “potpourri.”

-Most popular among young people.

-Labeled “not for human consumption” to mask their intended purpose and avoid Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulatory oversight.

# SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS

- “Spice” is the common name
- Other names include K2, fake weed, Yucatan Fire, Skunk, and Moon Rocks

# Increasing Overdoses From Synthetic Cannabinoids ("Spice," "K2," etc.) in Several States (MAY 2015)

- Recent surges in hospitalizations and calls to poison control centers linked to consumption of synthetic cannabinoid in southern and northeastern U.S. states.
- -Officials issued health warnings.
- -[Maryland Poison Center issued an urgent notice about the dangers of these drugs.](#)
- -[New York Governor Andrew Cuomo issued an alert](#) after more than 160 patients were hospitalized following synthetic cannabinoid use in under two weeks in mid April, 2015.
- -Users can experience anxiety and agitation, nausea and vomiting, high blood pressure, shaking and seizures, hallucinations and paranoia, and they may act violently.

K2	Dank	Zombie World Bad-to-the-Bone
Spice Gold	Demon Passion	Blaze
Spice	Ninja	Dark Night Earthquake
Spice Diamond Yucatan Fire	Ono Budz	Berry Blend
Solar Flare	Panama Red Ball	The Moon
K2 Summit	Puff	G-Force
Genie	Sativah Herbal	Bombay Blue
PEP Spice	Ultra Chronic	Berry Blend
Fire n" Ice	Voodoo Spice	Black Mamba
Bliss	Aroma	The Moon
K2 Blonde	Blueberry Haze	Smoke Hawaiian
K2 Standard	Hybrid Magma	Smoke Skunk



-Other recently reported names include Geeked Up, Ninja, Caution, Red Giant, and Keisha Kole.

-New York State health alert lists other common names: Blonde, Summit, Standard, Blaze, Red Dawn X, Citron, Green Giant, Smacked, Wicked X, AK-47

- - The Maryland notice lists several chemical compounds in materials from crime labs, including MAB-/AB-CHMINACA, FUBINACA, FUB-PB-22, and XLR1

# BATH SALTS

- Surged in UK and Europe first, then US
- Sold online and in drug paraphernalia stores
- Similar to cocaine and MDMA



# BATH SALTS

- Synthetic cathinones, derived from khat plant
- Other names include jewelry cleaner, plant food, and phone screen cleaner



# Cathinones (Bath Salts) and Substituted Cathinones

- -Structurally related to methcathinone, similar to amphetamines and methamphetamine
- -Refer to hundreds of compounds with unpredictable effects
- -Are 10 to 50 times more potent than cocaine in their ability to increase dopamine in the brain
- -Are dangerous, deadly, and unpredictable



# BATH SALTS

- Psychotic and violent behavior
- Cardiac symptoms (tachycardia, hypertension, chest pain)
- Excited delirium





# In Name Only

- The synthetic cathinone products marketed as “bath salts” to evade detection by authorities should not be confused with products such as Epsom salts that are sold to improve the experience of bathing. The latter have no psychoactive (drug-like) properties.

# DANGER TO BATH SALTS USERS

- × “Bath Salts” related calls reported to U.S. Poison Control Centers:  
Over 1,400 calls in 2013, compared with 301 in all of 2010



# Difficulties Legislating Synthetic Drugs

- × *U.S. laws prohibit the sale or possession of all substances that mimic illegal drugs, but ONLY if federal prosecutors can show that they are intended for human use.*
- × *People who make bath salts and similar drugs work around this by printing "not for human consumption" on virtually every packet.*



# "Flakka" (alpha-PVP)

Use of a dangerous synthetic cathinone drug called alpha-pyrrolidinopentiophenone (alpha-PDP), popularly known as "Flakka," is surging in Florida and is also being reported in other parts of the country, according to news reports.

Alpha-PVP is chemically similar to other synthetic cathinone drugs popularly called "bath salts."

White or pink, foul-smelling crystal that can be eaten, snorted, injected, or vaporized in an e-cigarette or similar device.

Vaporizing, which sends the drug very quickly into the bloodstream, may make it particularly easy to overdose.

It can cause "excited delirium"

# FLAKKA

- Comes from southeast Asia
- Particularly problematic in Florida
- Eaten, snorted, injected, or vaporized

# FLAKKA

- Excited delirium
- Paranoia and hallucinations
- Violent aggression and self-injury
- Deaths by suicide and heart attack

# CONFUSION

- 32 yo F presents to the local ED with severe paranoia and hyperstimulation
- Tox screen at local ED is negative







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**Khat**



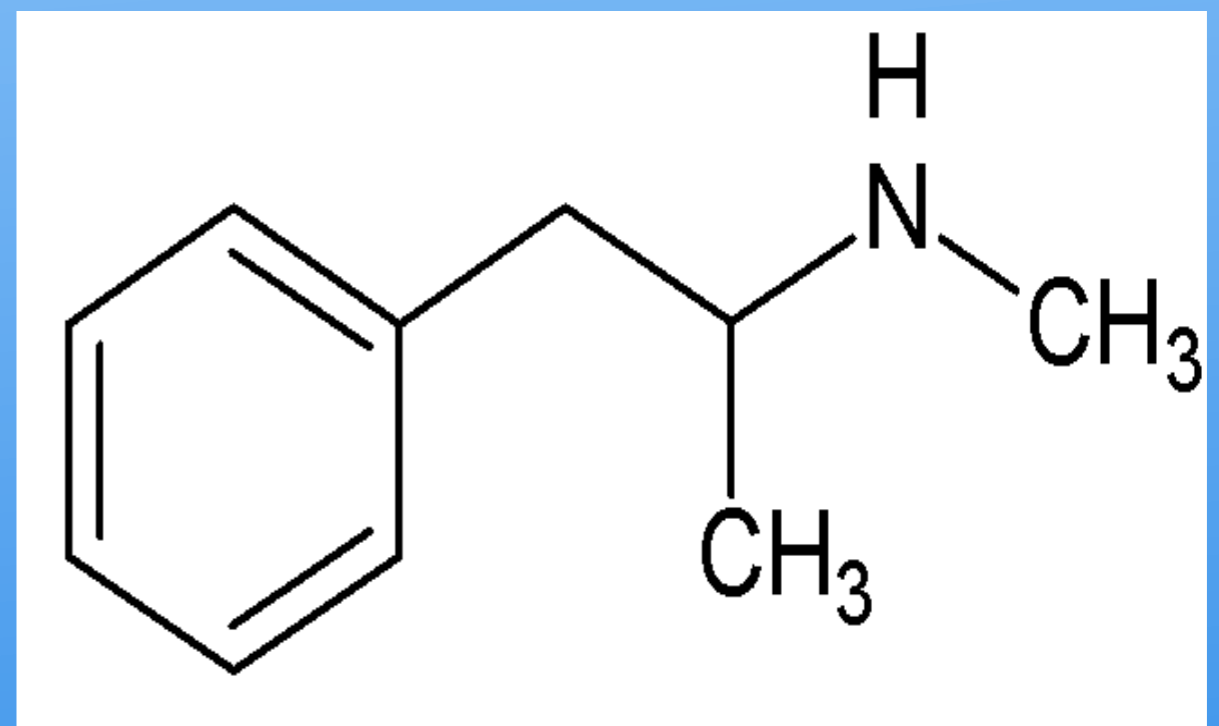
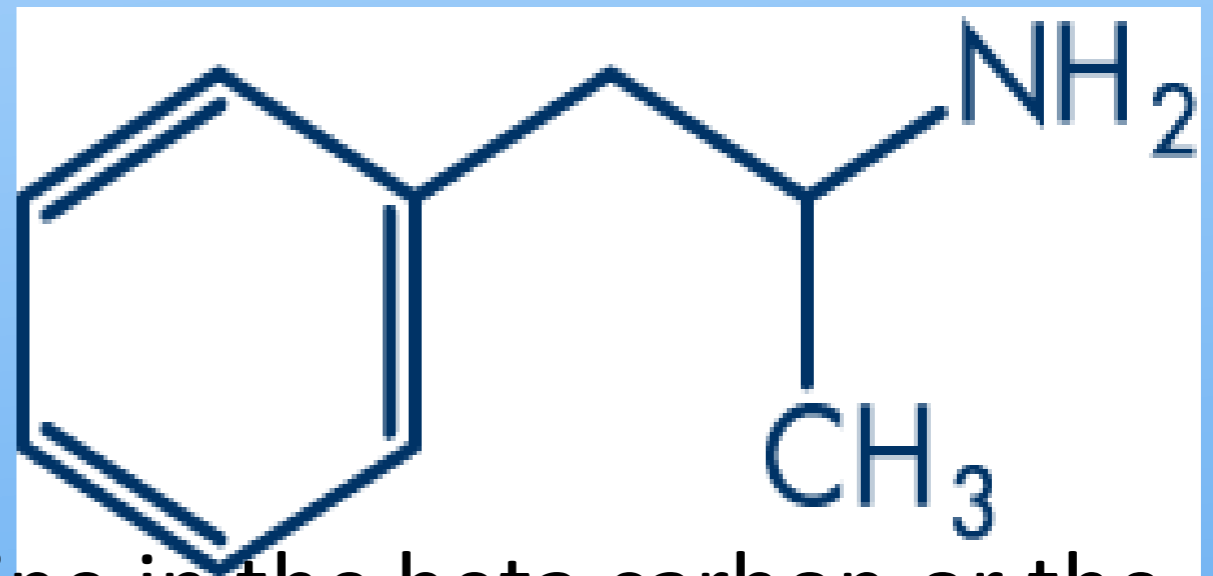
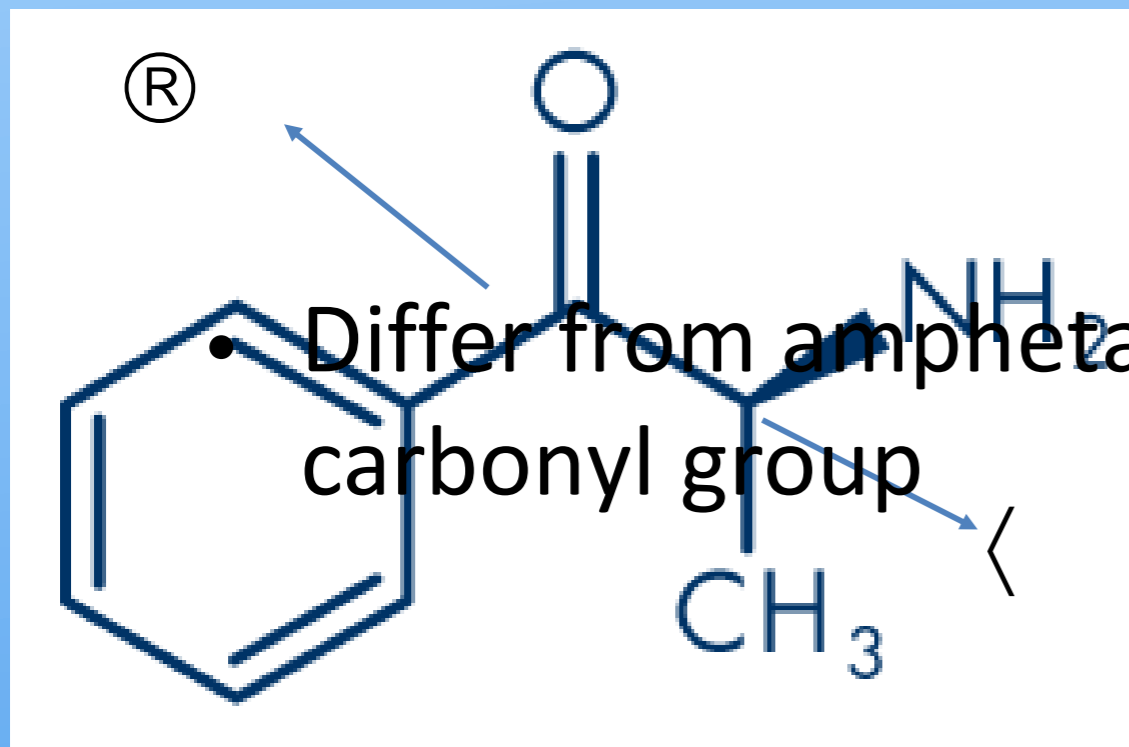
Close up of khat

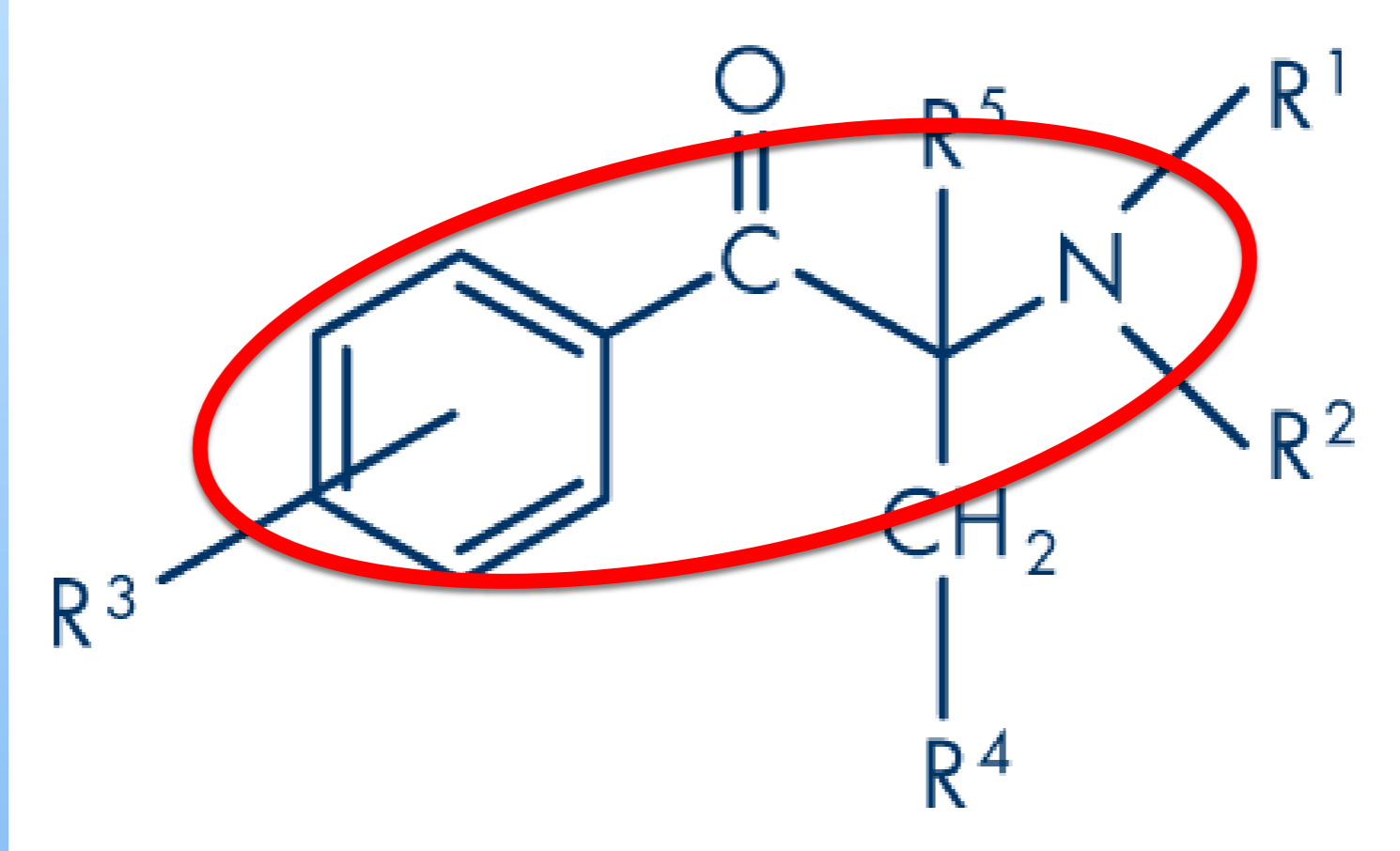




# Structural comparison to amphetamine & methamphetamine

Amphetamine related  
compounds

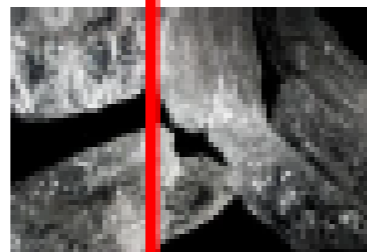




Name	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>	R <sup>5</sup>
Mephedrone	Methyl	H	4-Methyl	H	H
Methylone (βk-MDMA)	Methyl	H	3,4-Methylenedioxy	H	H
Butylone (βk-MBDB)	Methyl	H	4-Methyl	Methyl	H
Pyrovalerone	{pyrrolidino}		4-Methyl	Ethyl	H
MDPV	{pyrrolidino}		3,4-Methylenedioxy	Ethyl	H

# “Bath Salts” Effects

## Meth



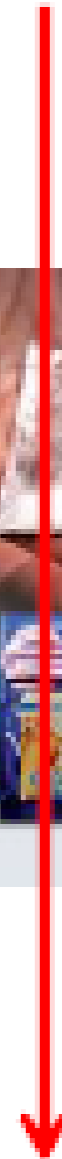
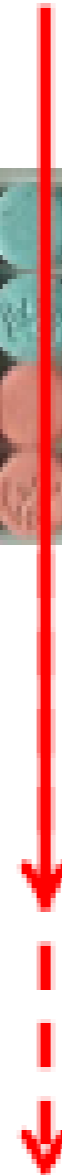
## Ecstasy



## Bath Salts

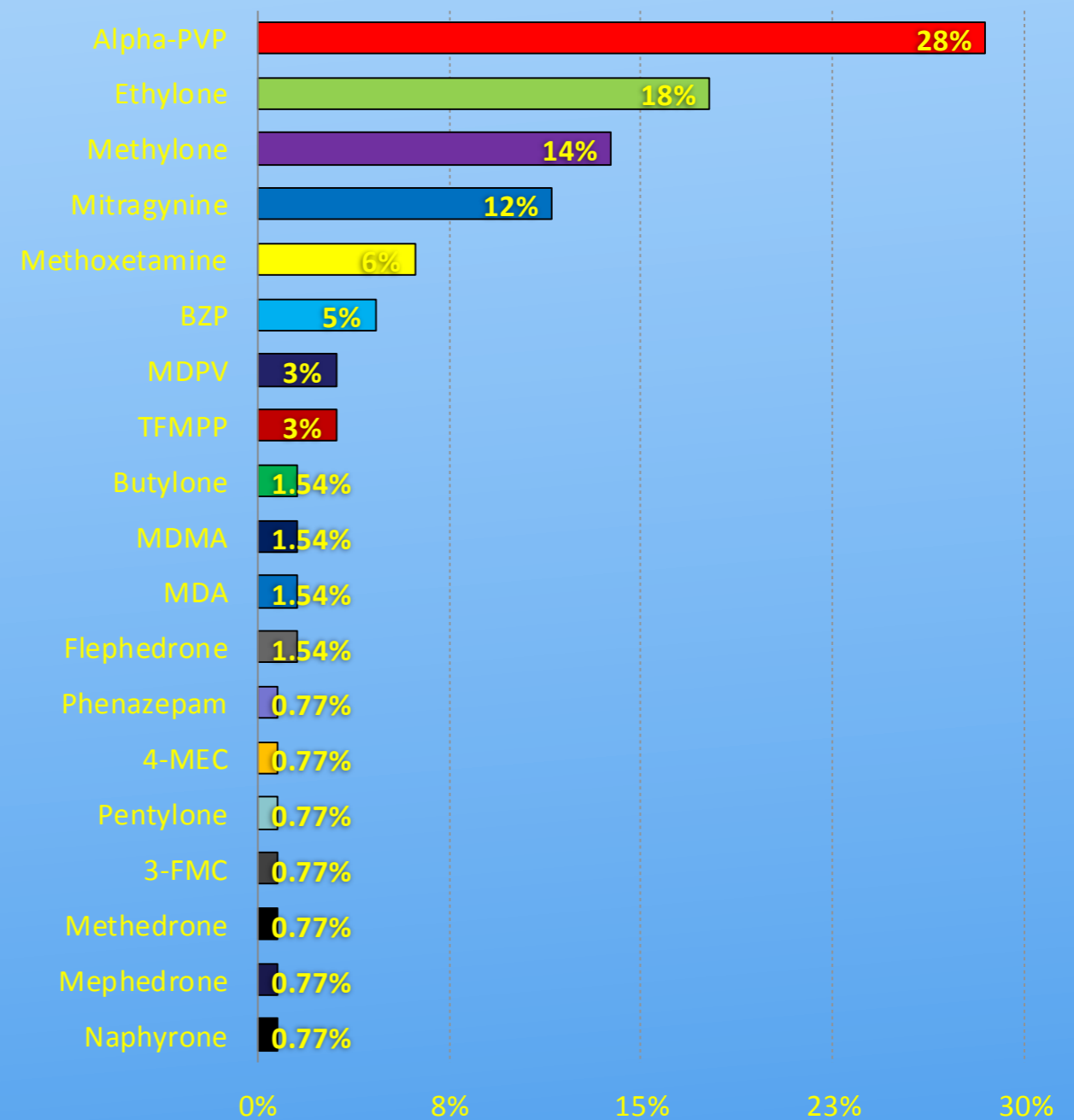
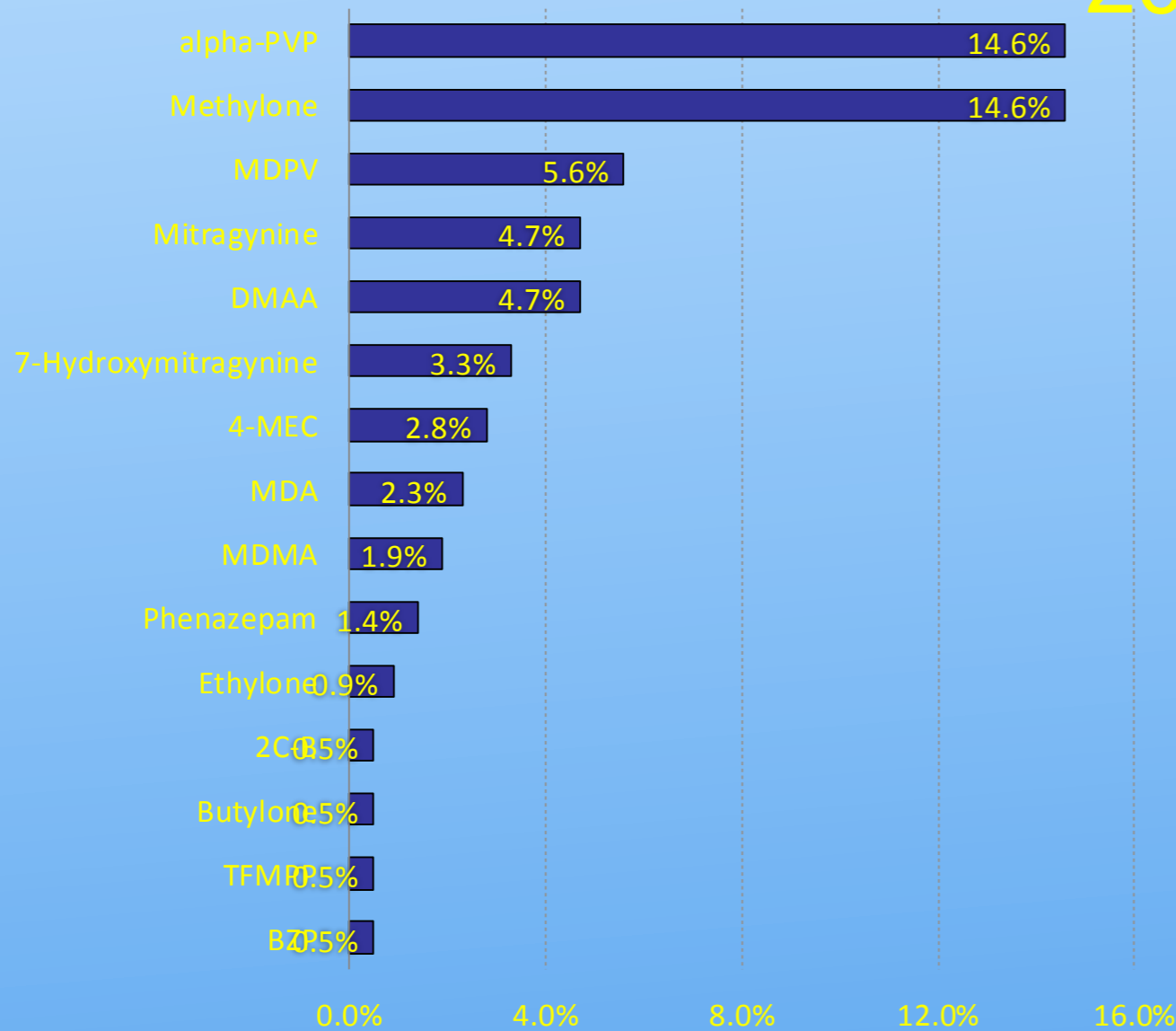


<i>Excitement</i>
<i>Euphoria</i>
<i>Tachycardia</i>
<i>Increased pupil size</i>
<i>Rapid Speech</i>
<i>Motor Restlessness</i>
<i>Anxiety</i>
<i>Paranoia</i>
<i>Mood Changes</i>
<i>Withdrawal/Depression</i>
<i>Delusions</i>
<i>Hallucinations</i>
<i>Seizures/Convulsions</i>
<i>Death</i>



# Hallucinogens, Designer Stimulants

## 2013



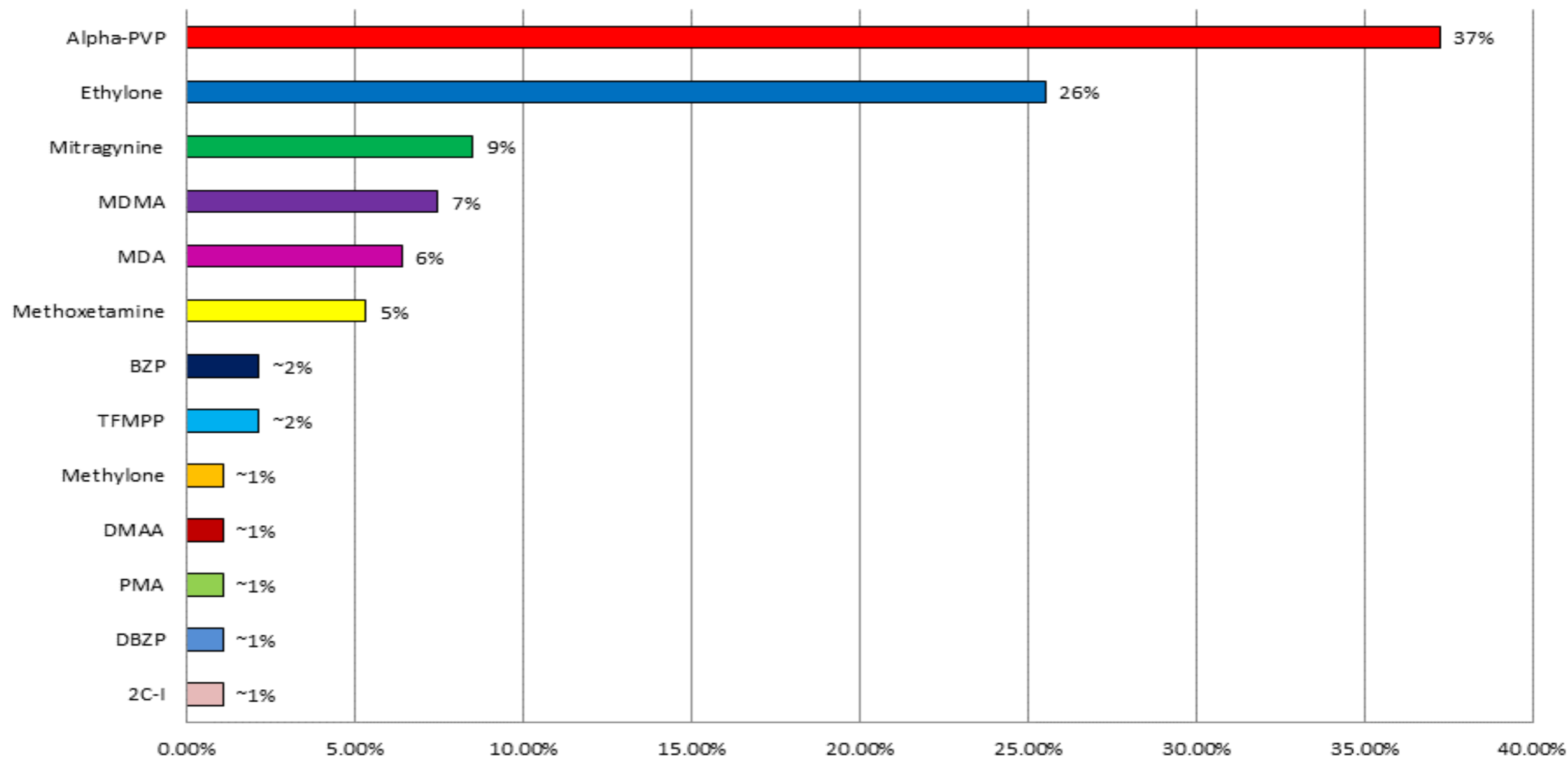
Source: Of the 472 blood samples submitted to NMS Labs in 2013, 30% confirmed positive for 1 or more analytes in the Expanded Bath Salts & Stimulants Panel (8756B). Alpha PVP was outside the scope of the assay prior to 7/2013 updates; positive results were verified by secondary analysis. Since the updated scope with alpha PVP, there have been 31 positives in 362 blood cases for alpha PVP. Confirmed positive cases (n=145) included methamphetamine and amphetamine; of the 213 positive analytes, methamphetamine and amphetamine were 41.4% of the positives.

- Source: Of the 459 blood samples submitted to NMS Labs in 2014, 28.3% samples were positive for 1 or more analytes in the Expanded Bath Salts & Stimulants Panel (8756B). Confirmed positive cases (n=130) included methamphetamine and amphetamine; of the 198 positive analytes, methamphetamine and amphetamine were 30.8% of the positives.

# Hallucinogens, Designer Stimulants 2015 (first 6)

## 8756 Blood Positives January-July 2015

34.3% Positivity Rate = Alpha PVP and Ethylone are the biggest culprits



Source: Of the 300 blood samples submitted to NMS Labs in between Jan and July 2015 prior to new scope launch, 34.3% samples were positive for 1 or more analytes in the Expanded Bath Salts & Stimulants Panel (8756B). Confirmed positive cases (n=103) included methamphetamine and amphetamine; of the 138 positive analytes, methamphetamine and amphetamine were 28.3% of the positives.



**Flakka Frenzy**



**\$5 Insanity**





# Flakka

- *Flaca – Skinny*
- *Flaka – Beautiful, elegant woman who charms all*
- *Elsewhere called*

*Gravel alpha-PVP*





# Flakka Economics 101

1 kg cost \$1,500.00 online  
= 10,000 doses @ 15 cents per  
1/10<sup>th</sup> gram dose

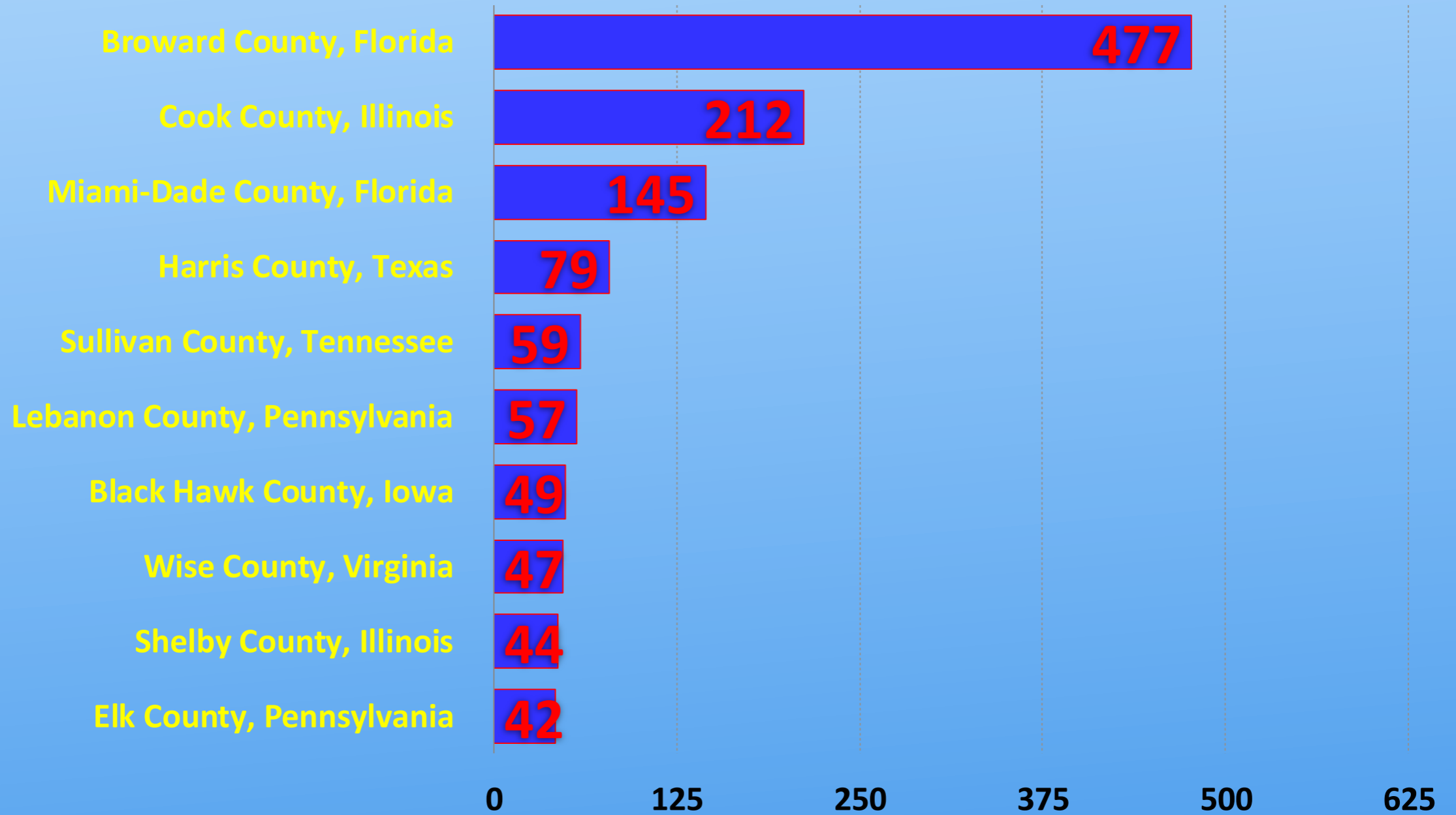
@ \$3-5.00 = \$30,000. to \$50,000

requires 10,000 sales....

. Back to the streets

# alpha-PVP Crime Lab

## Cases Top Ten US Counties



# SouSou South Florida Crime Lab Cases alpha PVP (flakka)

- 2012 2

2013 6

2014 576

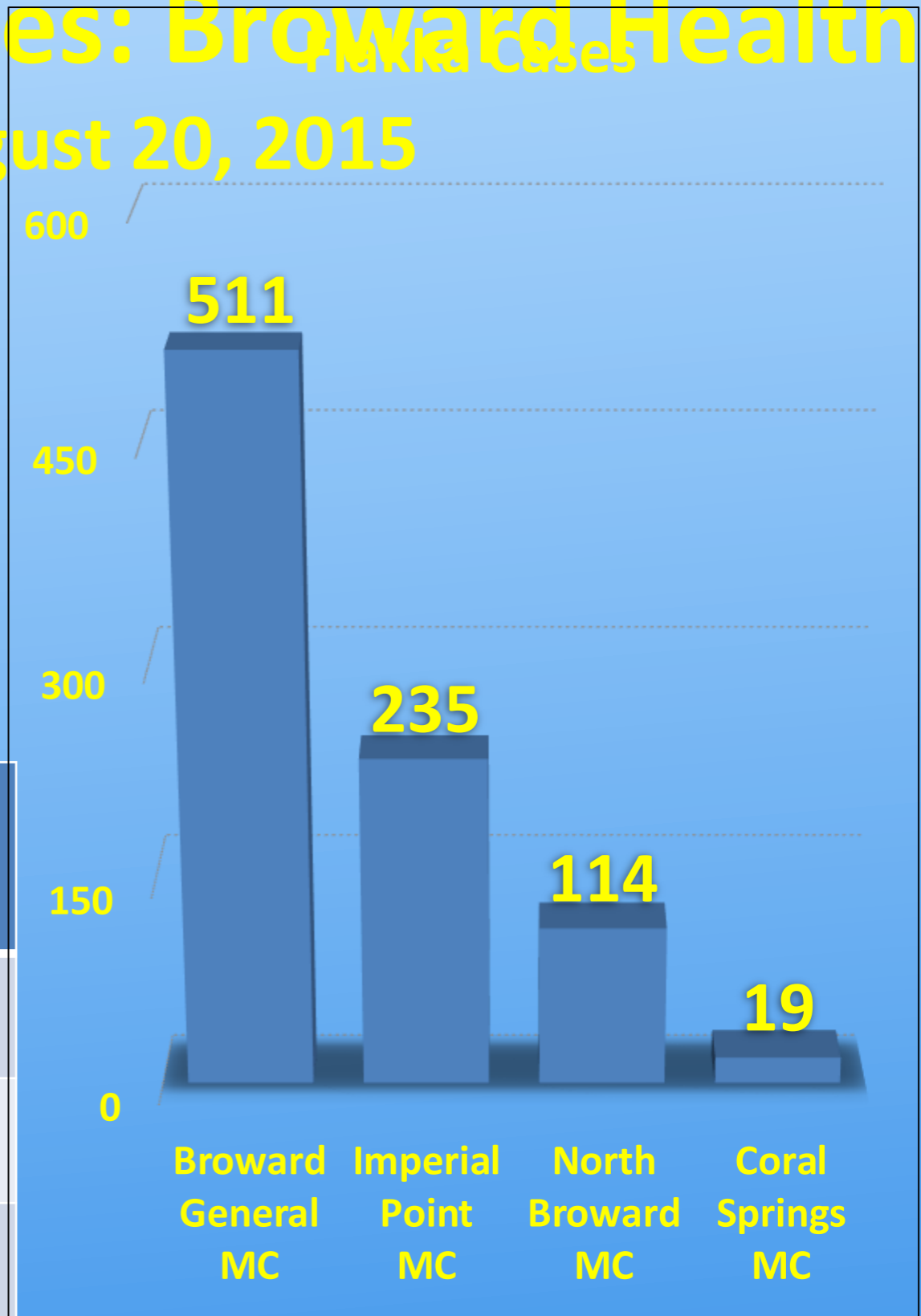
# Flakka Hospital Cases: Broward Health

June 1 – August 20, 2015

n = 882 Flakka Cases  
June 1 – August 20, 2015

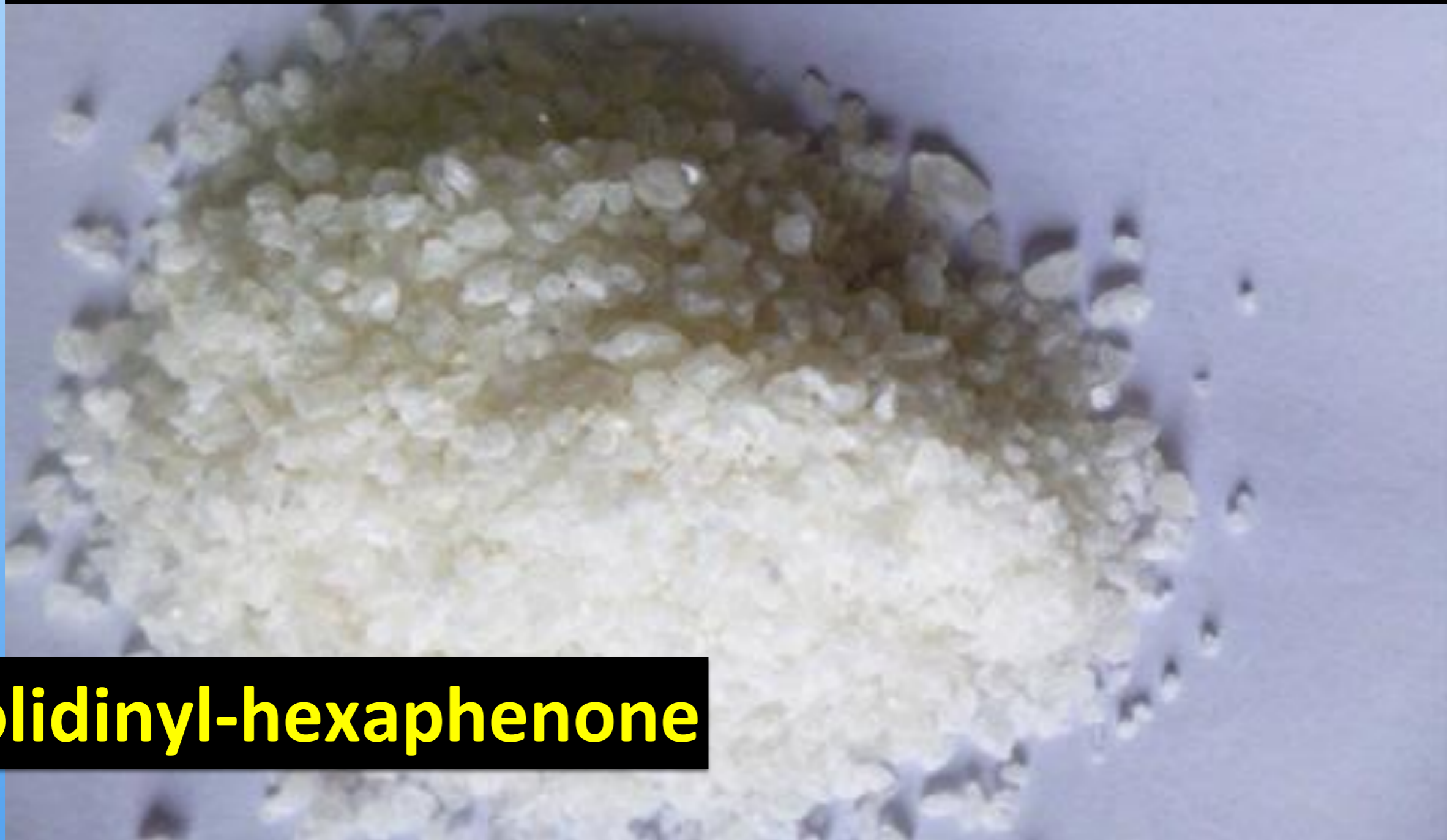
Source: Broward Health  
Medical Centers

Time Period	Total Cases	Cases per Day
June 1 - 30	341	11.36
July 1 - 31	342	11.03
Aug. 1 - 20	199	9.95





**September 2015 Update**  
**Now seeing *alpha*-PHP**



**pyrrolidinyl-hexaphenone**



# On the Horizon

PX1

PX2

5F-AMB

5F-ADB

EG-018

FUB-144

FUB-JWH-018

EG-2201

MMB-Chminaca

NM-2201

PX3

# Excited Delirium

- Hyperstimulation
- Paranoia
- Hallucinations
- Lead to violent aggression and self-injury

# Deadly

- Suicide
- Heart attack.
- Malignant Hyperthermia - dangerously raise body temperature (similar to NMS).
- May lead to kidney damage or kidney failure.

# Rutgers Student William Parisio, Accused In Pamela Schmidt's Murder, Used 'Bath Salts' To Get High

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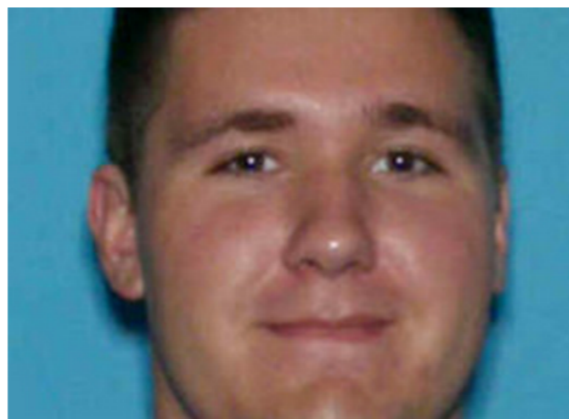
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A Rutgers University student has been charged in the death of another student, whose badly beaten body was discovered Sunday.

William "Bill" Parisio, 23, was charged Monday with the murder of 22-year-old Pamela Schmidt, reports [CBS](#).

According to the [Daily Targum](#), Parisio's mother discovered Schmidt's body in her basement on Sunday afternoon, after the young woman had spent the night at the Parisio household. An autopsy by the county medical examiner confirmed that Schmidt had been dead when found. Officials ruled that she had been the victim of a homicide.

According to the Newark [Star-Ledger](#), Schmidt and Parisio had been dating for four to five years. She was to graduate from Rutgers in May with degrees in psychology and labor studies and had plans to pursue a master's degree at the university next fall.

Parisio's mother told the [Star-Ledger](#) that her son had withdrawn from Rutgers this semester due to his struggles with drugs. He was slated to check in to rehab on Monday.

She added that her son had been diagnosed with bipolar disorder at the age of 19, but that he had

rarely been violent. She believes that his use of mephedrone, commonly referred to as bath salts, drove him to a paranoid state.

# Bath Salt Drugs Found On Man In Murder-Suicide



By GENE JOHNSON : 04/22/11 06:22 PM ET : **AP**

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SEATTLE -- Authorities are investigating whether a Washington state soldier had been using synthetic drugs packaged as bath salts before he shot and killed his wife and himself during a high-speed car chase near Olympia this month.

Thurston County Coroner Gary Warnock said Friday that Sgt. David Franklyn Stewart had 500 mg of "Lady Bubbles" bath salts in his pockets when his body was recovered from his car, and some of the powder was found in the vehicle and on the roadway as well. It will take weeks for a toxicology report to come back from a lab in Pennsylvania that can detect whether Stewart or his wife, Kristy Sampels, had inhaled the drugs

before their deaths on April 5.

After the chase, the couple's 5-year-old son was found dead in their Spanaway home, suffocated with a plastic bag at least 24 hours earlier. Investigators continue to untangle the evidence to determine who killed him.

Pierce County sheriff's detective Ed Troyer said several packets of the synthetic drugs, which are increasingly sickening people who use them to approximate the effects of cocaine or methamphetamine, were found at the couple's home. The drugs, often packaged as bath salts or

# Sister Suggests 'Bath Salts' Could be Behind Blue Springs Murder-Suicide

Posted on: 5:42 pm, June 6, 2012, by [Kim Byrnes](#), updated on: 05:44pm, June 6, 2012

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BLUE SPRINGS, Mo. — It's like sniffing demons up your nose. That's how Tonya Scott describes the drug known on the street as bath salts. Scott is the sister of Jessie Letellier, the man involved in an apparent murder-suicide that left two adults and two young children dead in Blue Springs. And Scott thinks the drug may be to blame.

Jessy Letellier, 23, his 22-year-old girlfriend Lindsey Money, their two-year-old daughter Jazmine and her four-year-old sister Shenayah were all killed in May. Lindsey's mom found all four of them dead in Lindsey's duplex. But what Scott found may shed some light on that tragic night.

# Did bath salts push John McAfee to murder?

The anti-virus software genius is on the lam in Belize, where a drug addiction may have driven him insane

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John McAfee (Credit: AP/Ambergris Today Online-Sofia Munoz)

# 'Bath salts' suspected in Spanaway double murder-suicide

By Michelle Esteban | Published: Apr 21, 2011 at 3:18 PM PST | Last Updated: Apr 21, 2011 at 5:26 PM PST

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Jordan Stewart

deaths of 5-year-old Jordan Stewart, and his parents, David Stewart and Kristy Sampels, earlier this month.

SPANAWAY, Wash. -- Thurston County investigators are now questioning whether the designer drug called bath salts are linked to the [double murder-suicide](#) that left a couple and their son dead.

It was the Washington Poison Center that recognized the so-called bath salts are not bath salts at all; the name is just a cover so they could be sold without being detected. They're really a new and popular drug that is so dangerous it can lead to days of hallucinating, paranoia, suicide and even homicide.

Now investigators suspect those so-called bath salts may explain the

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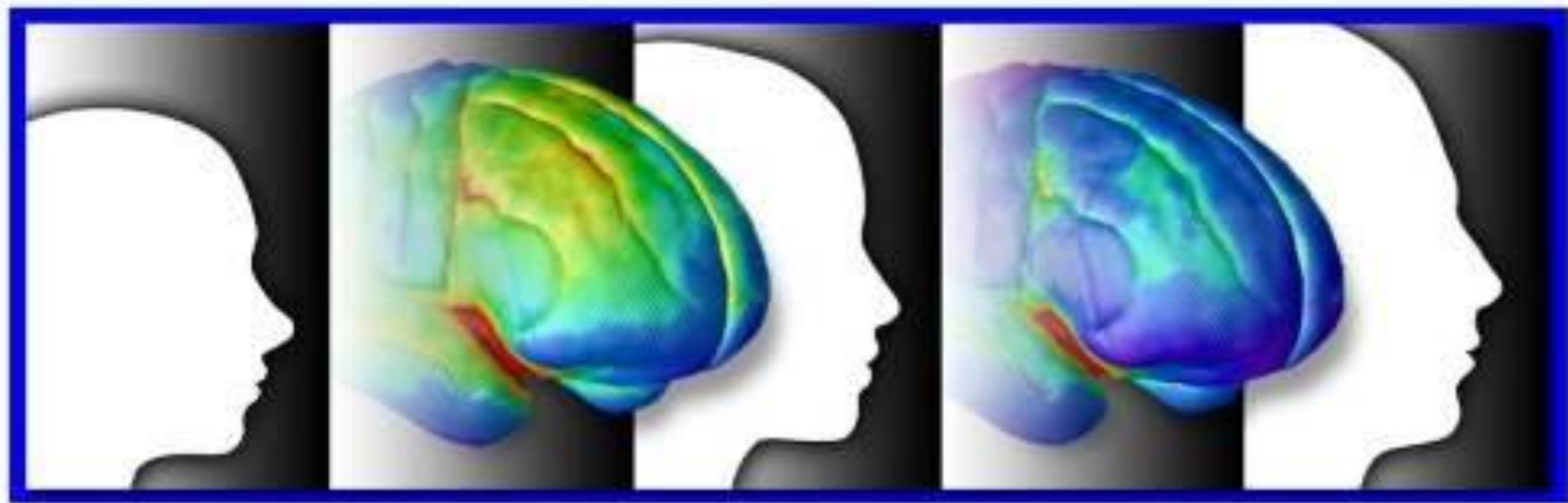
## NEWS

# Bath salts linked to bizarre Camano Island crime

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by [JESSIE STENSLAND](#), *Whidbey News-Times* Assistant Editor  
posted Jun 5, 2012 at 3:28 PM

The bizarre and gruesome case of a naked man who ate the face off of a homeless man in Miami this month has led to speculations that the attacker was high on a designer street drug known as "bath salts."



**Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development**

# Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Brain and Cognitive Development (ABCD)

- - ABCD Study
- - Conducted by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)
  - Recruit 10,000, ages 9 to 10, before they initiate drug use
  - Follow them over 10 years into early adulthood to assess how substance use affects the trajectory of the developing brain
  - Use advanced brain imaging as well as psychological and behavioral research tools to evaluate brain structure and function
  - Track substance use, academic achievement, cognitive skills, and mental health over time



# TRENDS

# MONITORING THE FUTURE

Since 1975 the MTF survey has measured drug, alcohol, and cigarette use and related attitudes among adolescent students nationwide.

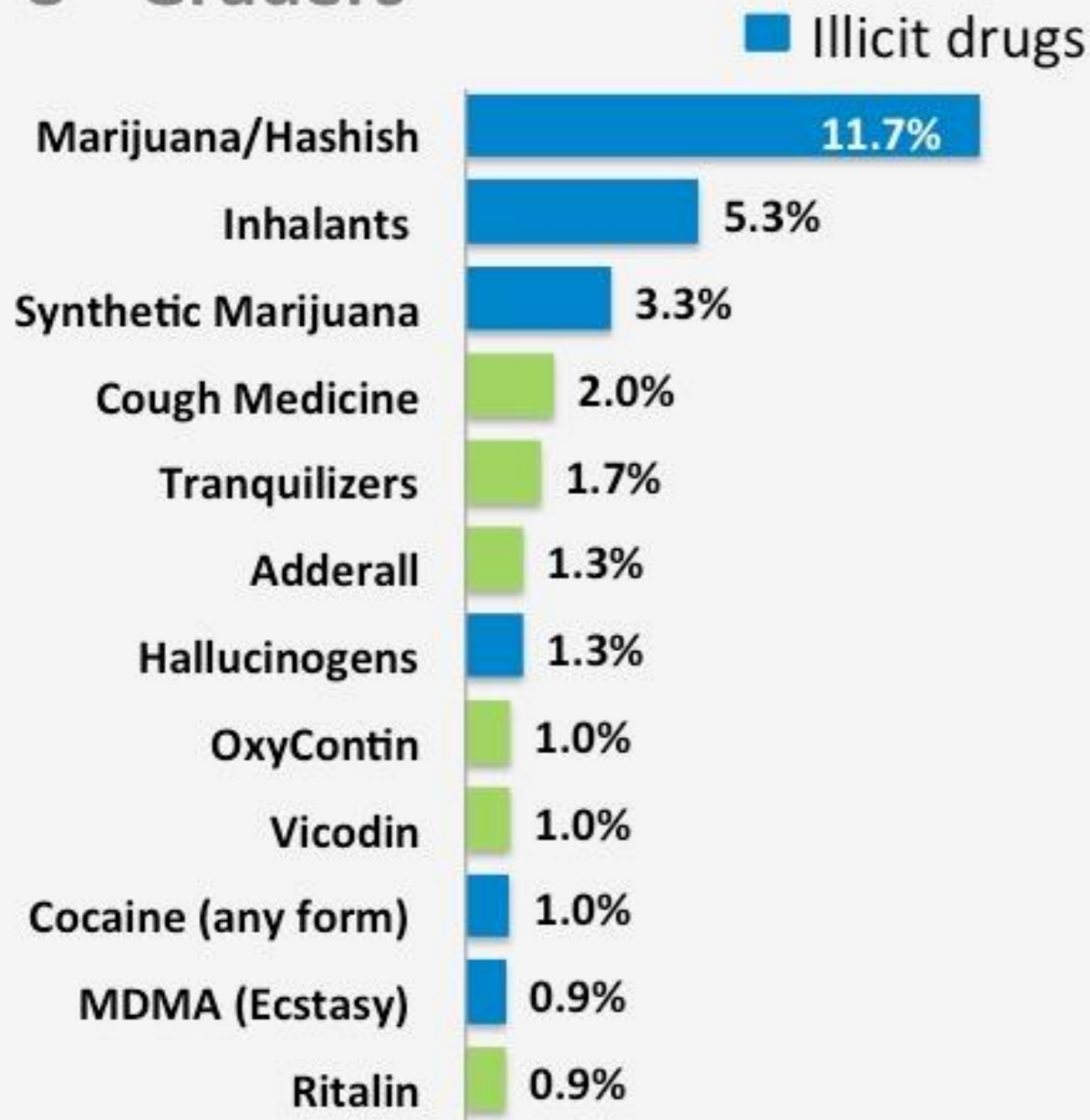
Began including new designer drugs in 2011

Overall, 41,551 students from 377 public and private schools participated in this year's Monitoring the Future survey.

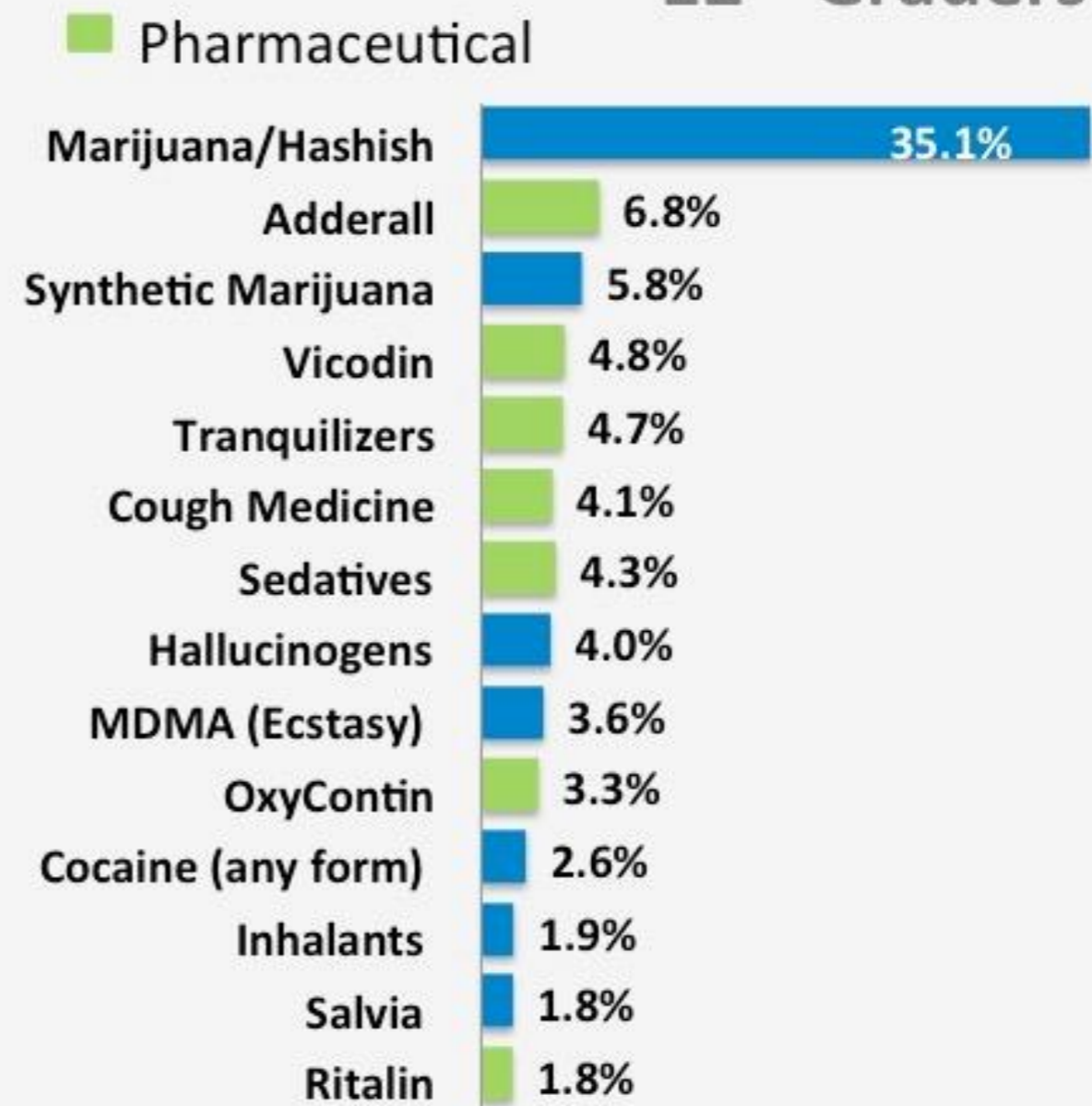
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# Top Drugs among 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Graders, Past Year Use

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Graders



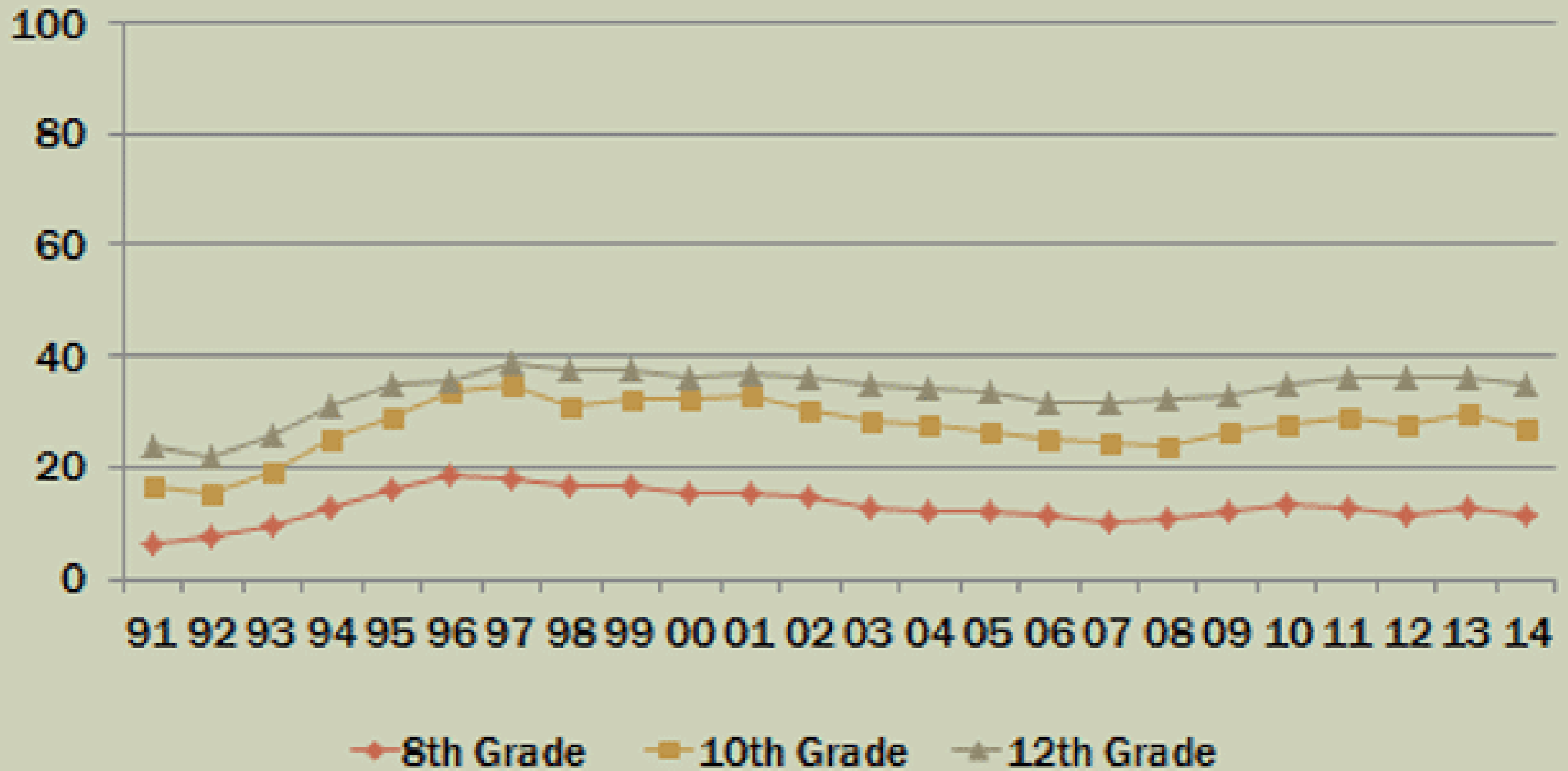
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Source: University of Michigan, 2014 Monitoring the Future Study

# DANGEROUS INCREASE IN USERS

- × 2013 World Drug Report Finds Increase in Synthetic and Designer Drug Use  
Some molecules are up to 800 times more potent than THC
- × A national survey has revealed nearly 45 per cent of regular drug users have used a synthetic drug
- × “Spice”-Related Calls Reported to U.S. Poison Control Centers:
  - × 2009 - 14 calls
  - × 2010 - 2,906 calls
  - × 2011 - 6,959 calls

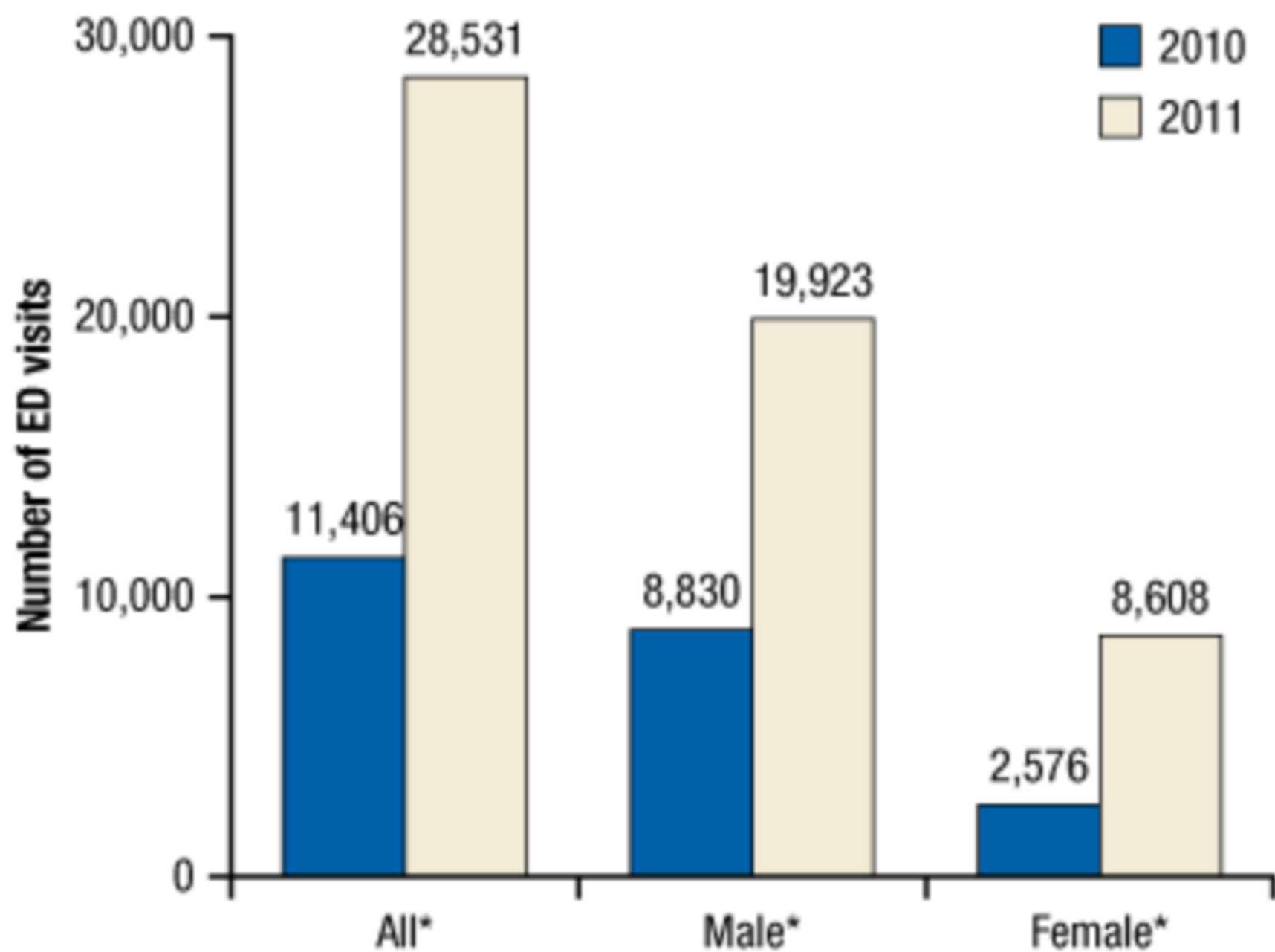
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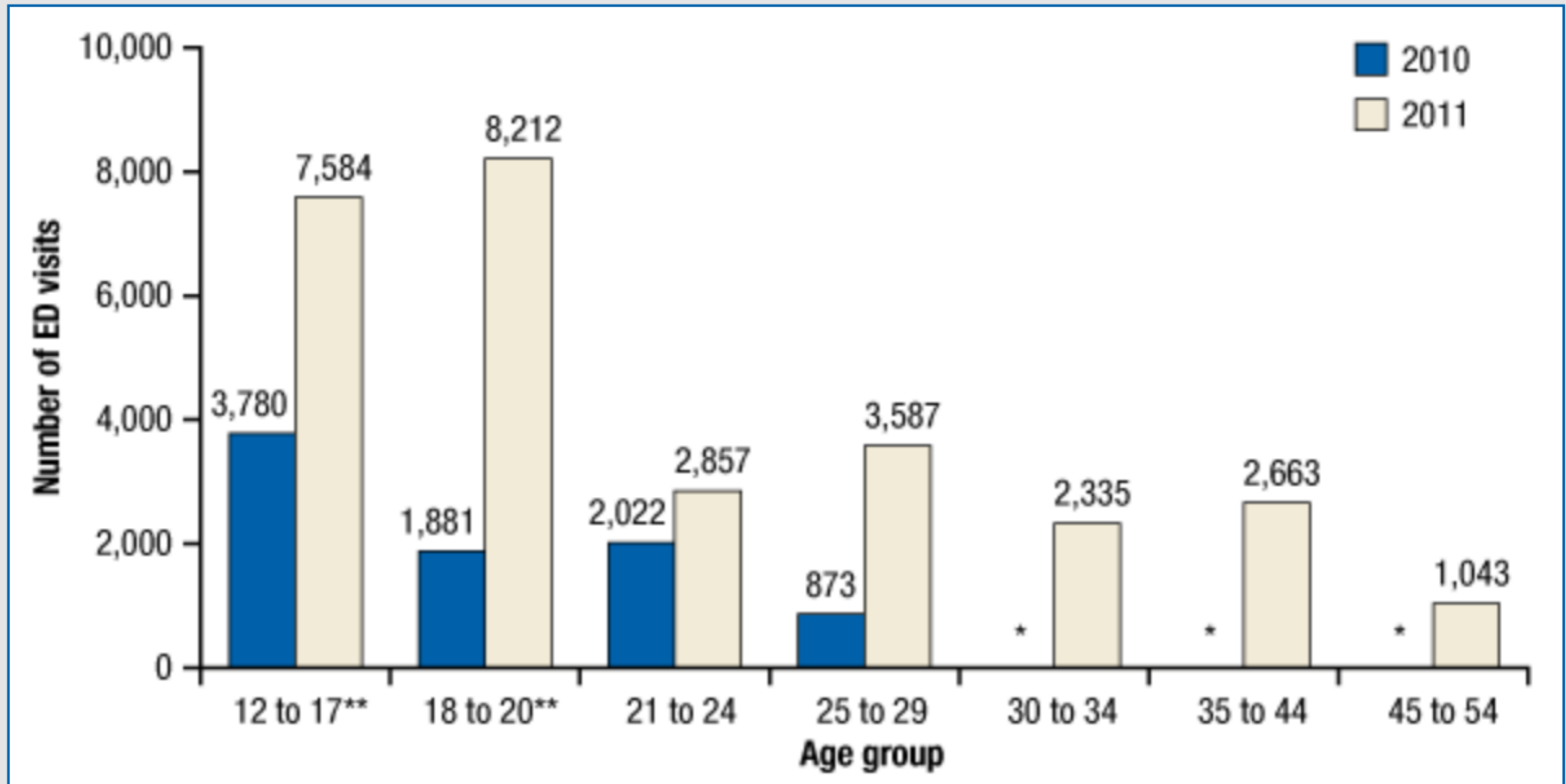
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**Figure 1. Emergency department (ED) visits involving synthetic cannabinoids, by gender: 2010 and 2011**



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**Figure 2. Emergency department (ED) visits involving synthetic cannabinoids, by age group: 2010 and 2011**

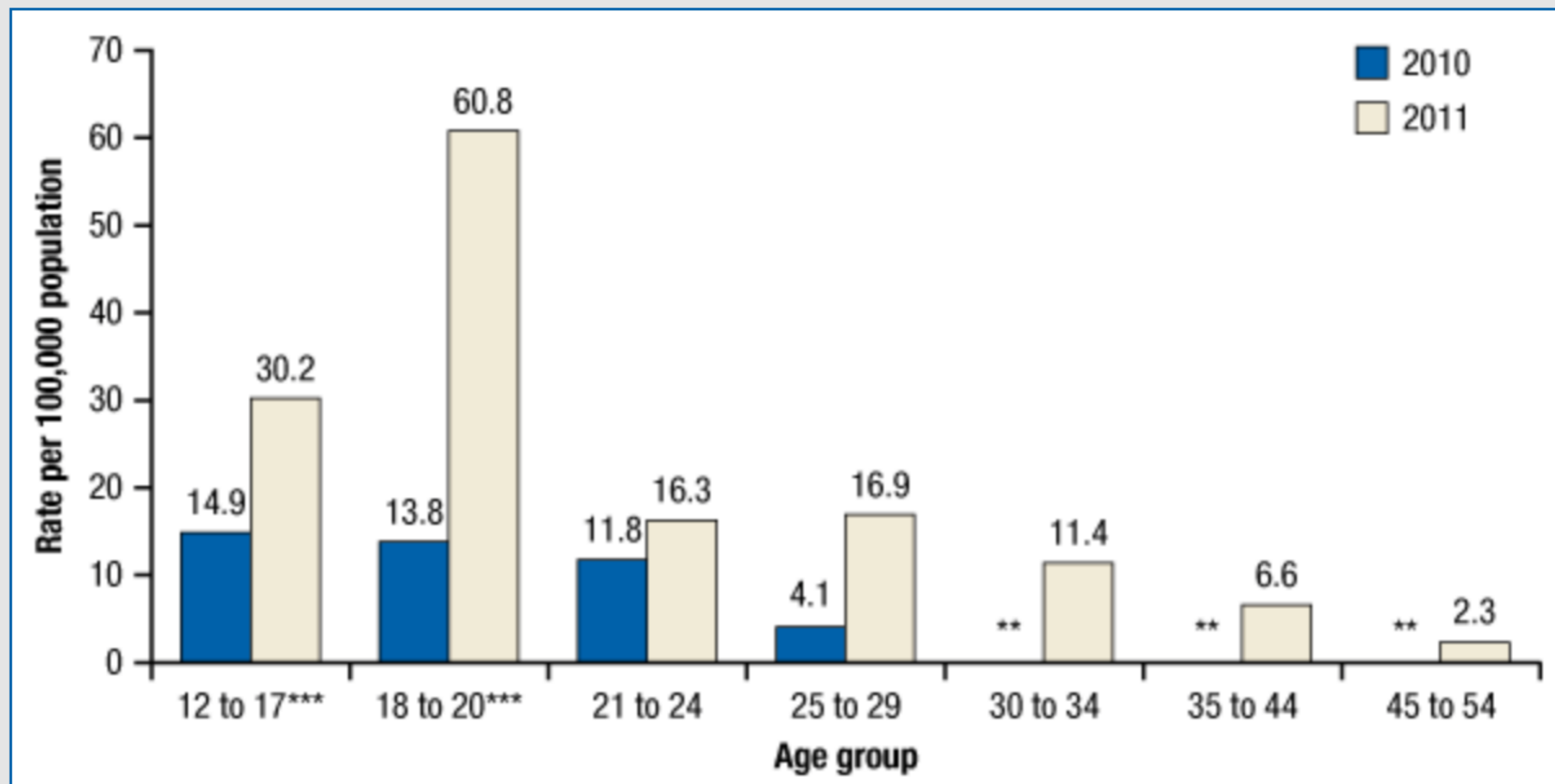


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**Figure 3. Emergency department (ED) visits involving synthetic cannabinoids, rate per 100,000 population,\* by age group: 2010 and 2011**



\* Rates take into consideration the population size of each group; therefore, groups of different sizes may have varying numbers of ED visits but have similar population rates.

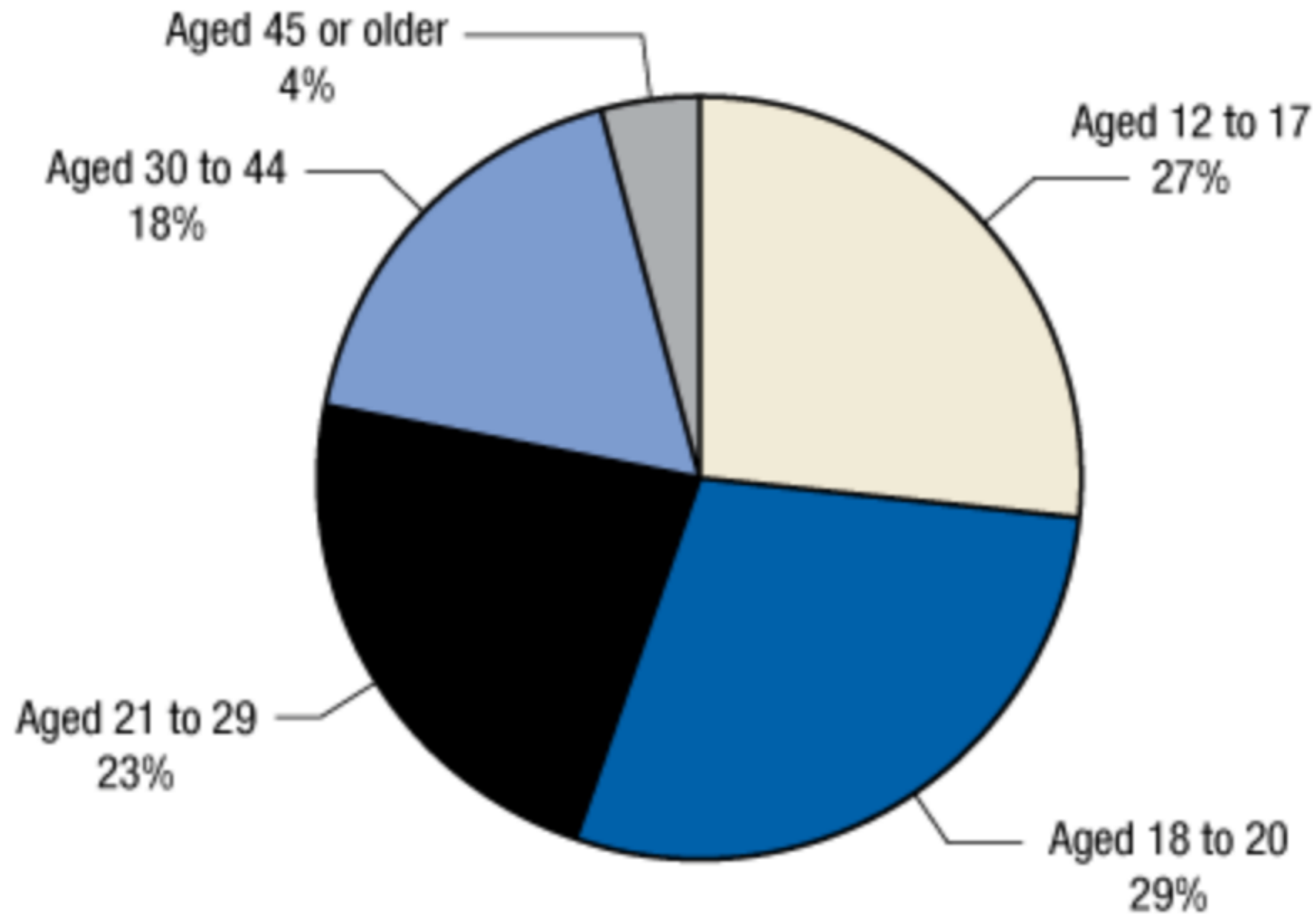
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**Figure 4. Emergency department (ED) visits involving synthetic cannabinoids, by age group\*: 2011**



\*Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

Source: 2010 and 2011 SAMHSA Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN).

**Table 1. Emergency department (ED) visits involving synthetic cannabinoids only or in combination with other substances, by age group: 2011**

Drug combination	Aged 20 or younger		Aged 21 or older	
	Number of ED visits*	Percent of ED visits*	Number of ED visits*	Percent of ED visits*
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,998</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>12,533</b>	<b>100</b>
Synthetic cannabinoids only	10,335	65	5,886	47
Synthetic cannabinoids in combination	5,664	35	6,646	53
Illicit drugs	3,404	21	3,335	27
Other marijuana	2,708	17	**	**
Stimulants***	**	**	1,018	8
Pharmaceuticals	2,531	16	3,243	26
Alcohol	2,438	15	1,368	11

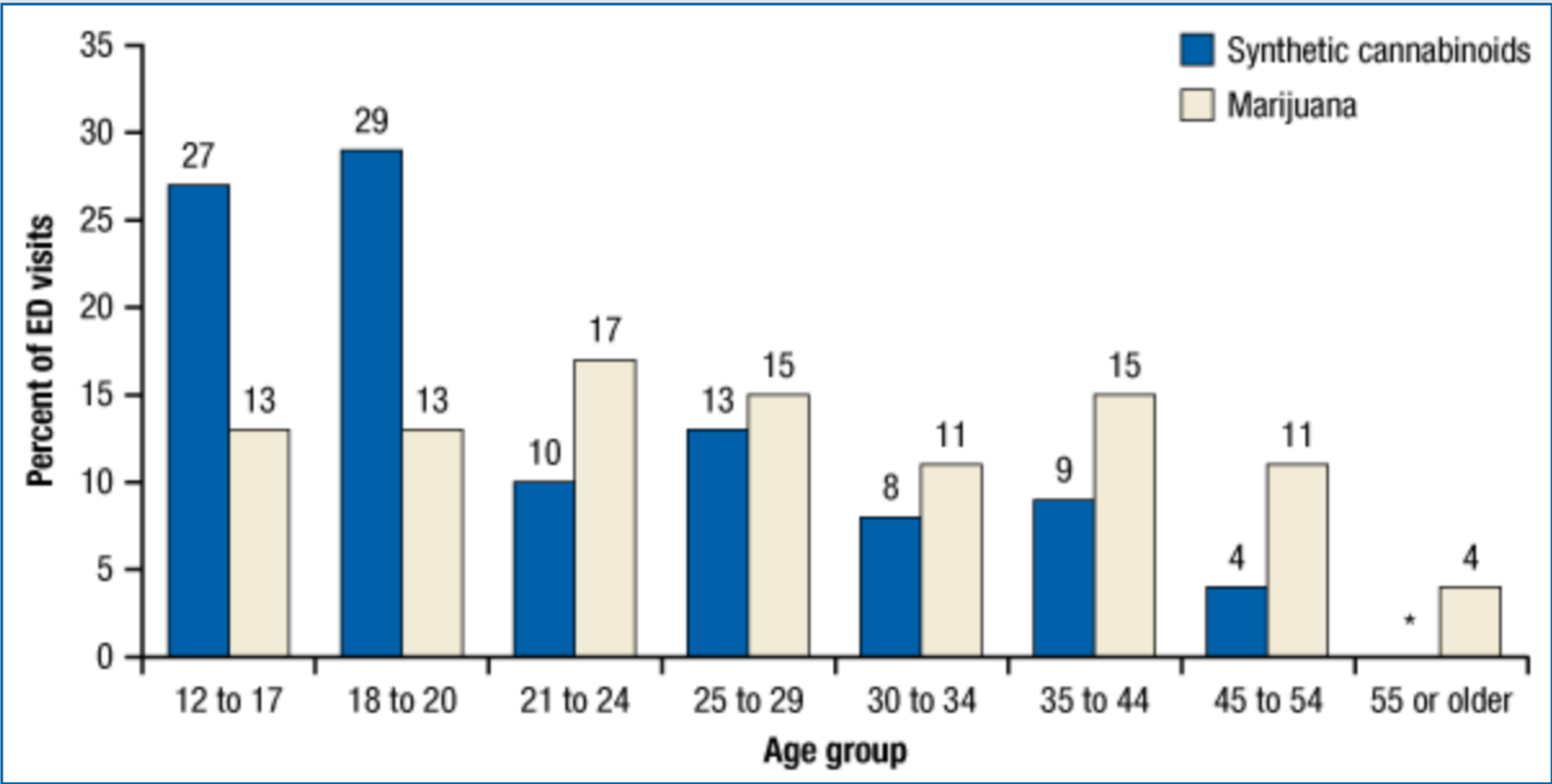
\*Because multiple drugs may be involved in each visit, estimates of visits by drug may add to more than the total, and percentages may add to more than 100 percent.

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\*\*\* Includes amphetamines and methamphetamine.

Source: 2011 SAMHSA Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN).

**Figure 5. Age distribution of synthetic cannabinoid and marijuana-related emergency department (ED) visits: 2011**



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# CURRENT FACTS

- Synthetic marijuana (K-2, “Spice”):
  - - Is sold over the counter in many states—particularly in gas stations, convenience stores and head shops—
  - - Has synthetic chemical components of marijuana sprayed onto shredded plant material that is then smoked.
  - - It is manufactured and sold in an unregulated system—often being imported from overseas—
  - - It can be very potent and unpredictable in its effects.
  - - Side effects are many and are reported to be as severe as acute psychosis and heart attacks.
  - - Most teens still do not recognize synthetic marijuana as a dangerous class of drugs
  - - The proportion of 12th-graders reporting it as dangerous to use did rise significantly in 2014.
  - - Efforts at the federal and state levels to close down the sale of these substances may be having an effect
  - - The proportion of 12th-graders reporting use of synthetic marijuana in the prior 12 months has fallen by nearly half!
  - - It was 11 percent when first included in the survey in 2011 and was down to 6 percent in 2014.

# CURRENT FACTS

- "Bath Salts" - CATHIONINES
- - another class of synthetic drugs sold over-the-counter
- - Use has also declined with the percentages of students in all three grades now down to less than 1 percent!

# Important Facts

## Synthetic marijuana

- has become the second most popular illegal drug among American teenagers, after MJ
- It is especially popular among teenage boys
- Perceived by teens to be “natural,” “safe,” and (until recently) legal alternative to pot
- However this very un-natural class of designer chemicals has shown itself to be a dangerous threat
- Thousands of teens and young adults, mostly young males, are ending up in emergency rooms with severe symptoms that may include vomiting, racing heartbeat, elevated blood pressure, seizures, or hallucinations
- -14% of male and 8% of female high school seniors abused synthetic marijuana in the past year

# Synthetic Marijuana Lands Thousands of Young People in the ER, Especially Young Males

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## How Many Teens Are Using Synthetic MJ?

In 2012, 11% of American high school seniors used synthetic marijuana in the past year.<sup>1</sup>



## 11,406 ER Visits In 2010 Were Associated With Synthetic MJ.<sup>2</sup>

75% were among adolescents and young adults ages 12-29.

22.5% of these visits involved females, and 77.5% involved males.



## Recent survey results

- Interventions may have already resulted in teens being less likely to use “synthetic marijuana”.
- past year use among 12th graders dropped from 11.3 percent in 2012 to 7.9 percent in 2013, and 6 percent in 2014.
- However, 8th, 10th and 12th graders report a low level of perceived risk of using synthetic cannabinoids once or twice.
- Because most synthetic cannabinoid–related ED visits result in discharge, a patient's time in the ED is a valuable opportunity for intervention and education.

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# CASE 1

- 16yo M presents with hallucinations and increased HR
- Drank an herbal tea mixed with a substance he bought at a gas station



# CASE 1

A 17-year-old Caucasian male was found by his mother slumped over on the couch with increased generalized muscular tone in the extremities, cyanosis, and apnea. Upon stimulation, he began to breathe spontaneously and progressively regained responsiveness in a stuporous and confused state for the 10 minutes prior to arrival of emergency medical services. He was noted to have ocular redness and swelling. His initial heart rate in the prehospital setting was 180 BPM, with questionable supraventricular tachycardia. He was given adenosine, 6 mg intravenously, which decreased the heart rate to 140 BPM, consistent with sinus tachycardia. Upon presentation to the emergency department (ED), his muscular tone had improved, and his sinus rhythm had returned to normal. He continued to have altered mental status, with confused speech and somnolence, but he was able to complain of chest and back pain. In the ED, the patient admitted inhaling “K2” via a pipe approximately 2 hours prior to admission. He stated that he purchased it from a local store and reported using it previously on multiple occasions with no adverse reactions. It was unclear the exact brand and amount of product used by the patient. He was admitted to the pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) for close observation of his mental status and chest pain and for monitoring of recurrence of arrhythmias.



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# Sexual Development and Problematic Sexual Behaviors in Adolescence

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# Sexual Development is a Complex Process

- Adolescence is a period of risk taking, peer identification and individuation
- Occurs in the context of physical, emotional, cognitive, moral and social development
- Sexuality is a complex human behavior

# Normative Sexual Development

- Sexual behavior is a function of:
  - ◆ Biological drive
  - ◆ Social and cultural influences
  - ◆ Learning and reinforcement
  - ◆ Internal psychodynamics
  - ◆ Psychiatric factors
- Occurs on a spectrum

# Stages of Development

- Childhood:
  - ◆ Curiosity driven sexual play
  - ◆ Explores gender roles and biology
  - ◆ Typically occurs alone or with same aged peers
  - ◆ Not associated with shame or fear
  - ◆ Kissing, hugging, peeking, touching, exposure

# Stages of Development

- Early and middle adolescence:
  - ◆ Development of secondary sexual characteristics
  - ◆ Beginning of sexual identity and attraction
  - ◆ Sexual joking, self stimulation, conversation and fantasy
  - ◆ Open mouth kissing, mutual touching, simulated intercourse

# Stages of Development

- Late adolescence:
  - ◆ Approaches adult sexuality
  - ◆ Peer aged consensual interaction
  - ◆ Includes oral sex and intercourse
  - ◆ Mutable

# Commonality of Sexual Behaviors

- Masturbation: Most common sexual behavior
  - ◆ 43% 14 yo males, 68% 17 yo males
  - ◆ 35% more males than females
- Followed by mutual masturbation, oral, intercourse
  - ◆ Initiated by males more frequently than females



# Commonality of Sexual Behaviors

- Intercourse:
  - ◆ 10-20% prior to 15, 50% 15-19
  - ◆ 25% with only one partner
  - ◆ 7-16% with four or more partners
- Ethnic, cultural and socioeconomic variation
  - ◆ PER example

# Sexual Behaviors that are a Cause for Concern

- Preoccupation causing impairment
- Coercive behaviors
- Degradation/humiliation
- Shame/fear
- Position of vulnerability/morbidity
- Unusual behaviors
- Age or developmental discrepancy

(Ryan, 2000)

# Types of Problematic Behaviors

- 1. High risk: Normative behaviors that cause risk of pregnancy, STDs, etc
- 2. (Non-Paraphilic) Compulsive: Normative, consensual, but excessive behaviors
- 3. Deviant: Sexual pathology

# High Risk Sexual Behaviors

- Multiple partners
- Unprotected sex
- Early sexual activity
- Frequent intoxication
- Sexting

# Compulsive Sexual Behaviors

- Excessive normative behaviors
  - ◆ Proposed as “hypersexual” or as a “sexual addiction” in DSM-5
  - ◆ Excessive engagement in pleasurable sexual behaviors despite adverse consequences, with perceived compulsion, loss of insight and tolerance
  - ◆ Generally harmful to the individual
- Elements of both sexual and substance use disorders

(Kafta, 2010; Goodman, 1993; Carnes, 2001)

# Compulsive Sexual Behaviors

- Progressive risk taking
- May serve to ameliorate dysphoric states
- Multifactorial: May result from psychiatric disturbance, medical disorders, intoxicants

# Types of Compulsive Sexual Behaviors

- Studies generally done in adult male populations
  - ◆ Compulsive masturbation (avg reported 3x/week)
  - ◆ Pornography dependence (passive)
  - ◆ Cybersex dependence (active: chats, live video, sexting)
  - ◆ Promiscuity (most report 3 or less partners in the prior year)

# Paraphilic Disorders

- Abnormal behaviors/Deviant sexual arousal
- Generally illegal and harmful to others
- Arousal towards either an abnormal object of desire or an abnormal behavior
- Most juvenile offenders are not paraphilic



# DSM-5 Criteria for Paraphilic Disorder

The diagnostic construct for all of the paraphilias is similar:

- “A” criteria: Over a period of at least 6 months: recurrent and intense sexual arousal involving the specific paraphilia, relating to non human objects, children or other non-consenting persons, or suffering or humiliation, as manifested by fantasies, urges or behaviors (paraphilia)
- “B” criteria: Causes distress or impairment, or the person has acted on the urges with a non consenting person (must cause impairment for “disorder”)

- These specific paraphilic disorders include
  - ◆ Exhibitionistic disorder
  - ◆ Fetishistic disorder
  - ◆ Frotteuristic disorder
  - ◆ Pedophilic disorder
  - ◆ Sexual masochism disorder
  - ◆ Sexual sadism disorder
  - ◆ Transvestic disorder
  - ◆ Voyeuristic disorder

- DSM-5 also includes:

- ◆ Other specified paraphilic disorder

- ★ Includes specific paraphilias that are not listed, such as necrophilia, zoophilia/bestiality, urophilia, coprophilia and others

- ◆ Unspecified paraphilic disorder

- ★ Presentation insufficient to make a more specific diagnosis
- ★ Equivalent to the older NOS category

# Sexual Behavior Occurs on a Spectrum

- There is a continuum between “normal” and “deviant”
- No clear threshold for pathology
- Patterns of sexual arousal are not fixed in youth (Veneziano et al, 2002).
- Inappropriate behaviors do not, per se, predict sexual offending (Saleh & Vincent, 2004)



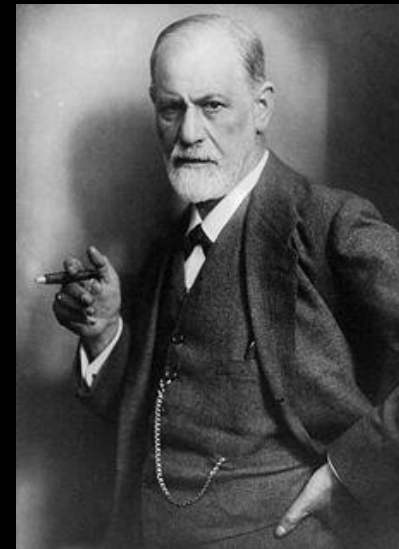
# Deviance is a Process

- For most, deviant sexual fantasies are first experienced around the time of puberty
- Arousal is reinforced through masturbation
- Arousal patterns become relatively fixed in the early, to mid 20s, and remain stable, although behavioral expression may vary with age
- Time to offense generally 3-5 years or more in offenders

(Veneziano, 2002)

# Etiology of Paraphilias

- Theories range from psychodynamic, to behavioral to biologic models
- Proposed mechanisms have included models implicating various monoamines neurotransmitters, fronto-temporal dysfunction, heredity, hormonal synthesis, and non biological contributors
- No single robust finding



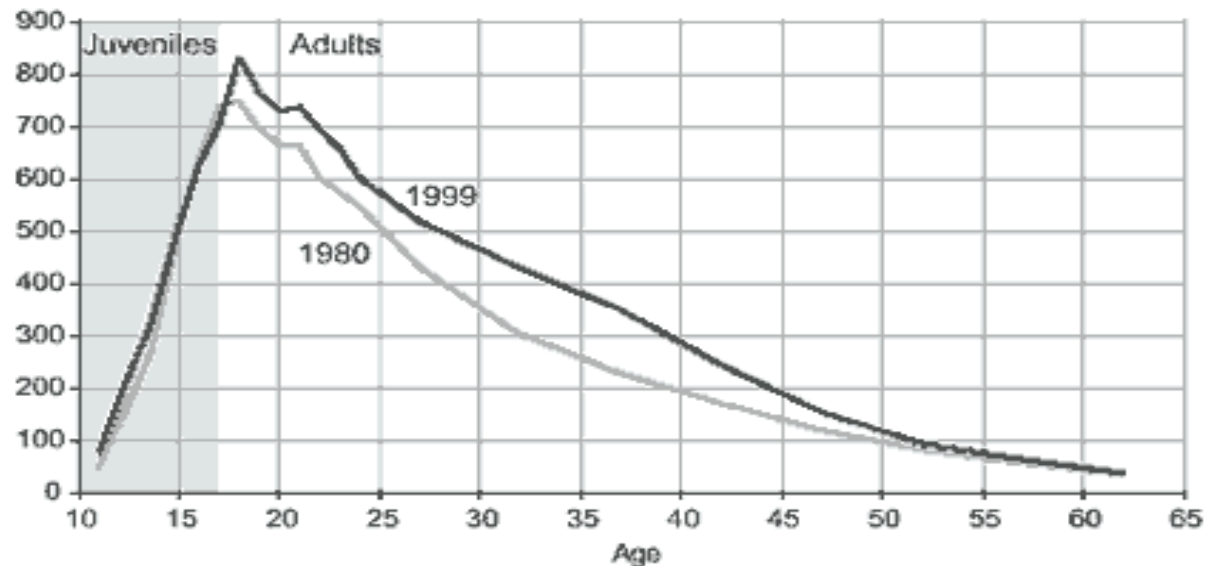
# Sexual Offending

- Adolescents commit as high as 20% of all rapes and 30-50% of all child sexual abuse cases (Davis, 1987)
- Very high rates of recidivism, up to 45% over three years (Borduin, 1989)
- 10% may continue to offend into adulthood (Rasmussen, 1999)

# Effects of Age on Violent Recidivism

**Violent Crime Index arrest rates were higher in 1999 than in 1980 for all adult age groups—for juveniles, 1999 rates were nearly at or below the 1980 rates**

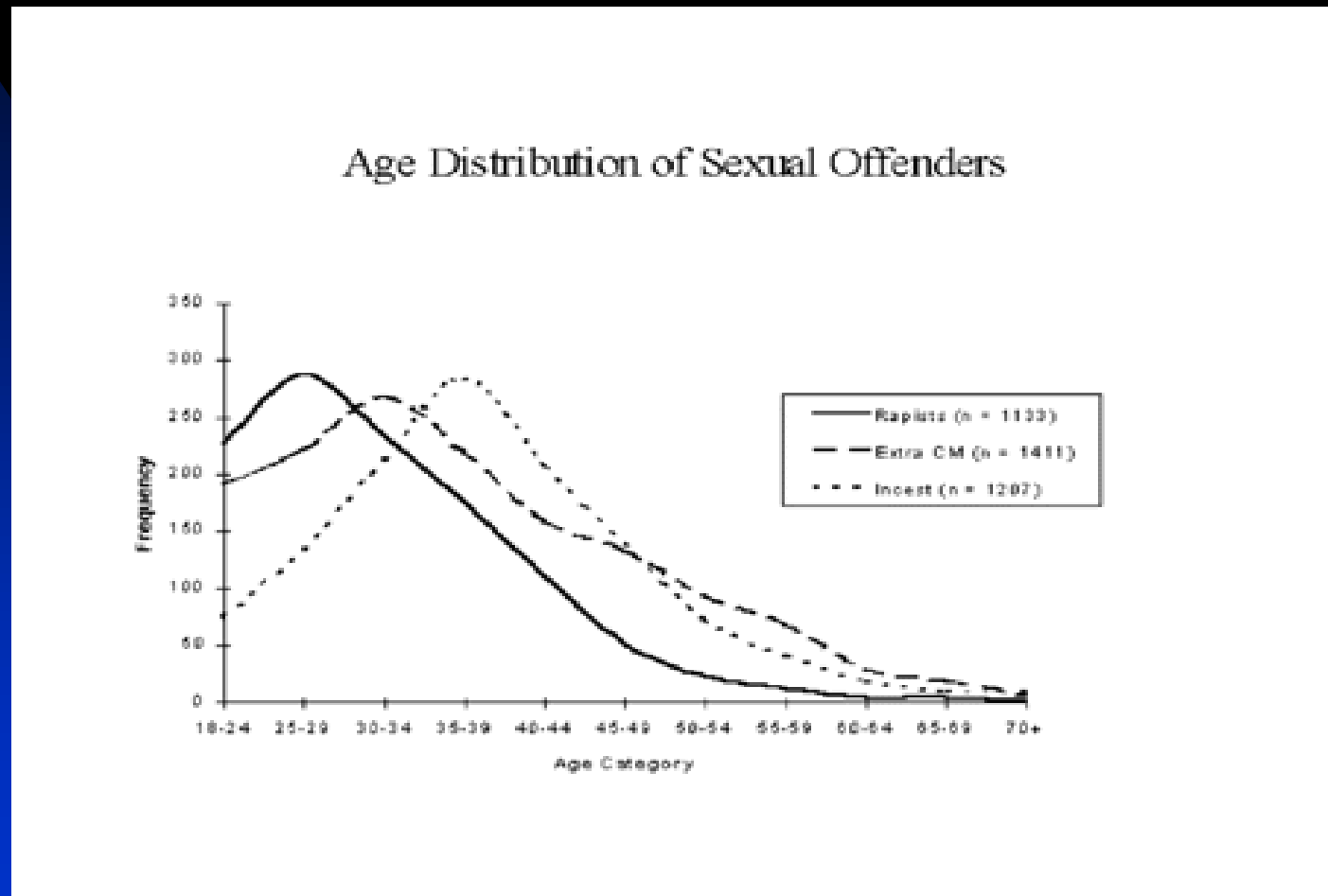
Violent Crime Index arrests per 100,000 population



- ◆ Between 1980 and 1999, the Violent Crime Index arrest rates for persons ages 15–17 decreased about 2%. In comparison, the rates increased for persons age 18 and older, with the largest increases being for persons between ages 30 and 45. More specifically, the rate increased 11% for persons ages 18–24, 20% for persons ages 25–29, 42% for persons ages 30–34, 53% for persons ages 35–39, and 43% for persons ages 40–44. Even the arrest rate for persons ages 60–64 increased by 14%.



# Age Distribution of Sexual Offenders



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# Characteristics Associated with Type: Offenses Against Children

- Juveniles that offend against children:
  - ★ Greater social dysfunction.
  - ★ Less aggressive and antisocial.
  - ★ Higher levels of depression.
  - ★ Higher scholastic functioning.
  - ★ Victimization through bullying.

(Hunter, 2003, Epps, 2004)

# Juveniles That Offend Against Peers and Adults

- Higher rates of psychopathy
- More intrusive acts
- More aggressive and violent
- Other criminal behaviors

(Brown, 1997, Andrade, 2005)

# Reasons for Juvenile Offending Behavior

- Criminal attitudes
- Intoxication
- Intellectual disability/Autistic spectrum
- Psychiatric disturbance
- Paraphilic Drive
- No diagnosis

# Referrals and Assessment

- Patients may come from many different sources: Pediatricians, social workers, school officials, law enforcement
- Some referrals may be normative, and some not
- Primary goal to clarify role, determine scope of behaviors, and urgency

# Evaluation

- Review of collateral information is paramount
- Determination of the presence of a traditional psychiatric disorder
- Exploration of medical/biological contributors
- Substance misuse

# Focus on Sexual Behaviors

- Determine scope of behaviors and urgency:
  - ◆ Illegal behaviors
  - ◆ Abusive relationships
  - ◆ Physical or emotional harm
  - ◆ Association with fear or shame
  - ◆ Presence of bizarre sexual behaviors
- May warrant hospitalization or removal from the home while evaluation and intervention ongoing

# If Non-Urgent

- Time for more extensive evaluation
  - ◆ Comprehensive sexual history
    - ★ History of experiences
    - ★ Sexual knowledge
    - ★ Self perception
    - ★ Sexual orientation

(Ryan, 1997)



# Assessment Tools

- Few diagnostic instruments developed for adolescents
- Proposed screening tool: PATHOS (Carnes, 2012)
  - ◆ Preoccupation with sexual thoughts
  - ◆ Ashamed or hide sexual behaviors
  - ◆ Sought out treatment or help for the sexual behaviors
  - ◆ Anyone hurt by the behaviors
  - ◆ Feel out of control
  - ◆ Feel sad after the sexual behaviors (pos=>3/6)

# Assessment Tools

- Internet Sex Screening Test (ISST, Delmonico 1999), self report, available online, diagnostic screen
- JRAS (Hiscox, et al 2007) Sexual offense risk
- JSOAP-II (Prentky et al, 2003) Sexual offense risk

# Results of Initial Assessments

- Acute safety considerations (victim/victimizer access; triggers; legal concerns)
- Acute psychiatric disorders
- General formulation regarding the nature of the sexual pathology
- Determination for further work-up: pediatric, neurological, forensic etc

# Treatment

- Early intervention may significantly impact the course of compulsive or potentially deviant behaviors
- Treatment goals:
  - ◆ Prevent harm
  - ◆ Develop healthy sexuality
  - ◆ Address psychological deficits (social, esteem)
  - ◆ Increase quality of life

# Psychosocial Interventions

- Multidisciplinary
  - ◆ Educational
  - ◆ Substance misuse treatment
  - ◆ Relapse prevention
  - ◆ Family involvement
  - ◆ Crisis intervention

# Psychosocial Interventions

- Limiting access (inpt vs outpt)
- Self regulation
- Addressing dysfunctional coping and interpersonal skills
- Addressing dysfunctional family processes

# Pharmacologic Interventions

- Literature generally focused on treating paraphilic disorders
- Non paraphilic compulsive behaviors may benefit from SSRIs, naltrexone, lithium and others
- Paraphilic disorders may benefit from SSRIs, or off label GnRH inhibitors (antiandrogen)

# Additional Resources



C E N T E R F O R S E X O F F E N D E R M A N A G E M E N T  
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# **Research and Clinical Adaptations of Dialectical Behavior Therapy with Adolescents**

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# Outline

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- 5 Biosocial Theory
- 6 DBT assumptions, targets and modes
- 7 Future directions

# Adolescent DBT in Clinical Settings

- **In 1995, Miller & Rathus based adolescent adaptation on Linehan's inclusion criteria with adults:**
  - **Suicidal & NSSI**
  - **Multi-problem/multi-diagnosis**
  - **BPD**
- **Over time, inclusion criteria has broadened for patient populations and settings: outpatient, day treatment, inpatient, residential, and forensic.**
  - **Transdiagnostic applications of DBT w/ teens**
    - **Ritschel, Miller, & Taylor, 2013**

# Adolescent Suicide: The Problem (CDC, 2015)

**In 2013, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders nationwide reported...**

- **17% seriously considered suicide**
- **13.6% made a plan for how to commit suicide**
- **8% attempted suicide**

# Nonsuicidal Self-Injurious Behaviors

- **NSSI = “the deliberate, direct destruction or alteration of body tissue, without conscious suicidal intent but resulting in injury severe enough for tissue damage to occur.” (Gratz, 2003, p. 192)**
- **NSSI is a risk factor for suicide.**
- **Coping strategy of youth in 21<sup>st</sup> century?**

# Prevalence of NSSI

## ■ Pre-Adolescent Community Samples

- 7% (Hilt, Nock, et al., 2009)

## ■ Community Studies with Teens

- 35.6% adolescents at least once (Zetterqvist et al., 2013)

- 14-28% HS students (e.g., Giletta et al., 2012; Muehlenkamp et al., 2012)

# Problem of NSSI

- **Clinical Samples**

- **21%-61% in youth**

- **Age of onset is typically between 12-14**

- **20% in adults**

- **Gender Differences**

- **Not consistently evident, especially among adolescents**

- **Ethnic Differences**

- **Not consistently evident**

# Multi-Problem Teenagers

- **Suicide and NSSI are two of a cluster of high-risk behaviors including:**
  - School refusal, academic difficulties, drop-out
  - Sexual risk behaviors
    - **HIV transmission and teen pregnancy**
  - Substance abuse
  - Violent behaviors



# **Raise your hand if this teen sounds familiar**



**Reacts out of fear of rejection**

**Is not able to make or keep friends**

**Does not seem sure of self or changes  
personas often**

**Acts out impulsively in self-damaging ways**

**Makes recurrent suicidal threats or self-mutilates**

**Reacts with intense anxiety or dysphoria**

**Feelings of emptiness**

**Experiences intense, inappropriate anger**

**At times seems paranoid or just “checks out” when  
under stress**

# BPD in Adolescents?

**BPD is found internationally in community and clinical samples of children and adolescents.**

## **Reference:**

***Handbook of Borderline Personality Disorder in Children and Adolescents (2014), C. Sharp & J. Tackett (Eds). Springer.***

# What is Borderline Personality Disorder?

- In short, BPD is a **PERVASIVE** disorder of the emotion regulation system
- The symptoms of BPD are both the consequence of **extreme emotional dysregulation** and an **attempt to regulate emotions**



# THE PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED

AVOIDANCE OR  
ESCAPE

CUES

Intolerable  
Aversive  
Emotional State

Suicide Ideation  
NSSI  
Suicide Attempt  
ETOH/Drugs  
Binge/Purge

TEMPORARY  
RELIEF

# Borderline Personality Disorder (Re-organized)

## Emotional Dysregulation

- Affective lability
- Problems with anger

## Interpersonal Dysregulation

- Chaotic relationships
- Fears of abandonment

## Behavioral Dysregulation

- Suicidal and NSSI behavior
- Impulsive behavior

## Self Dysregulation

- Identity disturbance/ difficulties with sense of self
- Sense of emptiness

## Cognitive Dysregulation

- Dissociative responses/paranoid ideation

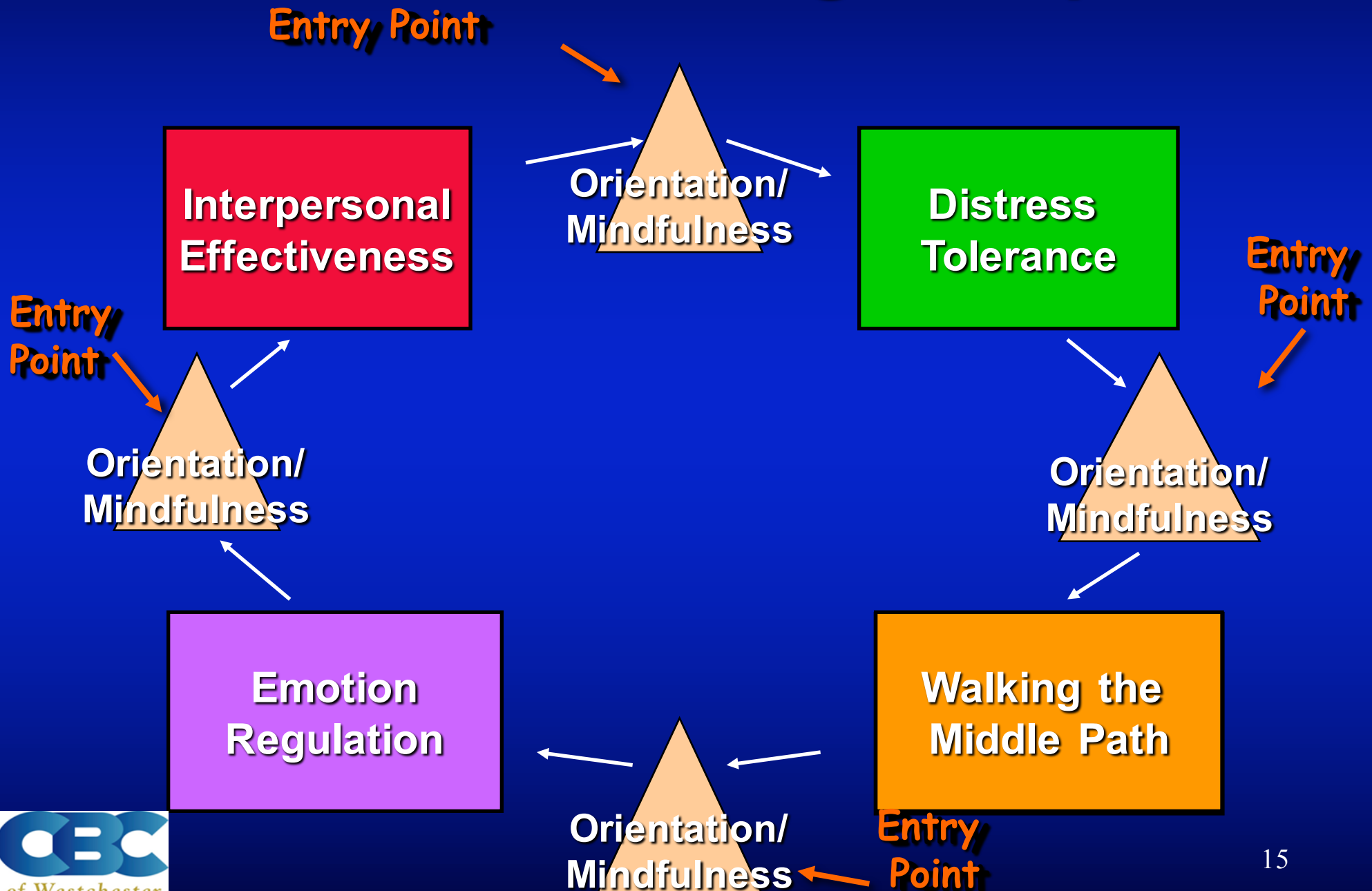
# Problem Areas

# Skills

1. **Reduced Awareness and Focus; Confusion about Self**
2. **Impulsivity**
3. **Emotional Dysregulation**
4. **Interpersonal Problems**
5. **Teenager and Family Challenges (i.e., non-dialectical thinking, invalidation, poor contingency mgmt)**

1. **Mindfulness**
2. **Distress Tolerance**
3. **Emotion Regulation**
4. **Interpersonal Effectiveness**
5. **Walking the Middle Path**

# Skills Training Group



# Acceptability of Walking the Middle Path

(Campbell, Rathus, Miller, and Smith, 2015,  
*American Journal of Psychotherapy*)

- 50 parents & teens; mixed-methods study
- Results: High acceptability of the module, to teens & parents.
- Middle Path skills ranked highly among DBT skills perceived most helpful.
- The Middle Path skill, Validation, was considered most beneficial skill among all DBT skills, with reinforcement close behind.



# Additional Skills

## DBT Skills Training with Adolescents (Rathus & Miller, 2015)

- **Teen “wise mind” values and priorities list**
  - E.g., be a leader, be healthy, be part of a group.
  - Helps inform goals
- **Teen-parent shared pleasant activity list**
  - 2-pronged approach: Emotion regulation strategy  
(↑ short-term pleasant events + ↑ positive family interactions)
- **Best ways to get rest: 12 tips for better sleep**
- **Food and Your Mood**

# Why DBT for teens?

- **Data!** (RCT, quasi-experimental, and open trials)
- **Biosocial Theory:** Offers a compassionate explanation of the etiology and maintenance of emotion dysregulation to students, families and professionals. The theory directly informs the treatment targets.
- **DBT is skills-based** and helps us all recognize the notion of skills deficits and the need for skills training. Teaching, learning, rehearsing, generalizing.
- **The multi-modal nature of DBT affords us multiple entry points into the teens lives (via individual therapy, skills group, family involvement, and inter-session coaching).**

# DBT Outcome Data with Adolescents

# Outpatient Study

## Dialectical Behavior Therapy Adapted for Suicidal Adolescents

JILL H. RATHUS, PHD, AND ALEC L. MILLER, PSYD

We report a quasi-experimental investigation of an adaptation of Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) with a group of suicidal adolescents with borderline personality features. The DBT group ( $n = 29$ ) received 12 weeks of twice weekly therapy consisting of individual therapy and a multifamily skills training group. The treatment as usual (TAU) group ( $n = 82$ ) received 12 weeks of twice weekly supportive-psychodynamic individual therapy plus weekly family therapy. Despite more severe pre-treatment symptomatology in the DBT group, at post-treatment this group had significantly fewer psychiatric hospitalizations during treatment, and a significantly higher rate of treatment completion than the TAU group. There were no significant differences in the number of suicide attempts made during treatment. Examining pre-post change within the DBT group, there were significant reductions in suicidal ideation, general psychiatric symptoms, and symptoms of borderline personality. DBT appears to be a promising treatment for suicidal adolescents with borderline personality characteristics.

# Summary: DBT with Adolescents

- **Preliminarily, DBT - A:**
  - Reduces hospitalizations.
  - Increases treatment retention.
  - Reduces suicidal ideation.
  - Reduces depression, anger, anxiety, and interpersonal sensitivity. (SCL90)
  - Reduces borderline symptomatology (confusion about self, interpersonal chaos, emotional dysregulation, impulsivity.)

**Rathus & Miller, 2002**

# Adolescent DBT Randomized Trials

- 1) Norway Lars Mehlum, MD, PhD (PI)
  - **University of Oslo Suicide Prevention and Research Unit**
  - **16 weeks of DBT-A vs. Enhanced Care as Usual (77 subjects)**
  - **Suicidal and NSSI adolescents with BPD features**
- 2) U of Washington & UCLA Marsha Linehan, Liz McCauley, Joan Asarnow, & Michelle Berk (PIs)
  - **24 weeks of DBT-A vs. Supportive psychotherapy (manual)**
  - **Elevated S/I, NSSI and 1 lifetime SA, and BPD features**
- 3) U of Pittsburgh Tina Goldstein, PhD (PI)
  - **24 weeks of DBT vs. Care as Usual**
  - **Bipolar disorder and suicidality**

# **Dialectical Behavior Therapy for Adolescents with Recent and Repeated Self-harming Behaviors - First Randomized Controlled Trial**

**Mehlum, L, Tormoen, A, Ramberg, M, Haga, E, Diep, L, Laberg, S, Larsson, B, Stanley, B, Miller, AL, Sund, A, Groholt, B. (2014). Dialectical behavior therapy for adolescents with recent and repeated self-harming behavior-first randomized controlled trial. *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*, 53, 1082-1091.**

# Treatment methods

1. **DBT – Adapted for adolescents – 16 weeks**
2. **Enhanced Usual Care (EUC) – 16 weeks**  
**Psychodynamic or CBT oriented therapy**  
**(non-DBT)**

**Treatments were delivered at five Child and Adolescent Outpatient Clinics in Oslo, Norway**



# Design

- **Randomized Controlled Trial with independent and blinded pre-, post and follow-up evaluations**
- **Measurements at:**
  - **Baseline (interview, self-report and testing)**
  - **16 weeks - End of treatment (interview, self-report and testing)**
  - **1 year posttreatment follow-up**
  - **2 years posttreatment follow-up (interview, self-report and testing)**
- **Ten year follow-up planned**

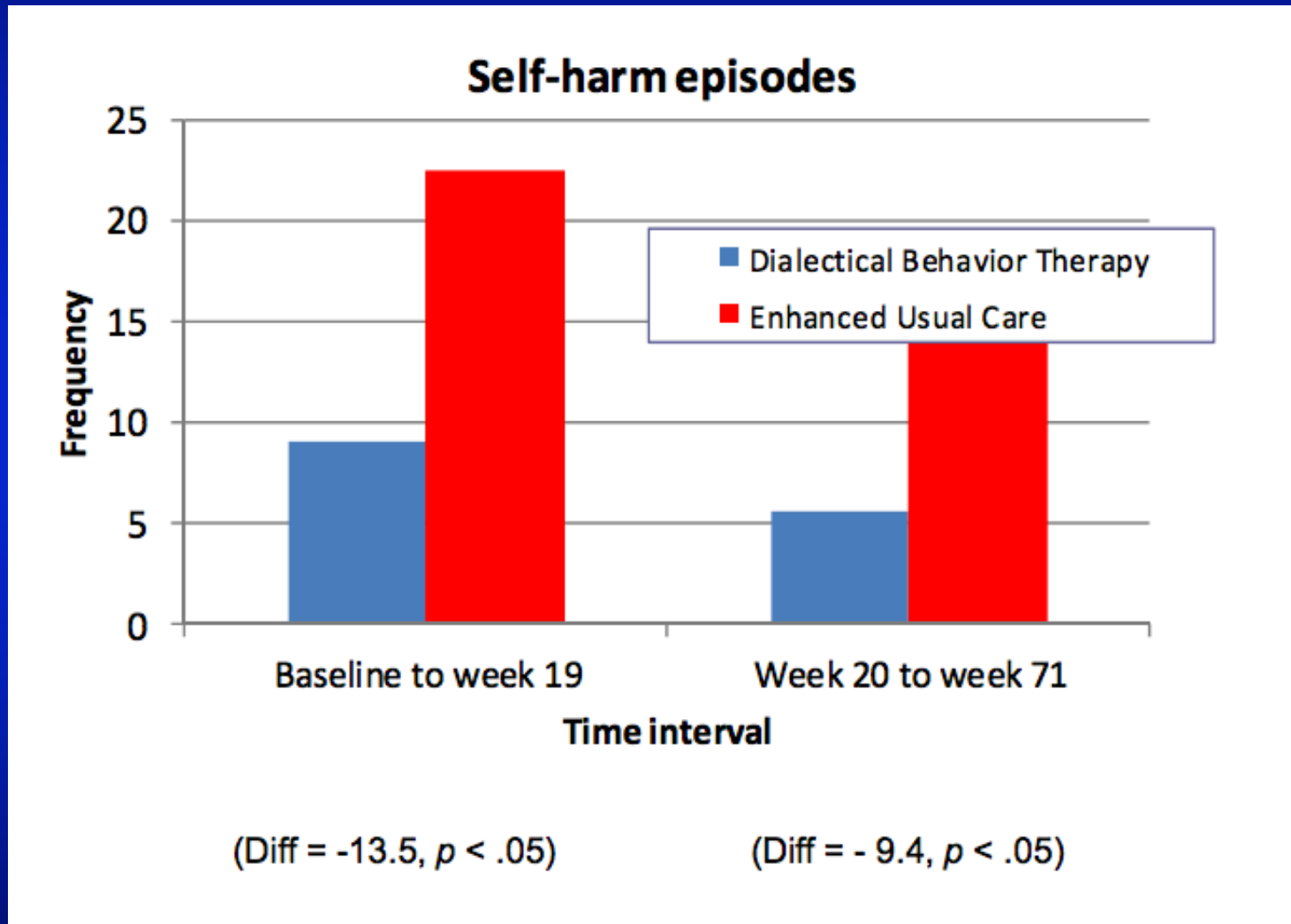
# Conclusions

- **Patients receiving DBT-A experienced significant reductions in all 3 primary outcome measures, in contrast to patients receiving EUC where only self-reported depression was significantly reduced**
- **Patients who received DBT-A had a significantly**
  - **Stronger reduction in the number of self-harm episodes**
  - **Stronger decline in suicidal ideation**
  - **Stronger reduction in interviewer rated depressive symptoms**
  - **Stronger reduction in hopelessness feelings**
  - **Stronger reduction in borderline symptoms**

# 1 Year Follow-Up

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- **No completed suicides in either group**



# DBT: Starting upstream

(Mazza & Miller, 2014)

STEPS-A

School-based DBT

Outpatient DBT

IOP/PHP + DBT

Residential  
Treatment +  
DBT

Hospitalization +  
DBT

Program  
Evaluation  
and  
Research

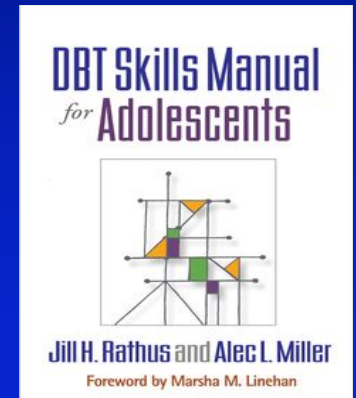
# DBT in School Settings

- **Selected/Indicated/Targeted Application (Secondary and Tertiary Prevention)**
  - Elementary, Middle School and High School
- **Universal Application (Primary Prevention Interventions)**
  - Elementary Middle School and High School

# DBT in Schools (two types)

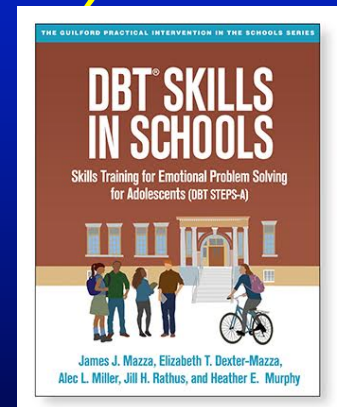
- Targeted/Selected Intervention (School-Based DBT)

- Comprehensive DBT model within schools
- Rathus JH & Miller, AL, (2015) DBT Skills Manual for Adolescents. Guilford Press



- Universal Intervention (STEPS-A)

- Mazza, JJ, Dexter-Mazza, ET, Miller, AL, Rathus, JH, & Murphy, HE, (In press). *DBT Skills in Schools: Skills Training for Emotional Problem Solving for Adolescents (STEPS-A)*. Guilford Press.



# Why Comprehensive DBT in Schools?

- **The rationale for administrators:**

- Mounting pressure to keep ED (emotionally disabled) students within District
- Costs District @ 100K/per student per year when sent out of District for specialized programs.
- Reduce ER visits, psychiatric and medical hospitalizations, keep students IN SCHOOL
- DBT is an evidence-based therapy for multi-problem adolescents (Mehlum et al. 2014)

# Why Comprehensive DBT in schools?

- **Rationale for ALL school personnel (administrators, mental health professionals, counselors):**
- **It provides school personnel and students with common language and skills-based toolkit**
- **It reduces numerous problem behaviors that often result in suspensions, ER visits, and interfere in education**
- **In turn, DBT can reduce staff/administrator burnout**
- **School-friendly, DBT can be taught in groups/classes**
- **DBT can be applied transdiagnostically**
  - **Ritschel, Miller, & Taylor, 2013**
  - **Not just anti-bullying, anti-anxiety, anger management**
- **DBT has observable and measurable outcomes**



# **DBT in Schools (Comprehensive DBT)**

- Far Rockaway, NY, High School (2001-2002)
- Lincoln HS, Portland Oregon (2007-present) Jim Hanson
- Ardsley School District, NY- Elementary, MS, and HS (2008-present)
  - Presented data at conferences (Catucci et al.; Mason et al)
- PS 8 Elementary School Bronx, NY/Albert Einstein College of Medicine
  - Lander, Miller, Edwards et al, (2009-2012)
- Pleasantville, NY School District- MS and HS (2009-present)
- Mamaroneck, NY Elementary, MS, HS (2010-present)
- BOCES Rockland County, NY Elementary and HS (2012 – Present)
- New Rochelle, NY, Elementary, MS, & HS (2012 – Present)
- Florida, NY, Golden Hill Elementary (2013 – Present)
- Irvington, NY, Elementary, Middle, and High Schools, NY (2013- present)
- Hastings on Hudson NY, High School (2013- present)
- Briarcliff Manor, NY, High School (2013- present)
- Astor School Child and Adolescent Day Treatment Programs (2013-present)
- NYC, Robert Louis Stevenson HS (2015-present)
- Westport, CT, Staples High School (2015-present)
- Southern Westchester BOCES HS, White Plains NY (2015-present)

# Data from Schools

- **Preliminary results from an open trial of comprehensive DBT at Ardsley HS**

**(Mason, Catucci, Lusk, and Johnson, 2011)**

- **Reduced referrals to assistant principal**
- **Reduced cutting class, detentions and suspensions**
- **Anecdotal reduction in depression, anxiety, NSSI**
- **Requires change of culture re: how schools manage problem behavior**

# Data from Schools

- **Preliminary results from an open trial at Pleasantville HS** (Dadd, 2015, unpublished dissertation)
  - **Comprehensive school-DBT program**
    - **Reductions in depression and social stress as measured by BASC, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition**
    - **Increases in adaptive coping skills, in particular mindfulness skills**
    - **Increases in ability to tolerate distressing situations and reduction in maladaptive coping**
  - **Requires change of culture re: how schools manage problem behavior**

# Lincoln High School, Portland, OR



# Lincoln HS Statistics

- **1720 students**
- **Middle to high socio-economic status**
- **100 Best High Schools in United States**
- **High stress and anxiety (OHTS 2008: 13% of students considered suicide in last twelve months; 2012: 8.4%)**
- **About 20 parent meetings/year for cutting, suicidal ideation or attempt (record year high was 45)**
- **Suicide was leading cause of death until SB-DBT**  
= Jim Hanson, 2015

# Lincoln HS Statistics

Hanson, 2015

- **Identified at-risk youth (ie, NSSI ,SI, attempts) and provided Comprehensive DBT to 56 HS students.**
- **Results:**
  - **Before DBT: one to two suicides per year, since starting DBT in school 9 years ago there have been no suicides**
  - **Before DBT: two placements into Portland Public School's day treatment classroom per year, since DBT one placement in nine years**
- **Statistically significant improvements in GPA from pre- to post-intervention**

# 7-YEAR SUMMARY

Jim Hanson, 2015



BASC Subscale	Mean Pre (SD)	Mean Post (SD)	95% CI	<i>t</i> -score	Cohen's <i>d</i>
Anxiety	59.57 (12.17)	53.90 (13.62)	2.13-9.21	3.22*	.91
Depression	62.27 (14.65)	51.45 (10.29)	6.75-14.90	5.34**	1.51
Internalizing	60.51 (11.95)	52.65 (11.86)	4.14-11.59	4.24**	1.20
Anger Control	57.70 (10.74)	51.63 (10.22)	2.50-9.63	3.42*	1.02

\*  $< .005$  \*\*  $< .001$ ; Bonferroni correction = .0125



# DBT in Schools (STEPS-A)

- Ulster County HS Health Class Curriculum (1999)
- Ardsley School District, NY- HS (2008-present)
  - Ardsley Health Class
- **Lincoln HS, Portland Oregon (2007-present) Jim Hanson**
- Mazza & Mazza (2010-)
  - University of Washington, MS & HS Education
- Mastery Charter School, Philadelphia, PA HS (2013-present)
- Briarcliff Manor, NY, High School (2013- present)
- Manteca, CA, Middle School and High School (2014-present)
- Oakland, CA, Middle School (2014-present)
- Project GRAD, LA (2014-present)
- Stamford, CT, High School (2015-present)
- Northern Westchester BOCES (2015-present)



# DBT in Schools: (Mazza et al., in press)

## STEPS-A

### Structure

1. Designed for 50 minute periods
  - A. 30 lessons – standard
  - B. Flexible curriculum
2. Format – similar to a class
3. Covers the 4 domains
4. Standardized with Rathus & Miller – DBT for adolescents

### Curriculum

1. Designed at the universal level for general education teachers
  - A. Ideal – Health teacher
  - B. Profess. Staff – school psychs & counselors, school social workers
2. Manualized lessons AND provides degree of flexibility
3. Teacher Manual
4. Student Workbook

# DBT for chronic medical conditions

## Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM, 2010-)

- **Chronic kidney disease**

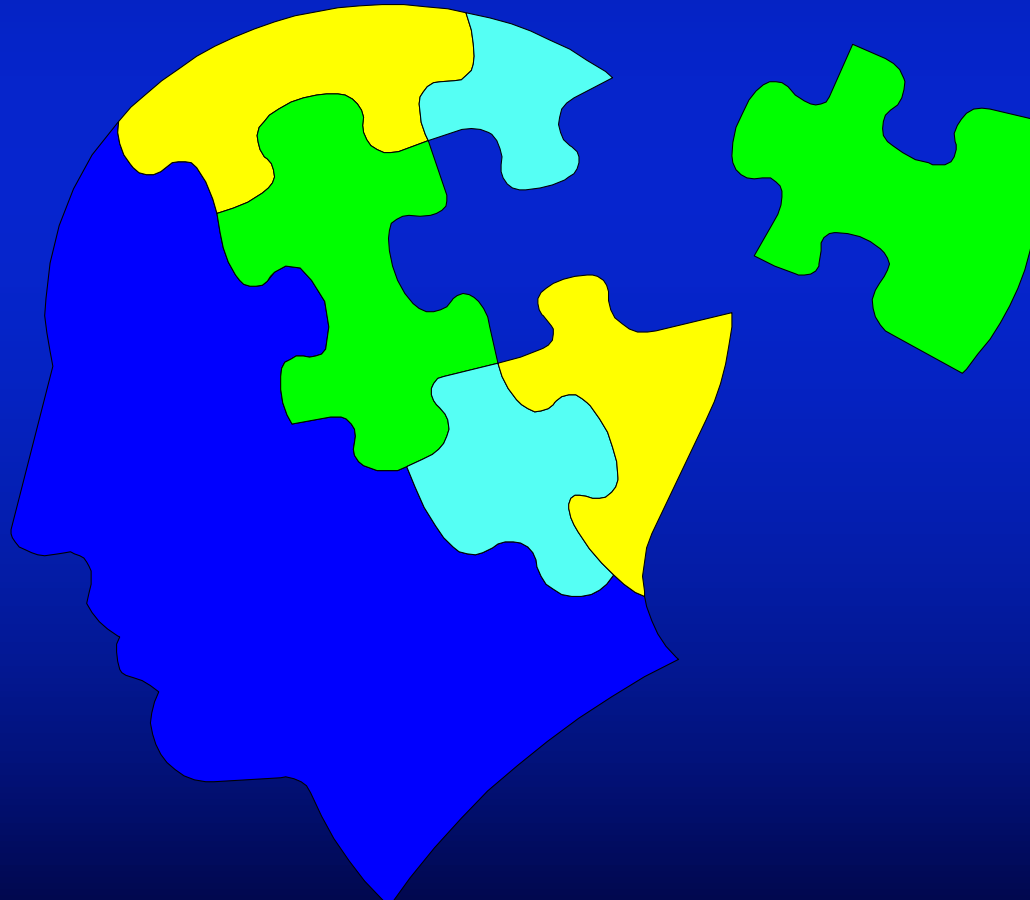
Hashim (Lois), Vadnais, & Miller, (2013). Improving adherence in adolescence chronic kidney disease: A DBT feasibility trial. *Clinical Practice in Pediatric Psychology*, 1-11.

-8 sessions

-multi-disciplinary (validation, validation, validation)

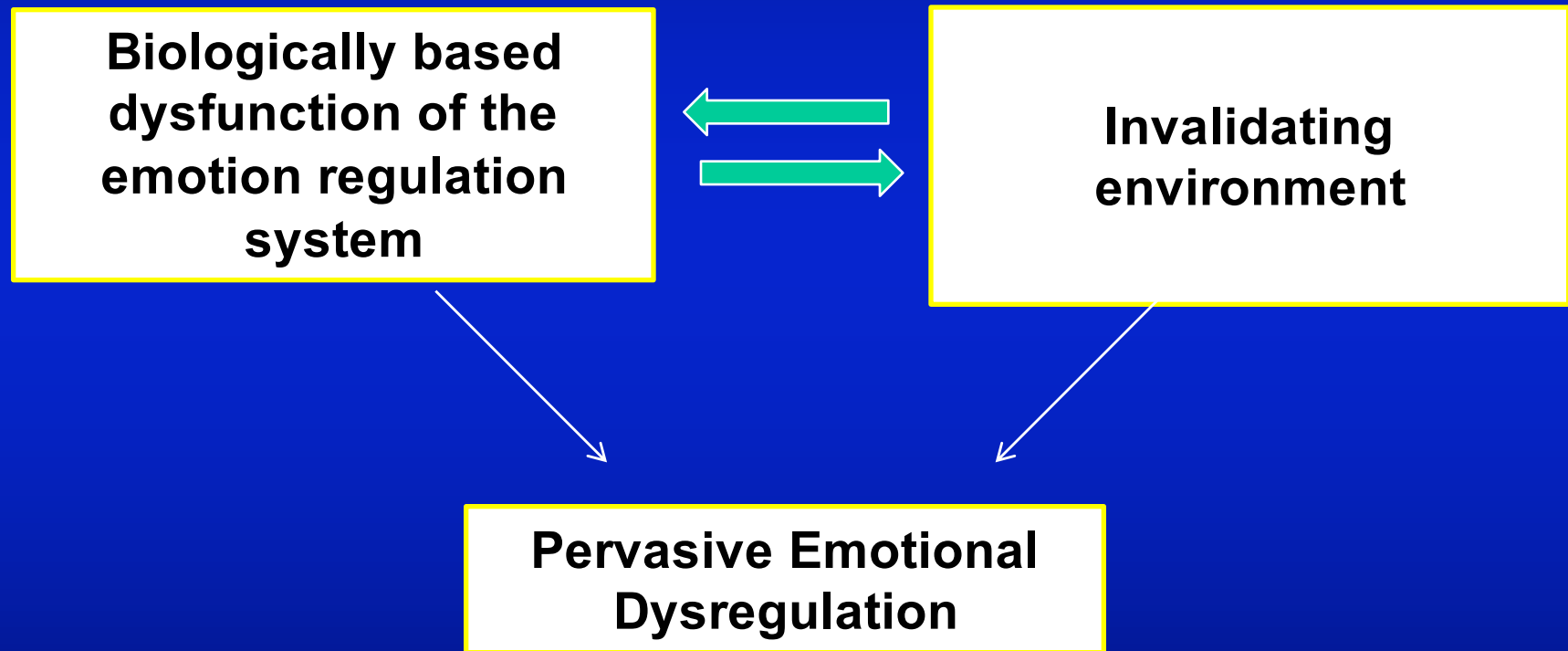
- **Diabetes (RCT underway), Becky Lois, PhD (PI)**
- **Obesity, sickle cell, asthma**

# Theory “Treats” the Teen, Therapist, Family, School personnel, MDs, and..... Changing Attitudes with Biosocial Theory



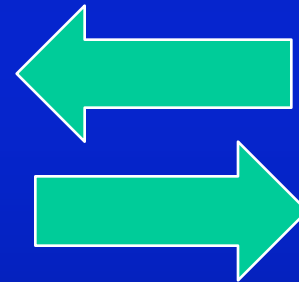
# Biosocial Theory of BPD

## Transaction between...



# Emotion Vulnerability

- **High Sensitivity**
  - Immediate reactions
  - Low threshold for emotional reaction
  - “Emotional Burn Victim”
- **High Reactivity**
  - Extreme reactions
  - Dysregulated cognitive processing
- **Slow Return to Baseline**
  - Long-lasting reactions
  - Inability to recover before the next emotional reaction



**Inability to regulate and modulate emotions**

# Invalidating Environment

**Pervasively negates,  
punishes, corrects, ignores  
or dismisses behavior  
independent of  
the actual validity  
of the behavior.**

# Invalidating Environment

**The environment includes:**

- **Family members**
- **School staff**
  - Teachers, administrators, security guards
- **Peers**
- **Mental health professionals**
- **Medical doctors/nurses, etc**

# Characteristics of an Invalidating Environment

**1. INDISCRIMINATELY REJECTS** communication of private experiences and self-generated behaviors

E.g., Teen upset about failing test..... **“It’s your fault. If you studied more you would have passed.”**

**OR “Stop worrying, it’s not a big deal, honey, it’s only 1 test.”**

**2. IGNORES or PUNISHES** lower level emotional displays and **INTERMITTENTLY REINFORCES** emotional escalation

**“You’re over-reacting...it’s not that big a deal!”**

Crying escalates—threat-I’m not going back to school.

**“OK, let’s go out for a nice dinner tonight so you’ll feel better and I’ll help you study next time.”**

**3. OVER-SIMPLIFIES** ease of problem solving and meeting goals.

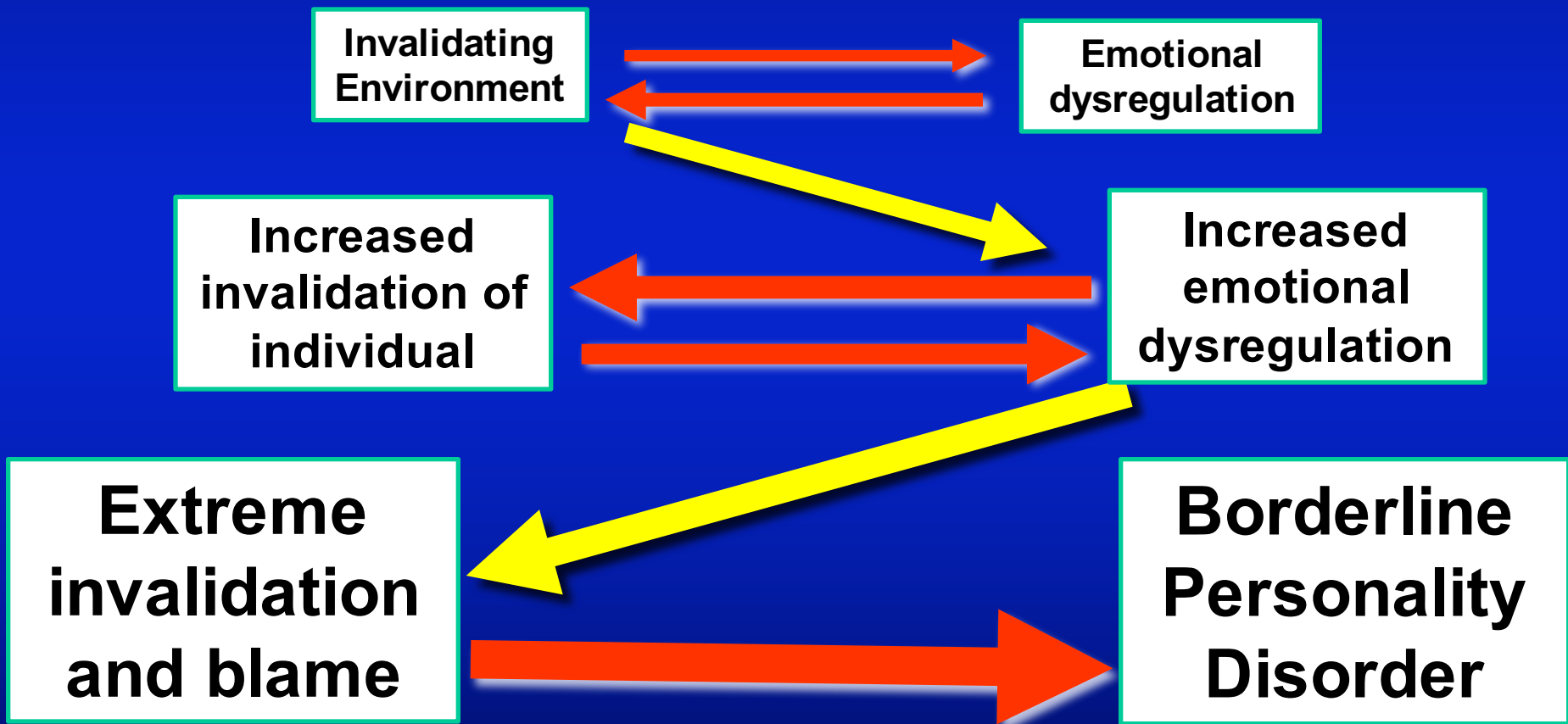
**“Just study more next time and you’ll do great.”**



# Invalidating Environment Teaches Individual to:

1. **Actively self invalidate and search social environment cues on how to respond**
2. **Oscillate between emotional inhibition and extreme emotional styles**
3. **Form unrealistic goals and expectations**

# BPD/Emotion dysregulation results from **transaction** of biological vulnerability with invalidation over time



# Teaching Biosocial Theory to Students, Parents, School Personnel, Medical Doctors, Therapists

# STRUCTURE the Treatment FRAME

# Outpatient Adolescent DBT Modes

## Phase I: 16-24 weeks

- **Multi-family skills training group**
- **Individual psychotherapy/Counseling**
- **Telephone consultation (teens and parents)**
- **Family therapy, PRN**
- **Therapist consultation meeting**

## Phase II: 16 weeks (optional)

- **Graduate group**
- **Telephone consultation**
- **Family therapy, PRN**

**\*All patients are eligible for pharmacotherapy**

# Stage 1 Primary Targets

## Dialectical Synthesis

Severe Behavioral Dyscontrol  Behavioral Control

- **Decrease**

- Life-Threatening Behaviors
- Therapy-Interfering Behaviors
- Quality-of-Life Interfering Behaviors

- **Increase behavioral skills**

- Core Mindfulness
- Distress Tolerance
- Interpersonal Effectiveness
- Emotion Regulation
- Walking the Middle Path
- Self-Management



# Target Hierarchy



# BALANCE TREATMENT STRATEGIES

Change

Acceptance

Irreverence

Reciprocity

Problem Solving

Validation



Core

Consultation-to-the-Patient

Environmental Intervention

Team Consultation





**What is the function of this behavior?**

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# DBT Problem Solving Behavioral Analysis

Insight

Solution Analysis

SKILLS TRAINING

CONTINGENCIES

EXPOSURE

COGNITIVE MODIFICATION

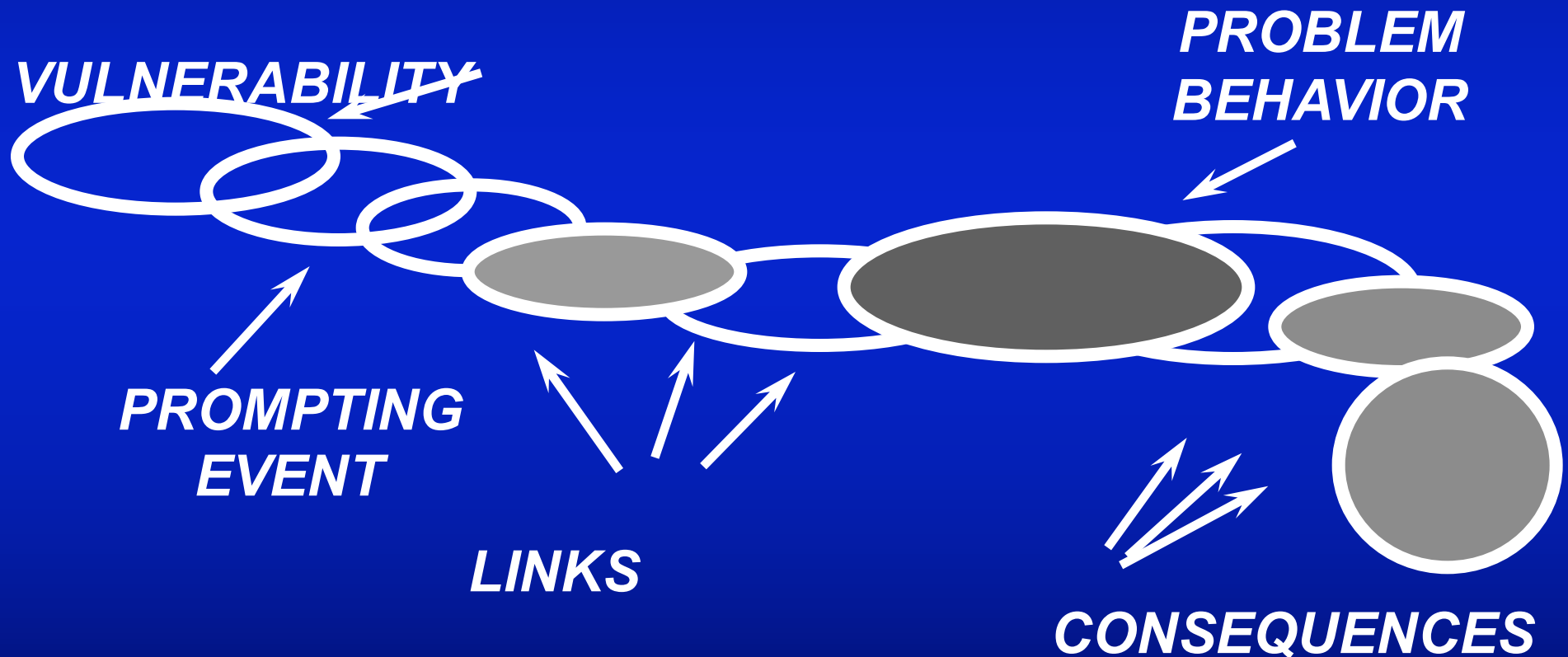
Didactic

Orienting

Commitment

# Conduct B.A.:

Analyze the chain of events  
moment-to-moment over time



# BALANCE TREATMENT STRATEGIES

Change

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Problem Solving

Validation



Core

Consultation-  
to-the-Student

Environmental  
Intervention

Team  
Consultation

# Future Directions for Adolescent DBT Research

- **Publish results from all existing randomized controlled trials with adolescents.**
- **DBT vs. Mentalization-Based Therapy?**
  - DBT plus MBT?
- **Is DBT skills training with adolescents and families effective without concurrent DBT individual therapy?**

# Future Directions for Adolescent DBT Research

- **How effective is comprehensive DBT and STEPS-A in school settings?**
- **Can we help prevent and reduce emotional and behavioral problem behaviors in youth?**
  - **Universal: DBT Skills Class—Primary Prevention? Teaching elementary and middle school-aged children DBT “Life Skills”?**
- **Determine most effective training protocols.**

“When educating  
the minds of  
our youth, we  
must not forget  
to educate  
their hearts.”



**Dalai Lama**

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# Adolescent DBT Books/Manuals

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For more treatment and training information:

- **CBC**

[www.cognitivebehavioralconsultants.com](http://www.cognitivebehavioralconsultants.com)

[www.cbc-psychology.com](http://www.cbc-psychology.com)

Know It? Prove It!  
A Review of ADHD and  
Disruptive Behavior Disorders

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# Objectives

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1. Diagnosis
2. Differential diagnosis
3. Treatment

## What could it be? (DSM-5 differential diagnosis for ADHD)

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- ADHD
- ODD
- Intermittent explosive disorder
- Specific learning disorder
- Intellectual disability
- Autism spectrum disorder
- Reactive attachment disorder
- Anxiety disorder
- Depressive disorder
- Bipolar disorder
- Disruptive mood dysregulation d/o
- Substance use disorder
- Psychotic disorder
- Personality disorder

# Hyperactivity/impulsivity

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- Fidgets or taps hands or feet/squirms in seat
- Leaves seat when shouldn't
- Runs or climbs when inappropriate
- Unable to play or engage in leisure activities quietly
- Talks excessively
- Blurts out answers
- Difficulty waiting his/her turn
- Interrupts or intrudes on others
- "On the go"/"Driven by a motor"

# DSM-5 changes

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- Now by age 12!
- Autism spectrum no longer excluded!
- 17% less symptoms required for older adolescents and adults!



# Inattention

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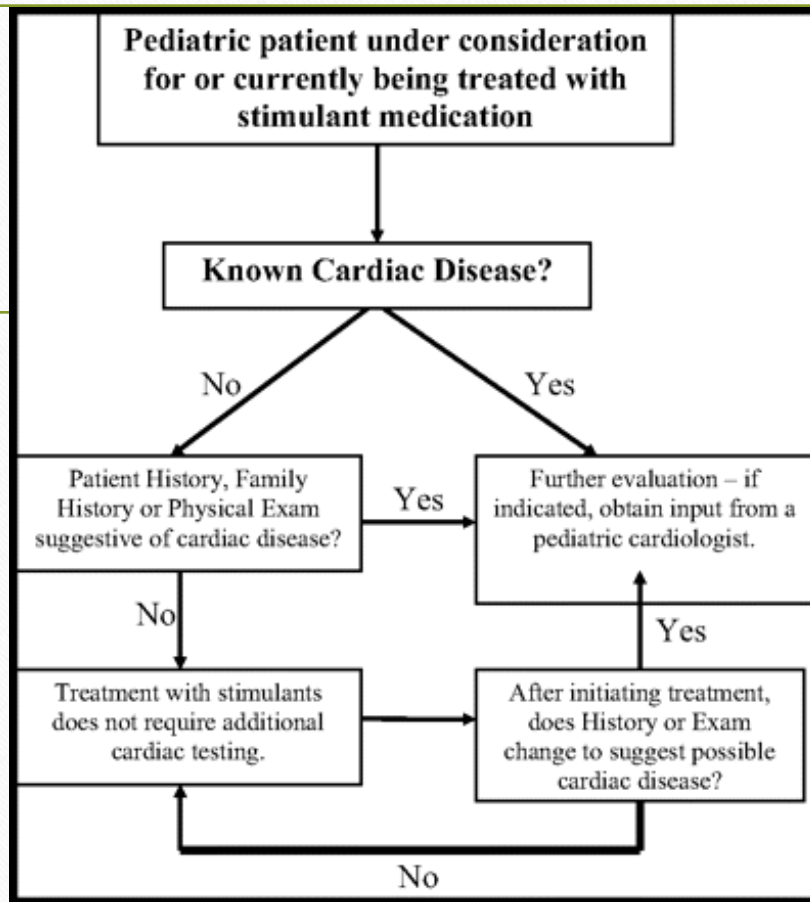
- Fails to give close attention to details/makes careless mistakes
- Difficulty sustaining attention
- Does not seem to listen
- Does not follow through
- Difficulty organizing tasks/activities
- Avoids tasks that require sustained effort
- Loses things necessary for tasks or activities
- Easily distracted
- Often forgetful

# Stimulants

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- Last about as long as the half-life of the medication
- Not habit-forming
- Start low
- Side effects
- Just pick one





Perrin et al., 2008

# Others

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- Alpha-2 agonists - vials
- Atomoxetine
- Bupropion
- Modafinil
- Behavior treatments

Pringsheim et al., 2015

# What could it be?

## (DSM-5 differential diagnosis for ODD)

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- Conduct disorder
- ODD
- ADHD
- Depressive and bipolar disorders
- Intermittent explosive disorder
- Disruptive mood dysregulation disorder
- Intellectual disability
- Language disorder
- Social anxiety disorder

# Oppositional Defiant Disorder

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## Angry/Irritable Mood

- Often loses temper
- Easily annoyed
- Angry and resentful

## Argumentative/defiant behavior

- Argues with authority figures
- Defies adult requests or rules
- Deliberately annoys other people
- Blames others for their mistakes or difficulties

# DSM-5 changes

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- Now with spite and vindictiveness!

# Treatment

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- Parent management training
- No indicated meds for core symptoms

Pringsheim et al., 2015

## What could it be? (DSM-5 differential diagnosis for Conduct d/o)

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- Oppositional defiant disorder
- ADHD
- Depressive and bipolar disorders
- Intermittent explosive disorder
- Adjustment disorder

# Conduct Disorder

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## Aggression to people/animals

- Bullies, threatens, intimidates others
- Initiates physical fights
- Physically cruel to people
- Physically cruel to animals
- Stolen while confronting victim

## Destruction of property

- Destroyed others' property
- Firesetting to cause serious damage



# Conduct Disorder

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## Serious violations of rules

- Truant

## Deceitfulness or theft

- Broken into house, car, building
- Lies to obtain favors or avoid obligations
- Stolen nontrivial items without confronting victim

# DSM-5 changes

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- Now with 40% more aggression! (Used a weapon that can cause serious physical harm and forced someone into sexual activity.)
- Now with 50% more serious violations of rules! (Staying out at night before age 13.)

# Treatment

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- **MultiSystemic Therapy**

## What could it be? (DSM-5 differential diagnosis for IED)

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- Delirium, major neurocognitive disorder, and due to another medical condition
- Antisocial personality disorder
- Borderline personality disorder
- Oppositional defiant disorder
- Disruptive mood dysregulation disorder
- Substance intoxication or withdrawal
- ADHD
- Conduct disorder
- Autism spectrum disorder

# Intermittent Explosive Disorder

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- Behavioral outbursts
- Aggression out of proportion
- NOT premeditated
- NOT better explained by anything else

# DSM-5 changes

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- Now with verbal and non-destructive physical aggression!
- With new age limit! (6 years old.)
- Now with 50% more consequences (financial and legal.)

# Treatment

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- Limited evidence for anticonvulsants, beta blockers, lithium, antipsychotics, antidepressants
- Benzos may worsen due to disinhibition
- CBT

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# Substance Abuse in Adolescents

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# ATTENTION TEENAGERS!

Tired of being hassled by your stupid parents?

ACT IMMEDIATELY!

- \*move out

- \*get a job

- \*pay your own bills

START NOW WHILE YOU STILL KNOW  
EVERYTHING!!

# Identifying Youth at Risk

- Children of substance – abusing parents
- Abused youth
- School Dropouts
- Pregnant Teenagers
- Economically disadvantaged youth
- Aggressive and antisocial youth
- Physically disabled youth
- Youth with mental health problems (suicide and depression)
- Youth with learning and language disorders

# Brain Development in Adolescence-up to age 24

- 1. myelination of frontal and prefrontal areas
- 2. pruning of neurons

# Addicted Brain

- 1. ventral striatum –nuc. Accubins-pleasure-saliency
- 2. amygdala/ hippocampus-conditioned memories
- 3, Prefrontal cortex-disrupted-<metabolism
  - DLPC-executive control-moderates amygdala (impulses, desires)
  - Anterior Cingulate-attention, impulse control
  - OFC orbital frontal cortex-assigns value to reinforcers

# Amygdala and memory systems powerful

- Dopamine flows to prefrontal areas
- Disconnect prefrontal cortex yielding compulsive use
- Decrease of D2 receptors- do not obtain pleasure from usual pleasurable activities



# SUD Criteria

- DSM 4
  - Substance abuse disorder
  - Substance dependency disorder
- DSM 5
  - 11 symptoms: harmful and hazardous use
  - Negative consequences with continued and compulsive use, tolerance and withdrawal

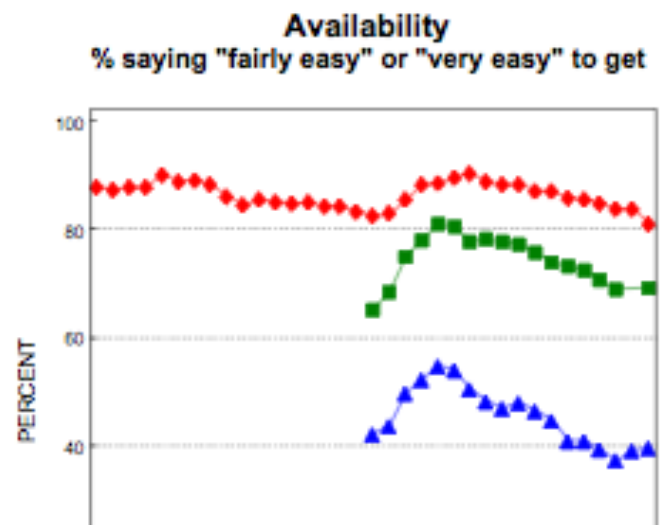
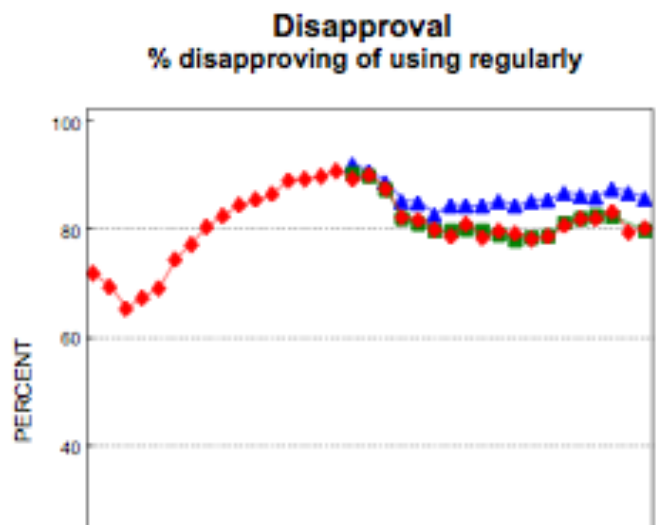
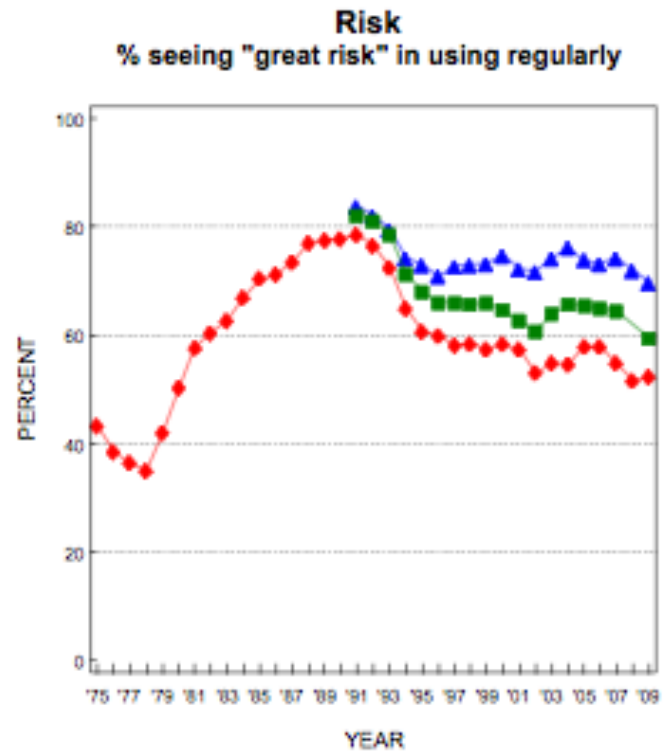
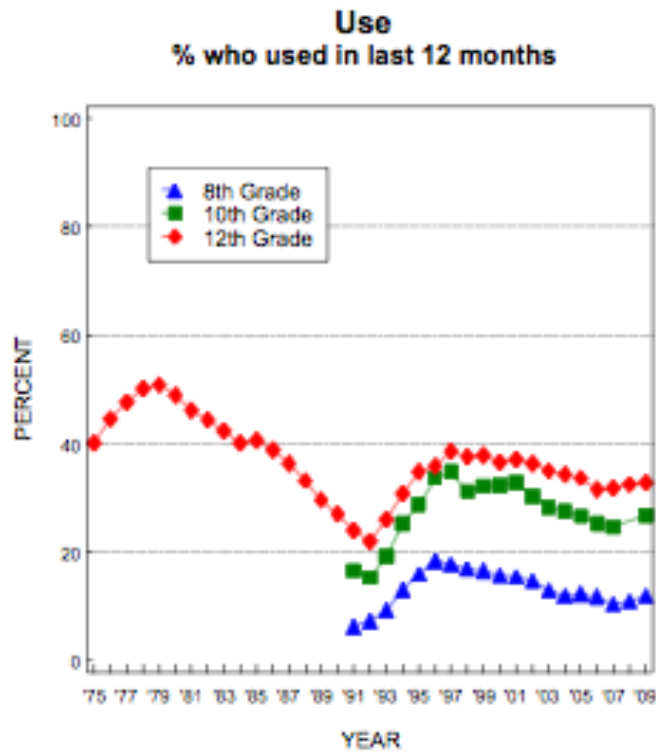
# Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders

- Substance Use Disorders-11 criteria
- Impaired control 1. larger amounts or time than intended 2.can't cut down or control 3.great am't of time obtaining and using 4. craving-strong urges so can't think of anything else (new)
- Social Impairment 5. failure at work, school, home 6. Continued use despite social problems 7.reduced social, work and recreational activities

# DSM 5

- Risky Use 8. use when physically hazardous 9. continued use despite physical/psychological problems
- Pharm.criteria 10. tolerance 11. withdrawal
- Mild-2-3 moderate 4-5 severe >6
- Substance Induced Disorders – intoxication, withdrawal, mental disorder

**Marijuana: Trends in Annual Use, Risk, Disapproval, and Availability**  
 Grades 8, 10,\* 12



# 2015 Monitoring the Future

- Decrease-cigarettes, alcohol, prescription opioids, synthetic cannabinoids, under-age drinking
- Stable or down-marijuana (high), non-prescription amphetamines (7.5%)
  - .MDMA(XTC) 3-4methylenediox
  - methamphetamine ( 5%(2014)-3.6%(2015) Molly-pure powder ,
  - inhalants, LSD

# Monitoring the Future 2005 - 07-08-09-11-13-15 12th grade

- Past month use alcohol(47-44.4-43%) nicotine (23.2-21.6-20%-18.7%,16.3%) marijuana (19.8-18.8-19.4%-20.5%-22.6%-21.3%)
- Daily use nicotine (13.6%-12.3%--6.7% 2014-5.5%, marijuana (5.0%-5.1%-5.2%-6.6%, 6.5%-6.0%), alcohol(1.5-1.3%)
- Binge drinking-past 2 wks. 31.5%(1998), 27.1-25.9%, 22%, 22.1%, 19.4%(2014), 17.2%(2015)
- Doesn't include those out of school-juvenile justice and on the street
- Prevalence of use is directly related to availability and inversely related to perceived risk of harm

# Prescription opioids and heroin

- Heroin at all time low 0.5% past yr.
- Vicodin seniors 10.5%(2003) - 5.3%(2013)-4.4%(2015)

# Spice and Bath Salts

- K2, Spice –legal marijuana (no longer)- designer drug-natural herbs sprayed with synthetic chemicals, mimics not copies of THC, synthetic cannabinoids act similar to natural
- Lack of cannabidiol-anti-psychotic chemical found in natural cannabis
- Anxiety, n and v, increase  
BP, hallucinations, paranoia violence



# vaping

- E-cigarettes produce flavored nicotine aerosol, do not produce tobacco smoke
- Vapor may contain known carcinogens and toxins

# Bath Salts

- Flakha-synthetic cathiaone-excited delerium-hyper-stimulation, paranoia, hallucinations, aggression and self-injury

# Progression of drugs used

- Cigarettes and Beer/Wine Coolers
- Marijuana
- Problem Drinking
- Pills- stimulants, benzodiazepines and opiates
- Crank, crystal meth. [ ice ] and cocaine
- Heroin

# IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF PROGRESSION OF SUBSTANCE USE

Continue to use and abuse drugs begun  
in earlier stages

Carry those drugs to next stage of use

Leads to common finding in adolescent  
substance use; Multiple Drug Use

# Characteristics for Teens

- Multiple Drug Use
- Multiple Diagnoses
- Multi-modal Treatment
- Multi-system Interventions in family, peer group and school and community

# CO-MORBIDITY

- ADHD-30-40%
- Depression - 30%
- Hx of sexual or physical abuse- 20%

# Substances at the Grocery and Convenient Store

- Ephedrine and Pseudo-ephedrine-white crosses, 357-Magnums, pink hearts, and mini-thins for “asthma”
- Skittles- Coriciden Cough and Cold (3C)-dextromethorphan
- Inhalants- gasoline, freon, butane, computer duster, glue, shoe polish-highest frequency in early adolescents, sudden sniffing death syn. highest use in 8<sup>th</sup> grade-7% past yr. (‘13-annual use 5.2%(8<sup>th</sup>) 3.5%(9<sup>th</sup>) 2.5%(12<sup>th</sup>)
- Inhalants- slight decrease but fewer perceive it as dangerous
- Inhalants- nitrous oxide –whippets

# “Legal” Substances of Abuse

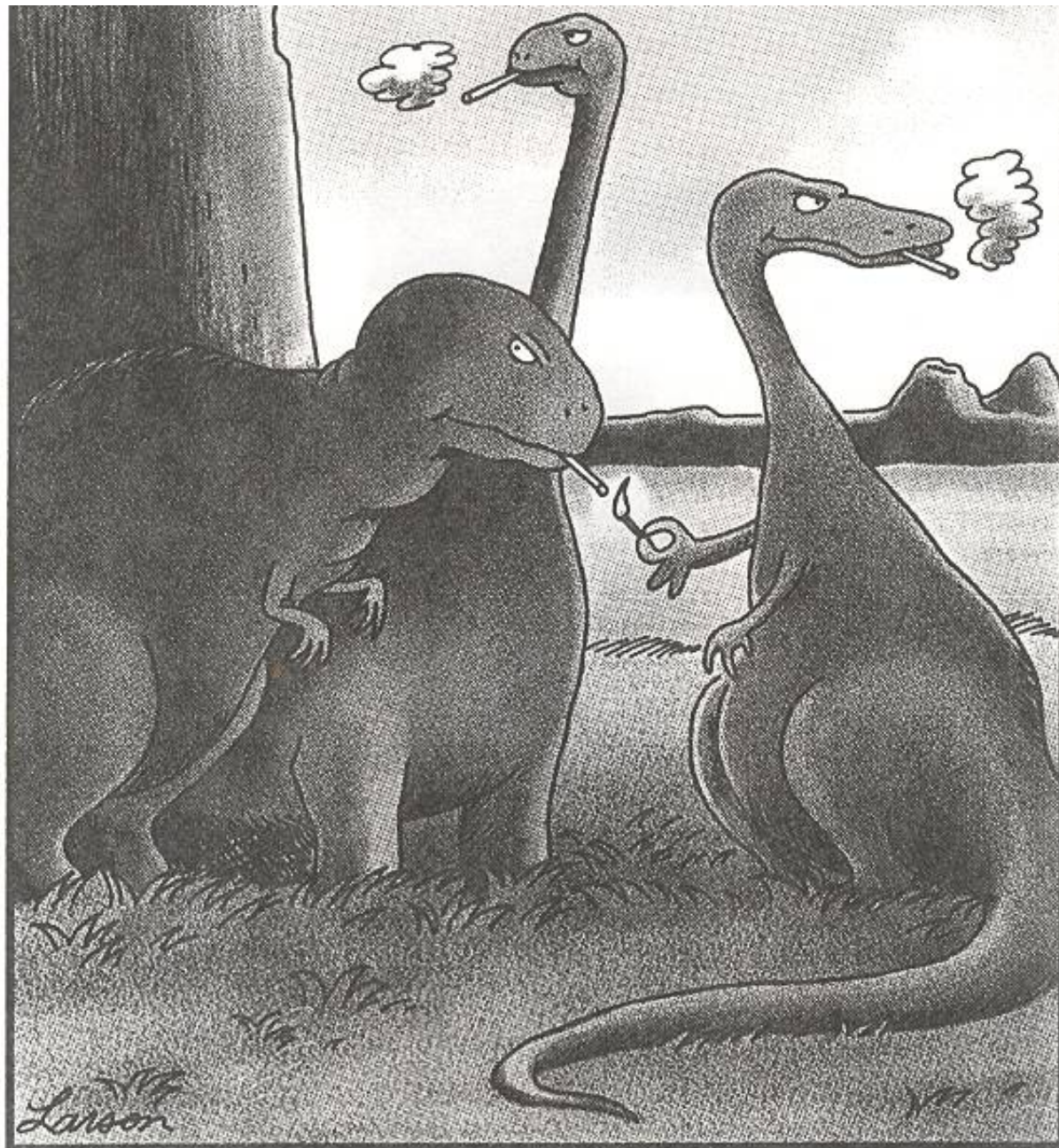
## Tobacco Products

smoking tobacco (cigarettes, cigars, pipes)

smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco, snuff)

nicorette gum





The real reason dinosaurs became extinct

# ALCOHOL

- High School Seniors – 35% have had 5 or more drinks on at least one occasion in past month, binge drinking risk-injury, suicide, aggression, victimization, unprotected sex
- Can overdose and be lethal
- Blood alcohol level [BAL] : non-tolerant teens-0.06% impaired judgment; 0.08% impaired muscle coordination; 0.10% impaired reaction time; 0.15% impaired balance and 0.30% confusion / unconscious; 0.40-0.50%-death
- Biphasic response – rising BAL associated with arousal, excitement and increased confidence. Falling BAL associated with fatigue and dysphoria. Tolerance to alcohol decreases initial stimulating effects and increases the secondary depressant effects. [Dimeff 1999 ]

# Assessment

- Risk Factors
- Domains of Functioning
  - Substance Use Behavior
    - Quantity, frequency, consequences, age of onset, perception and motivation (for Tx)
    - Psychiatric problems
    - Family
    - Peer
    - School/Vocational
    - Leisure/recreational
    - Medical

# Confidentiality

Needs to be broken if:

- danger to self

- danger to others

- life-threatening high-risk behavior

Possible intervention:

- have parents join interview

- ask teen to share high-risk behaviors and drug use

# CRAFFT QUESTIONS

- C      have you ever ridden in a Car driven by someone (including you) who was “high” or had been using alcohol or drugs?
- R      Do you ever use alcohol or drugs to Relax, feel better about yourself, or fit in?
- A      Do you ever use alcohol/drugs while you are by yourself, Alone?
- F      Do your Family or Friends ever tell you that you should cut down on your drinking or drug use?
- F      Do you ever Forget things you did while using alcohol or drugs?
- T      Have you gotten in to Trouble while you were using alcohol or drugs?

## Why pediatricians don't screen

6. perceived lack of treatment
5. not familiar with tools
4. need to triage medical problems
3. parents won't leave room
2. no training to deal with CD
1. not enough time – especially to deal with positive screen

CRAFFT – 80% sensitivity – 80% specificity

Yes to #1 – high risk

Yes to 2 questions – need further evaluation

Pediatricians – 2,000 adolescents

24% yes to #1

13% problem use

9% abuse disorder

3% dependency disorder

# Assessment Instruments

- Drug Use Screening Inventory (DUSI)
- Problem Oriented Screening Instrument for Teenagers (POSIT)
- Adolescent Diagnostic Intervention (ADI)
- Personal Experience Inventory (PEI)
- Personal Experience Screen Questionnaire (PESQ)
- Adolescent Problem Severity Index (APSI)
- Children of Alcoholics Screening Test (CAST)

# Laboratory Evaluation

- Routine tests rarely helpful
- Testing for special purposes
  - \*pregnancy
  - \*sexually transmitted diseases
  - \*hepatitis
  - \*human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
- Toxicology screens



# Testing Procedures

- Explain rationale/procedures to adolescent & parent(s): issues – consent/patient autonomy
- Determine what happens if test positive or negative
  - always be prepared to give sample
  - refusal = positive
  - random sampling
- Witness collection
  - direct observation
  - prevent substitution, dilution, adulterants

# Urine Toxicology

Substance	Half-life (hr)	Detection after last use
Amphetamines	10-15	1-2 days
Barbiturates	20-96	3-14 days
Benzodiazepines	20-90	2-9 days
Cocaine	.8-6	.2-4 days
Methaqualone	20-60	7-14 days
Opiates	2-4	1-2 days
Phencyclidine (PCP)	7-16	2-8 days
Cannabinoids (THC)	10-40	2-8 (acute) 14-42 (chronic)

Drugs not usually tested: LSD, psilocybin, MDMA, MDA, and other designer drugs

# Sample Types for Toxicology

## HAIR

- Months
- Long-term measure of drug use; similar sample can be recollected
- High potential for environmental contamination, new technology
- Detection of drug use in recent past (1-6 months)



MOM, CAN I HAVE SOME MONEY TO BUY A SATAN-WORSHIPPING, SUICIDE-ADVOCATING HEAVY METAL ALBUM?



CALVIN, THE FACT THAT THESE BANDS HAVEN'T KILLED THEMSELVES IN RITUAL SELF-SACRIFICE SHOWS THAT THEY'RE JUST IN IT FOR THE MONEY LIKE EVERYONE ELSE. IT'S ALL FOR EFFECT. IF YOU WANT TO SHOCK AND PROVOKE, BE SINCERE ABOUT IT.



MAINSTREAM COMMERCIAL NIHILISM CAN'T BE TRUSTED?'

'FRAID NOT, KIDDO.



CHILDHOOD IS SO DISILLUSIONING.

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# First Stage

Experimental, Recreational or Social Use

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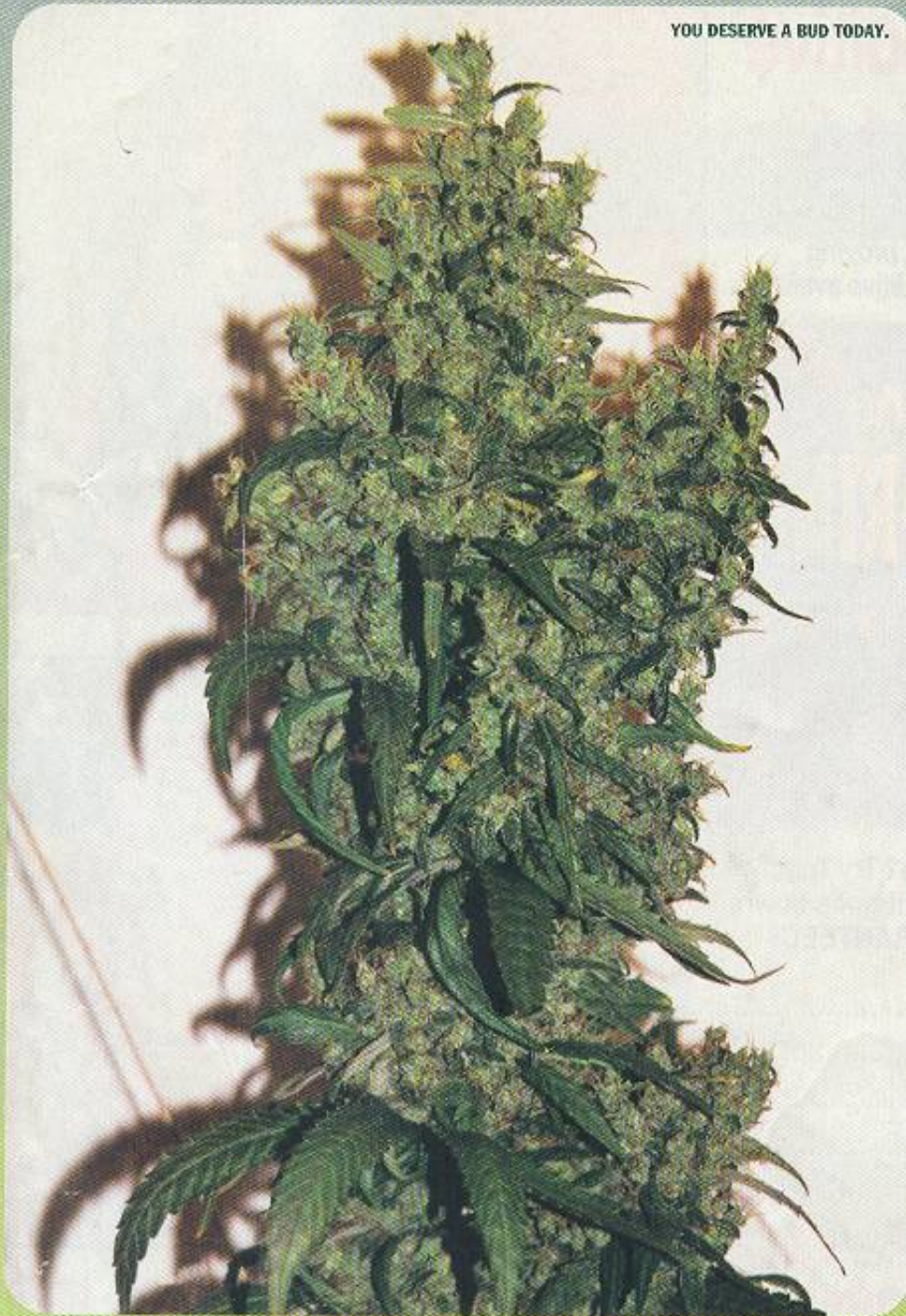
TREATMENT STRATEGY

Experimental use

1. Education

2. Counseling

YOU DESERVE A BUD TODAY.

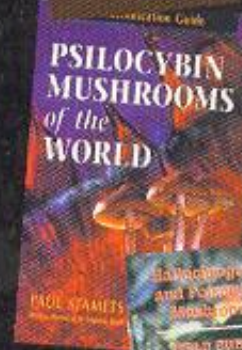


BT ARCHIVES

### GARDEN EXPECTATIONS

I am planning on growing for the first time.

I have a grow space of 10' x 10' and a bud-



### SHROOM KIT

It's easy to grow *Psilocybe cubensis* mushrooms in the privacy of your own home! On the market for

# Pharmacodynamics

- 1990 Discovery of CB1 cannabinoid receptors in CNS
- Highest density – cerebellum and basal ganglia –effect on movement
- Intermediate density –hippocampus and cortex – effect on memory and cognition
- Low levels in brain stem – lack of lethality
- CB2 immune cannabinoid receptors in macrophages of spleen and B and T cells

# Retrograde Marijuana in the Hippocampus

- As summarized by J. Medina: The postsynaptic neuron is stimulated and depolarizes—allows Ca to enter—endogenous cannaboids are manufactured and released into the synaptic cleft—migrate to receptors on the presynaptic neuron [retrograde messenger]—which are now prohibited from releasing inhibitory neurotransmitter
- This modulating regulation in the hippocampus is termed depolarization-induced suppression of inhibition [DSI]. Also may have DSE.
- DSI and DSE effect neurons only in immediate vicinity and only for seconds. THC effects whole brain for a longer period of time.



# Adolescent Brain –sensitive to negative effects of cannabis

- 1. impaired neural connectivity fewer fibers
  - in hippocampus and prefrontal cortex
- 2. increased sensitivity to drugs (more likely to develop cannabis dependency and use other drugs)
- 3. daily pot for 3 yrs in adolescence- tested in 20's after abstinent for 2 yrs- had abnormal shape to hippocampus

# Meir et al 2012

- 1000 children tested at age 13 (before cannabis use) and then at 18,21,26,32,and 38. controlled for education, other drugs etc.
- Heavy cannabis use (weekly) before age 18 showed much greater decline of IQ 5-8 pts and impaired cognition of working memory, perceptual reasoning, verbal comprehension and processing speed

# THC and Addiction

- Initiate after age 18-9% eventually satisfy DSM criteria of dependence
- Initiate before age 18-17% become addicted within 2 years of use
- With daily use-estimate 35-40% rate of cannabis dependency
- Dependence-tolerance, withdrawal, loss of control, preoccupation with the drug, continued use despite adverse consequences

# Increases risk of psychoses later in life

- Estimated to double the risk for later schizophrenia
- Dose effect relationship-increases with frequency and length of use
- May induce psychotic episode
- Use prior to onset may be associated with an earlier age at onset of psychosis and also earlier age of onset of the prodromal symptoms
- Primary Psychiatry. April 16,4, 2009

# Marijuana use and comorbidity

- Social anxiety disorder in adolescence - increases by 6.5X subsequent development of cannabis dependence
- Frequent marijuana use in adolescence increases risk of other anxiety and depressive disorders
- Increase of suicide attempts

# Treatment of Seizures in Children

- Parent survey 16 of 19 had a positive effect
- Chart review -33% of 75 decrease of seizures by  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 44% had increase
- Using purified cannabidiol (Epidiolex) –
- 58pts 40% decrease of seizures by  $\frac{1}{2}$  only one had increase

# Driving

- If drunk—you run the RED Lights
- If stoned – you stop at the GREEN Lights
- Impaired attention, increased reaction time, impaired coordination and distorted time sense may impair driving

# Driving review-Stewell et al.

Am. J. On Addictions

2009, 18, 3, pp 185-193

- THC-dose related impairment more with automatic driving functions - tend to compensate effectively using behavioral strategies.
- Alcohol-impairs more complex tasks requiring conscious control
- Combining thc with alcohol-eliminates compensation strategies and results in impairment even at doses which would be insignificant were they of either drug alone.



# THC Cognitive Effects

- Impairs short term memory
- Impairs ability to focus, sustain and shift attention—unable to filter out irrelevant information
- Impaired judgment results in increased risk taking
- Amotivational syndrome –lipid soluble resulting in half life of 4-5 days –one joint a day results in continuous THC in brain
- With abstinence, cognitive effects appear reversible but may take 6 to 12 wks.—need for longer term treatment

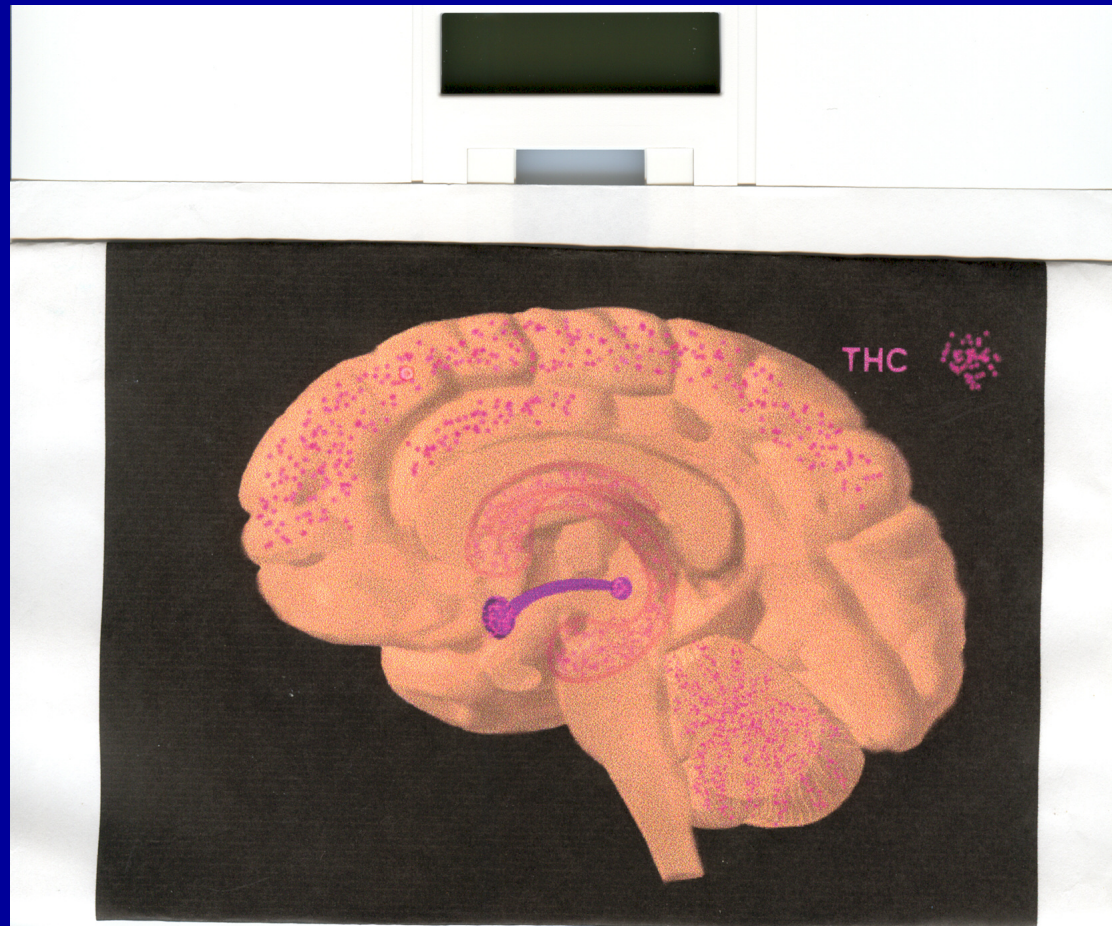
# Potheads don't recognize impairments

- Airline pilots- smoked joint amount of THC - each own control. Measured flying ability in a simulator. THC impaired their flying ability up to 24 hrs after smoking.
- Six out of the seven did not know they were impaired.
- Atlanta Insight IOP takes 2-3 weeks before can begin making cognitive-behavioral connections

# Helpful Points to Cover when talking to teens about marijuana

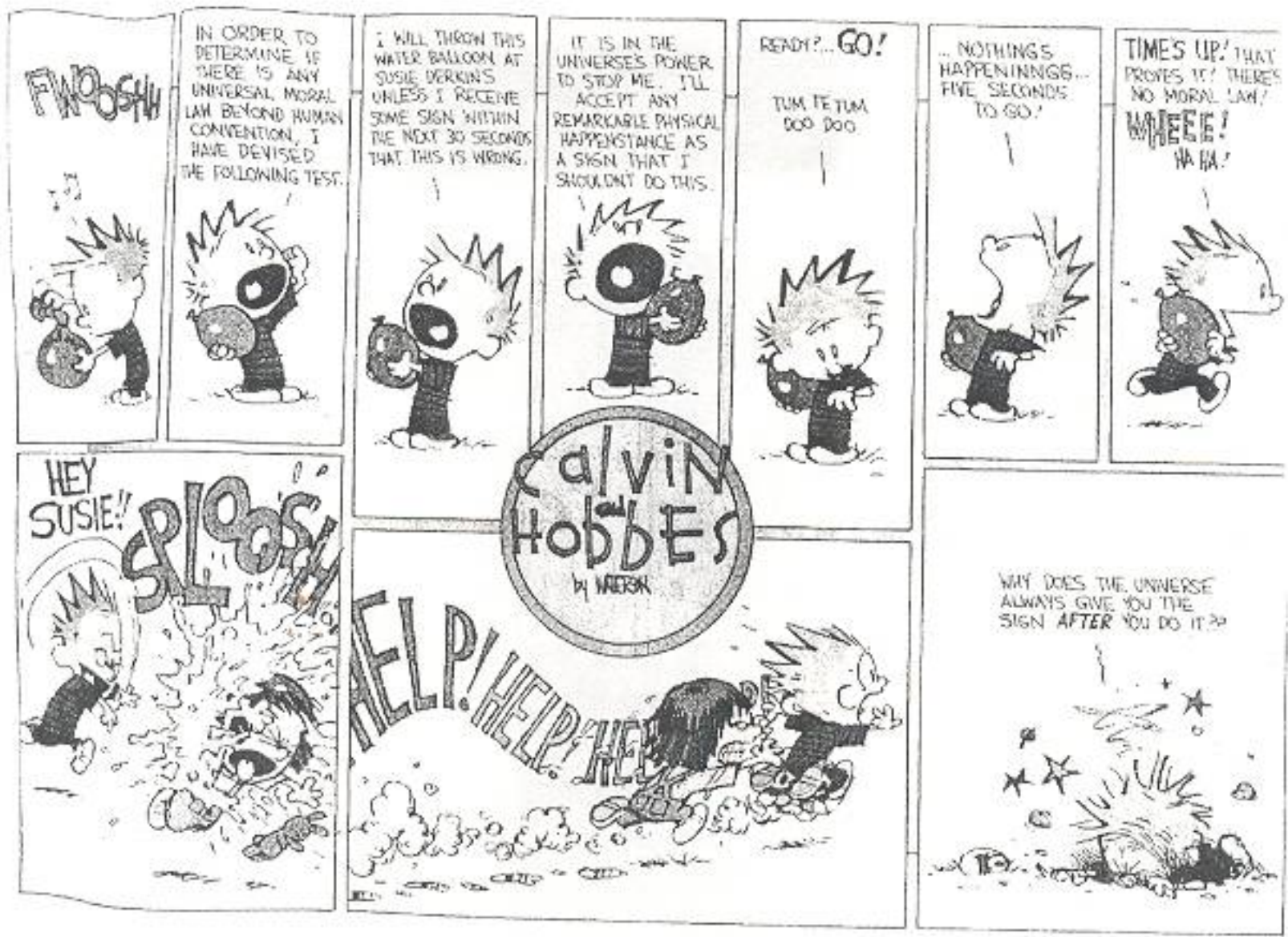
- Marijuana is illegal – in trouble if caught
- Does not make you psychotic or aggressive
- Does make you stupid – decreased short term memory, decreased concentration and decreased motivation to do school work
- Don't argue over whether it is addictive – make point that smoking marijuana can take over your life without you being aware of it happening
- Emphasize these short term effects: lung cancer, heart disease and emphysema have little meaning to adolescents

# THC BINDING SITES





# CALVIN DOES NOT SMOKE PO



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# SPIRITUALITY

- SOLKHAH, R et al JI of Child and Adolesc. Sub. Abuse 18: 57-71 pot heads had lower level of spirituality
- THC Impairs meaningful connections to others and search for meaning
- If use THC during adolescence to deal with negative affects (loss sadness and anxiety) - become narcissistic young adult
- Study of 29,000 college students-more self centered and less empathic

# SBIRT-Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Tx

- Two questions 1drinking frequency-in the past month how many days have you had more than a sip of beer,wine or any drink containing alcohol
- 2 friends If your friends drink how many do they usually drink

# Low risk-brief advice

- Moderate-brief motivational interviewing and follow-up
- Highest risk-brief MI developing consideration to change and referral to Rx

# Second Stage Substance Misuse

STAGE

TREATMENT STRATEGY

Substance misuse

1. Education
2. Counseling –  
motivational interviewing
3. Individual and group  
therapy
4. Family treatments
5. Abstinence or “honest  
look” contract

# “HONEST LOOK” CONTRACT - FAMILY

- Teenager has the opportunity to show he is not using drugs/alcohol
- Teen agrees to not use alcohol/drugs
- Teen agrees not to engage in any “druggie” types of behavior (sneaking out, cutting school, being verbally abusive, etc.)
- Teen agrees to room searches or urine drug screens when requested
- Specify time frame for re-evaluation and consequences of breaking the contract

# Placement Criteria

- Dimension 1 intoxication and withdrawal
- Dimension 2 biomedical conditions and complications
- Dimension 3 Emotional, Behavioral and Cognitive conditions and complications  
–co-occurring psychopathology ie depression or impaired executive functioning

- Dimension 4 Readiness to Change
- Dimension 5 Relapse, continued use or continued problem potential
- Dimension 6 Recovery/Living Environment –family and peers

# Treatment considerations by levels of care

- Level 0.5 early intervention-primary care, schools, social service,DUI
- Level 1 outpatient
- Level 2 IOP 6hrs/wk,partial hospital
- Level 3 residential low or medium
- Level 4 medically managed intensive inpatient



# Third Stage: Substance Abuse Disorder

## stage of harmful involvement

### STAGE

Psychoactive  
Substance  
Abuse disorder

### TREATMENT STRATEGIES

1. Education
2. Counseling
3. Individual and group therapy
4. Family treatments
5. Abstinence or "honest look" contract
6. 12 Step program  
AA/NA self help group  
working the steps  
sponsorship
7. Cognitive behavioral methods
8. Motivational interviewing
9. Intensive outpatient, after school, or partial hospital programs

# Treatment

- better outcome-longer duration,increased readiness, family
- Best-MDFT,group CBT, FFT established
- Family-Multidimensional 1-3x wk for 3-6 mo home and clinic
- MST Multi systemic individual,school, peers community

# Family Systems Approaches

## structural – strategic therapy

- Problem focused goal of clear boundaries, supports individualization with sense of belonging and authority of parents
- Use of reframing and paradoxical interventions help parents not to “enable”
- Brief Strategic FT-better than group for conduct and drug use

# CONCLUSIONS

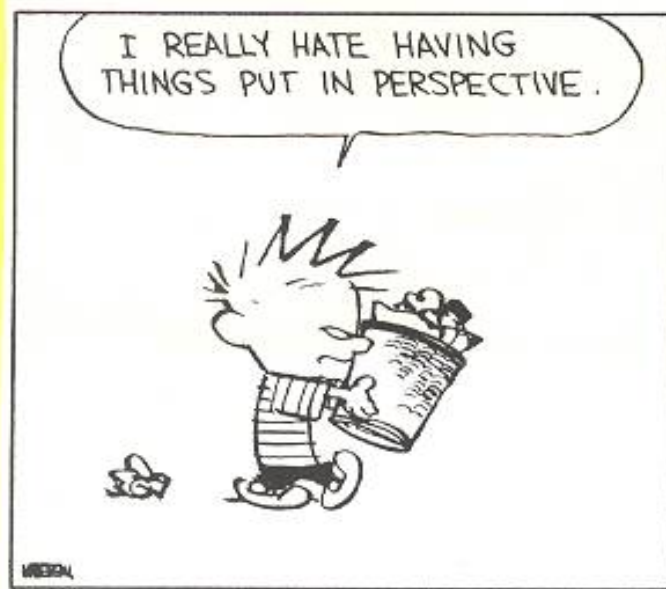
- Integrate behavioral and system perspectives in treatment of adolescent substance abuse
- Help parents to maintain boundaries and to set limits
- Encourage family to think about how system ↔ teen behavior

# Treatment

- FFT Functional Family- integrate behavioral, cognitive with family relationship strategies

# Family Systems Theory

- Family members: interdependent functioning
- Family interactions: reciprocal, patterned, repetitive
- Structural-strategic family therapy- coherent hierarchy, appropriate rules and authority



I DON'T HAVE TO GO TO BED NOW! I DON'T HAVE TO DO WHAT YOU SAY!



ACTUALLY, YOU DO. IT'S IN YOUR CONTRACT.

MY CONTRACT? WHAT CONTRACT?



OH, IT'S A PRETTY STANDARD PRE-NATAL FORM. I HAD POWER OF ATTORNEY SINCE YOU WERE JUST A FEW CELLS. PARAGRAPH TWO SPECIFIES YOUR BEDTIME.



DAD SAYS I CAN RENEGOTIATE WHEN I'M 18.

THIS 7:30 BEDTIME WILL BE TOUGH TO EXPLAIN TO YOUR PROM DATE.





# Azrin, N.H. – 1994 Behavioral Family Therapy

## Family Behavioral Treatment

1. Stimulus Control - ↑ safe and ↓ risk situations
2. Urge Control –
  - A. describe using scene-develop urges
  - B. stop sign & list negative consequences
  - C. relax
  - D. initiate safe activity

3. Social Control/Behavioral Contracting  
structured parental reinforcement with safe activities

RESULTS – supportive counseling – 9% abstinent at 6 months vs. behavioral treatment – 73%

# Multisystemic Therapy

- Henggler S
- Bourdoin C
- Pickrel S

MST associated with reduction in aggressive criminal behavior at 4 yrs, but no decrease of sub.use Now adding contingency management

# Multiple Systems Approaches

Combine Systemic and Behavioral

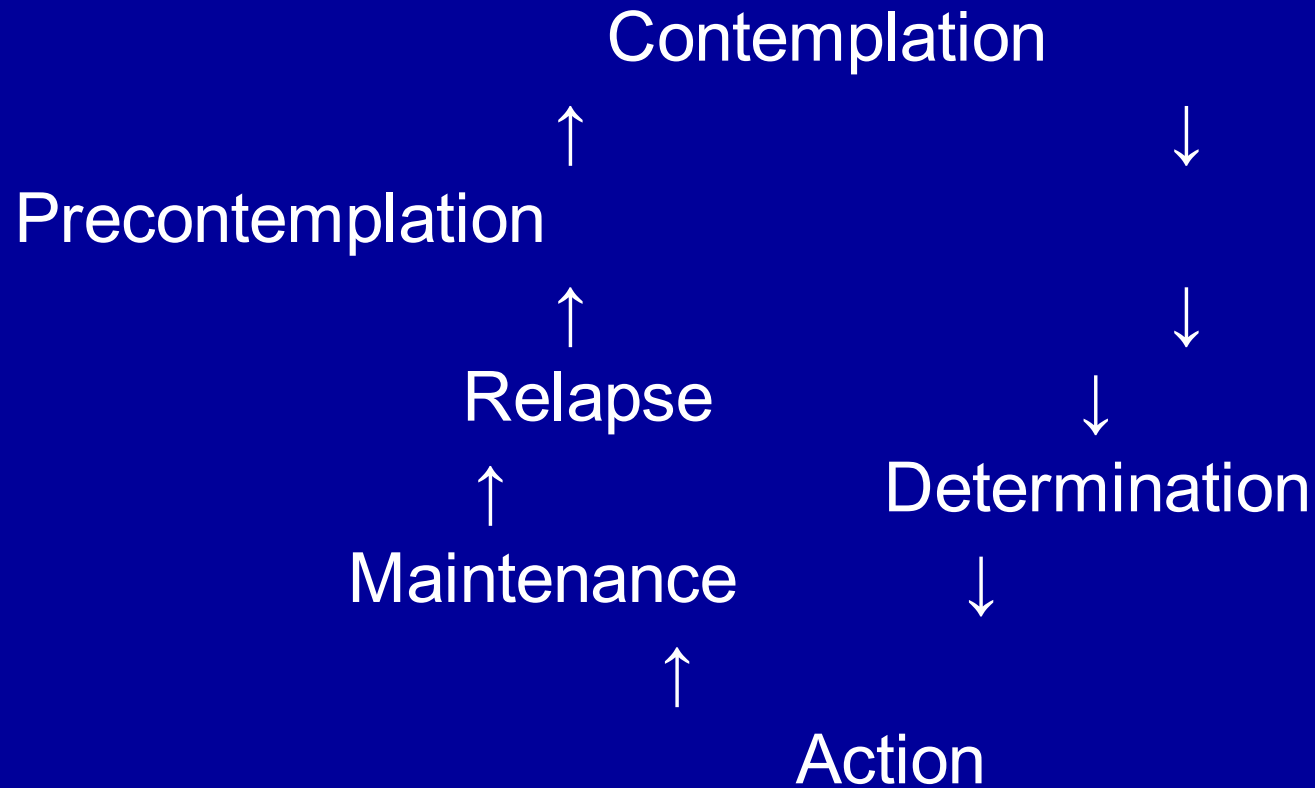
- Functional family therapy: ↓ negative affect, ↑ communication and problem solving
  - ↓ negativity, ↑ communication
  - ↓ 6-13 months of recidivism
  - ↓ out of home placements
  - No drug outcome studies yet
- Multisystemic therapy results
  - ↓ 3-4 years recidivism
  - ↑ family cohesion
  - ↓ aggression
  - ↓ drug use
- Multidimensional family therapy vs individual CBT=MDFT continued improvement up to 1 yr post treatment

# Contingency Management

- Immediate positive reinforcement for desired behavior (attendance or usually urine drug screens)
- Fishbowl technique 750 pieces of paper-half “good job” 269, 75,30 and 1 jumbo
- Escalate number of draws
- Monitor urines and self and parent reports
- Used by drug courts

Concrete positive rewards to enhance participation and abstinence

# Stages of Change - MET



# Types of Precontemplation

- Reluctant
- Rebellious
- Resigned
- Rationalizing
- Restricted thinking
- Faking contemplation

# Stage Specific Strategies

- Precontemplation – raise doubt, increase awareness of risks and problems
- Contemplation – acknowledge ambivalence, evoke reasons to change, tip the balance
- Determination – help find the best course of action
- Action – provide assistance in moving forward
- Maintenance – relapse prevention strategies, positive reinforcement
- Relapse – avoid demoralization, enhance movement back toward action, assist in learning process

# Motivational Treatment

- Brief motivational interventions
  - 1-4 sessions assessment and feedback, i.e., emergency room interview
- Motivational interviewing
- Motivational enhancement therapy (MET)
  - 4 sessions match study



# Brief Intervention:

## Source: Miller & Sanchez

F Feedback on personal risk or impairment

R Emphasis on Responsibility to change

A Clear advice to change

M A Menu of alternatives

E Empathy as a counseling style

S Facilitate self-efficacy (optimism)

# Motivational Interviewing Principles

- Empathy
- Avoid arguments
- Roll with resistance
- Support self-efficacy
- Develop discrepancy

Miller WR, Rollnick S

# FEEDBACK

- State the FACTS in adolescent's own words ("you've told me that . . .")
- List health risk and problem behaviors, accidents, and injuries
- List impairments in school and work performance, troubled or broken relationships
- Relate concerns about immediate future, not distant possibilities

# RESPONSIBILITY

- “You’re practically an adult. You will have to take responsibility for your own life now”
- “I respect your right to make your own decisions. Neither your parents nor I can do things for you or to you. If you will allow us, we would like to work through this problem with you.”

# Empathy

- Avoid anger and confrontation
- Unconditional positive regard
- Remember the feelings of your own teen years (not behavior)
- Give voice to compassion

# Self-Efficacy

- Adult predictions of failure and future trouble are common
- Be optimistic
- Refute negative attributions  
("you'll never amount to anything")
- Make empowering statements  
("I believe you can do it")

# Evidence Base-MET

- Monti-ER Intervention for auto accident and alcohol use -single 45 minute interview-6 mo follow-up- age18-19-decrease drinking and driving and alcohol related problems
- Monti younger adolescents-increased benefit if poorly motivated at base line
- Coloby-one session for nicotine- at 3 mo22%vs 10%
- Marlett 1st yr. college 6mo 2yr. Follow-up some decrease of drinking rates but significant decrease of alcohol related problem

# Functional Analysis for Substance Use Behavior

- Antecedents (triggers) to use
  - external: *who, where, when*
  - internal: think just before
  - feel physically before
  - feel emotionally before
- Description of use
  - what is used?
  - how much is usually used?
  - for how long?
- Short Term positive consequences
  - like about whom, where, when
  - while using: pleasant thoughts, physical feelings, emotional feelings
- Long Term negative consequences
  - interpersonal
  - physical
  - emotional
  - legal
  - job
  - financial
  - other



# Functional Analysis for Nonusing behavior

- External triggers: who, where, when
- Internal triggers: thinking before, feeling physically before, feeling emotionally before
- Description: what, how often, how long
- Short term negative consequences
  - Dislike about \_\_\_\_\_ with whom, where, when
  - While doing \_\_\_\_\_ unpleasant thoughts, physical feelings, emotional feelings
  - Long term positive consequences
    - interpersonal, physical, emotional, legal, job, financial

# Cognitive-Behavioral Techniques

- Refusal Skills-role play
- Direct eye contact, firm voice
- Immediate “no”
- Suggest alternative
- “don’t ask again
- Change subject
- Don’t be vague
- Don’t be guilty

# Coping with urges

- Recognize triggers –exposure, associated people and places, negative or even positive emotions
- Distracting activities, talk it through, urge surf, challenge and change thoughts
- Azrin- Stop sign, list negative consequences [first step], relax, distract

# CBT

- Handle emergencies, lapses
- General-communication skills, problem solving, mood management, relaxation training

# Handling a Lapse

- Leave the place
- Get rid of A and D
- Remember lapse is not a relapse-  
become stronger if just a lapse
- Don't give in to guilt or shame
- Call for help
- Examine and learn about self from  
lapse

# Evidence Base-CBT

- Kaminer and Burleson-CBT group better than interactional group for decrease use but many relapse and no difference at 1 yr

# Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach

- Manualized for CYT-warm enthusiastic nonjudgmental, life rearranged so abstinence more rewarding –identify teens and parents reinforcers, functional analysis of triggers-short-term positive and long-term negative consequences, also problem solving, communication skills and achieving healthy social and recreational activities- see teens and parents alone and together

# Dialectical Behavioral Therapy

- Combines CBT for emotional regulation with skills of mindfulness, distress tolerance and interpersonal effectiveness
- Include self-reflective diary cards, homework assignments, and phone contact

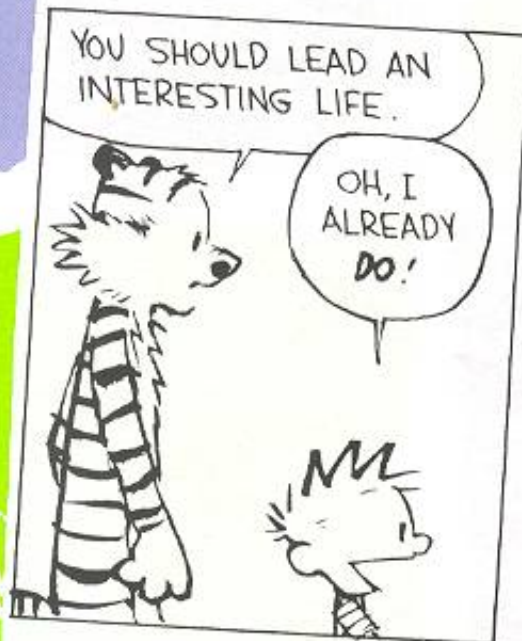
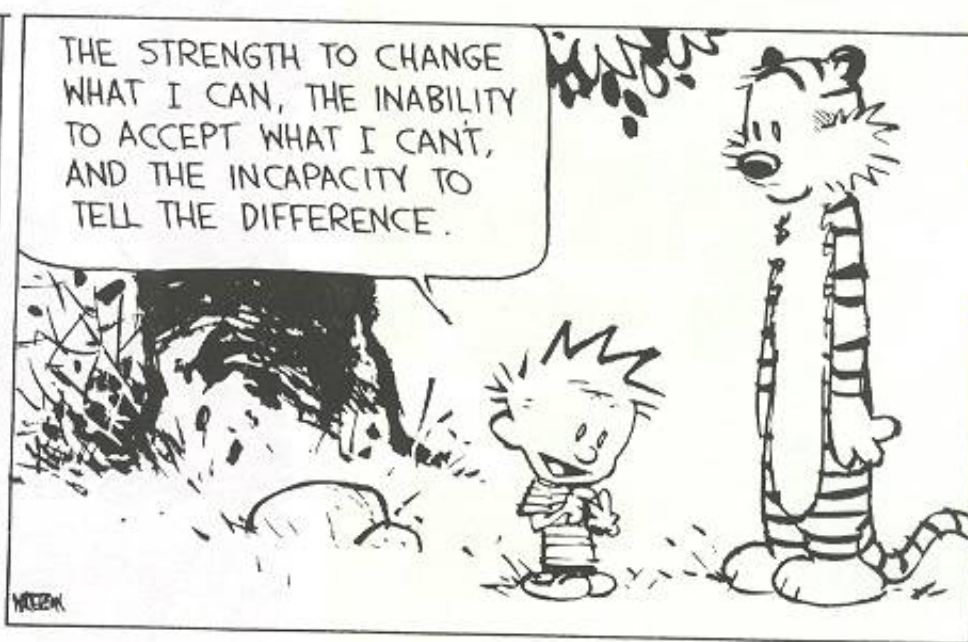


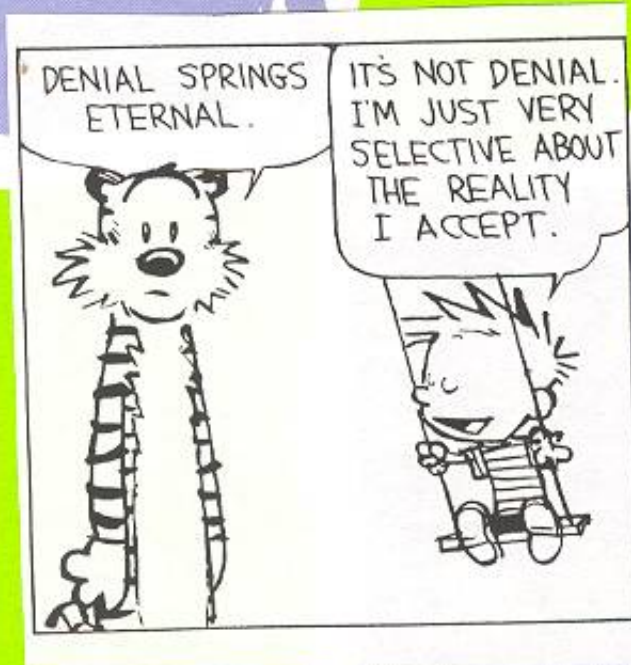
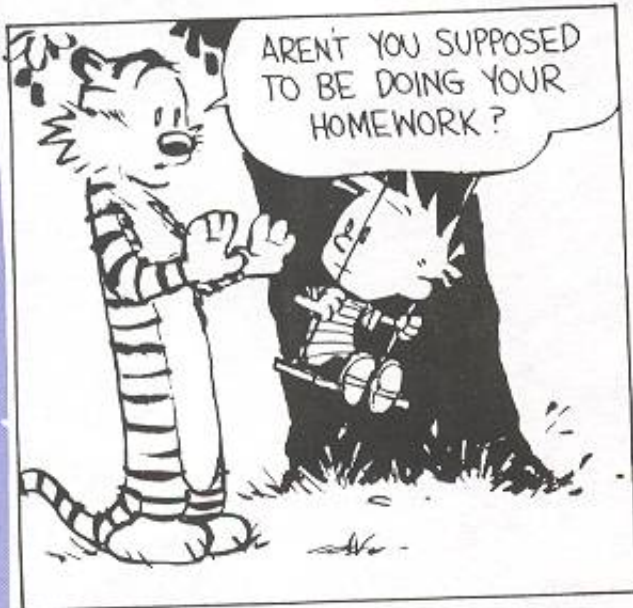
# Cannibis Youth Treatment Study

- 2MET +3CBT or 12 CBT vs Community Reinforcement Approach vs MDFT-3mo
- All yielded positive results but much relapse
- Change from 3% to 24% in recovery but 40% did not respond at all

# Assertive Continuing Care

- Telephone follow-up, home visits, early re-interventions
- Shift responsibility to treatment professional
- Work with post-treatment environment- peer group, social networks and family
- Study of post residential continuing care-at 90 days  
ACC 52% abstinent from THC vs 32% for Usual continuing care





# Therapy

- Ego split
  - “druggie” part - nucleus accubins to and from frontal lobe - druggie thinking
  - healthy part
- Want to use but need to stop using

# 12 Step Treatment specific for chemical dependency

- Chemical dependency groups
- Working the steps (1-5)
- Contact and sponsors
  - Peer group
  - Recovering
- AA/NA meetings: hospital, community, home groups
- Special family groups
- Spiritual, higher power (hp), mediation groups
- Relapse prevention groups

# Step 1

- “powerless over alcohol . . . .”
  - become powerful if you stop using;  
power to have a life
- Develop honesty
- Undo defense mechanism of disavowal

# STEP 2

- Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity
- 1st HP =parental figures-mourn neglect or abuse/ or the drugs have become a negative HP, when sober have an emptiness
- Spiritual feeling to trust something positive (love between people,nature etc.) to handle what is beyond one's control



# Values of Positive Life

- To be honest
- To be responsible
- To care about yourself
- To care about others

# Step Three -decision to commit to work a program

- Step Four-inventory
- Step Five-present to counselor or  
sponsor

# Evidence-base- 12 Step

- Harrison and Hoffman attend 2 mtgs a wk-increase abstinence at 1 yr.
- Winters-1 yr. follow-up-53% vs 27%

# Adolescent 12-step attendance and drug use

- Kelly,J, Myers,MG and Brown,S
- Pre-using 20.4days/mo
- Inpatient for 12,5 days
- First 3 mo.-31% reported complete abstinence, sample as whole-using 3.9days/mo, averaging 2-3 mtgs/wk but 25.3% not attending any mtgs
- Second 3 mo-30.3%report complete abstience, sample as whole-using 6.9 days/mo, with 41% not attending any meetings
- Abstainers attending 2X as many meetings
- 12-Step mtgs- operated by maintaining and enhancing motivation for abstience

# Enthusiastic Recovery Intervention

- Have fun off drugs try 30 days
- 157 patients (2013-14)
- If parents regularly attend parents group  
81% complete IOP vs 50%
- 46.5% relapse but 58.9% of these  
complete the 8-12wk IOP
- Opiate/heroin group #54-50% relapsed  
but 56% complete the program

# Check on Program

- Remember how bad life had become
  - undo euphoric recall
  - work first step daily
- Explore using thoughts, feelings and dreams
- Attend meetings – where, participate
- Calling and meeting with sponsor
- Recovering peers



# RELAPSE AND CONTINUED CARE

- PROBLEMS-TREATMENT NON-COMPLETERS (30%-50%) and high rate of relapse
- Assertive Continuing Care
- 12step Rxment –sponsor, non-using peer group etc.
- Phone Intervention



# Alcohol

Withdrawal – autonomic hyperactivity and anxiety

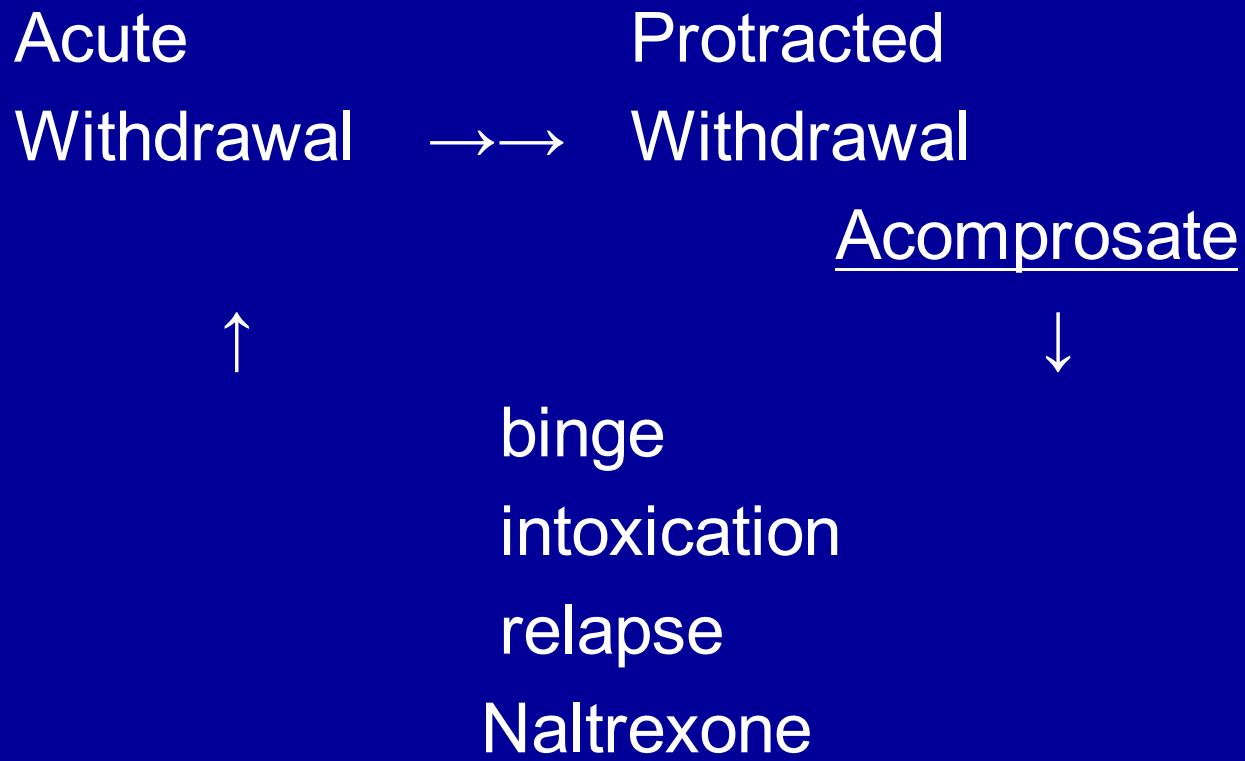
Severe – seizures, delirium and death

Treatment – benzos or carbamazepine

Disulfiram – aversive – inhibits liver breakdown of alcohol – facial flushing, headache, nausea and vomiting

Niederhofer (2003) – 26 teens DBPC 200mg/day began as inpatients – drug increased duration of abstinence but poor compliance

# Cycle of Alcoholism – Addiction



# Acamprosate

- For alcohol dependent person who is abstinent for at least 2 days – helps only with dependency disorder
- Normalizes the hyperactivity at NMDA receptor of glutamine system when in protracted withdrawal system (may last a year after beginning abstinence)

# Acamprosate

Niederhofer (2003) DBPC – mean dose 1332 mg

26 adolescents with alcohol dependence

90 day treatment began on inpatients

7/13 on drug vs. 2/13 on placebo were abstinent for entire study

FDA approved for alcohol dependent seeking to remain abstinent after stopped drinking

# Naltrexone

↓ alcohol cravings as alcohol stimulants release of endogenous opiates - ↓  
rewarding effects of drinking – helps with abuse and dependency disorder

Deas (2005) – 6 week open trial of 5 treatment seeking outpatient adolescents with  
alcohol dependence, 50 mg day

→ decrease - average drinks/drinking by 1<sup>st</sup> week

↓ craving scores

no change in LFT's

side effects – nausea and vomiting

no controlled studies

Concerns – will precipitate opiate withdrawal ↓ pleasure when drink but doesn't  
achieve abstinence

when stop med – drinking returns to previous level therefore must motivate to  
abstinence, follow LFTS

# N-acetylcysteine

- Nac-double blind RTC in combination with CM for negative urines-decreased cannabis use

# Agents of Substitution

Agonists – occupy receptor but longer acting, less reinforcing, fewer drug like effects (intoxication, euphoria)

Heroin – short acting

Methadone – long acting, decrease withdrawal symptoms and cravings – less preoccupied  
limitations – diversion and risk of overdose

De Anglis & Lehmann (1973) – 18 mo. abstinence rate with short term methadone detox (10-60 mg/day)

35% ages 15-24

Buprenorphine (Subutex) partial agonist

Less risk of overdose or respiratory depression

Ghandi (2003) 128 young adults – opioid addicts – 3 days sub-lingual or IM buprenorphine

Decrease heroin and cocaine usage but only 12% had negative urines for the 6 mo. Trial

Suboxone – buprenorphine and naltrexone



# Detox for Opioid-Dependent Adolescents

- Marsch ,L. et al Arch Gen Psy Oct 2005
- 28 day outpatient 3x/wk community reinforcement approach(sti control,urge control and family social contracting ) and incentives contingent on opiate abstinence)
- Buprenorphine (6-8mg) vs clonidine
- Retention 72%vs 39%, urine test-64%-32%
- 61%vs 5% initiated naltrexone triatment at end

# SUD and Psychiatric Disorders

- More complicated treatment
- Higher rate of relapse

# Comorbid ADHD

- ADHD alone
  - increase risk for SUD ages 17-22 years
- ADHD and bipolar/conduct disorder
  - increase risk of early (less than 16 years) SUD
- ADHD
  - accelerates transition from abuse – substance dependency

# Medication Treatment of ADHD and Substance Abuse

4 years

- 56 ADHD prescribed with → 25% abusing medications
- 19 ADHD – no medications → 75% abusing
- 137 non-ADHD → 18% abusing

Biederman J et al, 1999

# ADHD

- Hoffman LD

- Males 22%, school problems 65%

- Females 8%, school problems 48%

- DeMilio: 14%

- Riggs: 16%

- Milin: 23%

# Riggs, P. 2001

Controlled clinical trial of Pemoline  
69 Adol. CD & SUD & ADHD  
Randomized Double Blind  
Pemoline v. Placebo 12 weeks  
36 adolesc. Completed

- Stimulant improved ADD symptoms without abstinence
- No change in substance abuse
- No effect on CD symptoms
- Slight improvement in CD symptoms from baseline in both Pemoline and Placebo groups
- No serious adverse effects

# Jaffe, S., JAACP Jan. 2002

3 cases – Dual Disorder ADHD & SUD in residential treatment

- Unable to abuse Concerta by intranasal route Also Vyvanse
- College 5% abuse stimulants
- HS 15% gave and sold their own

# ADHD AND SUD

- 300 adolescents-ages 13-18-11 sites with 70% retention
- OROS-methylphenidate (up to 72mg) plus CBT vs placebo plus CBT for 16wks
- Results : both groups decreased ADHD symptoms- no difference by clinician's rating but significant difference favoring Concerta by parent's rating, problem solving and focused-coping skills taught in CBT only improved in Concerta group, substance abuse decreased in both groups ( days of drug use in past 28 days-43%vs 33%-not significant)



# ADHD

- Group therapy
  - short, allow to leave
- NA
  - often more stimulating
- Individual
  - eye contact, reminder cards

# Medications

- Do not give values
- Only remove symptoms
- If are less depressed, less distracted and less impulsive
- Get better grades and be more responsible OR
- May be a better bank robber

# Conduct Disorders

## Treat Comorbid Condition

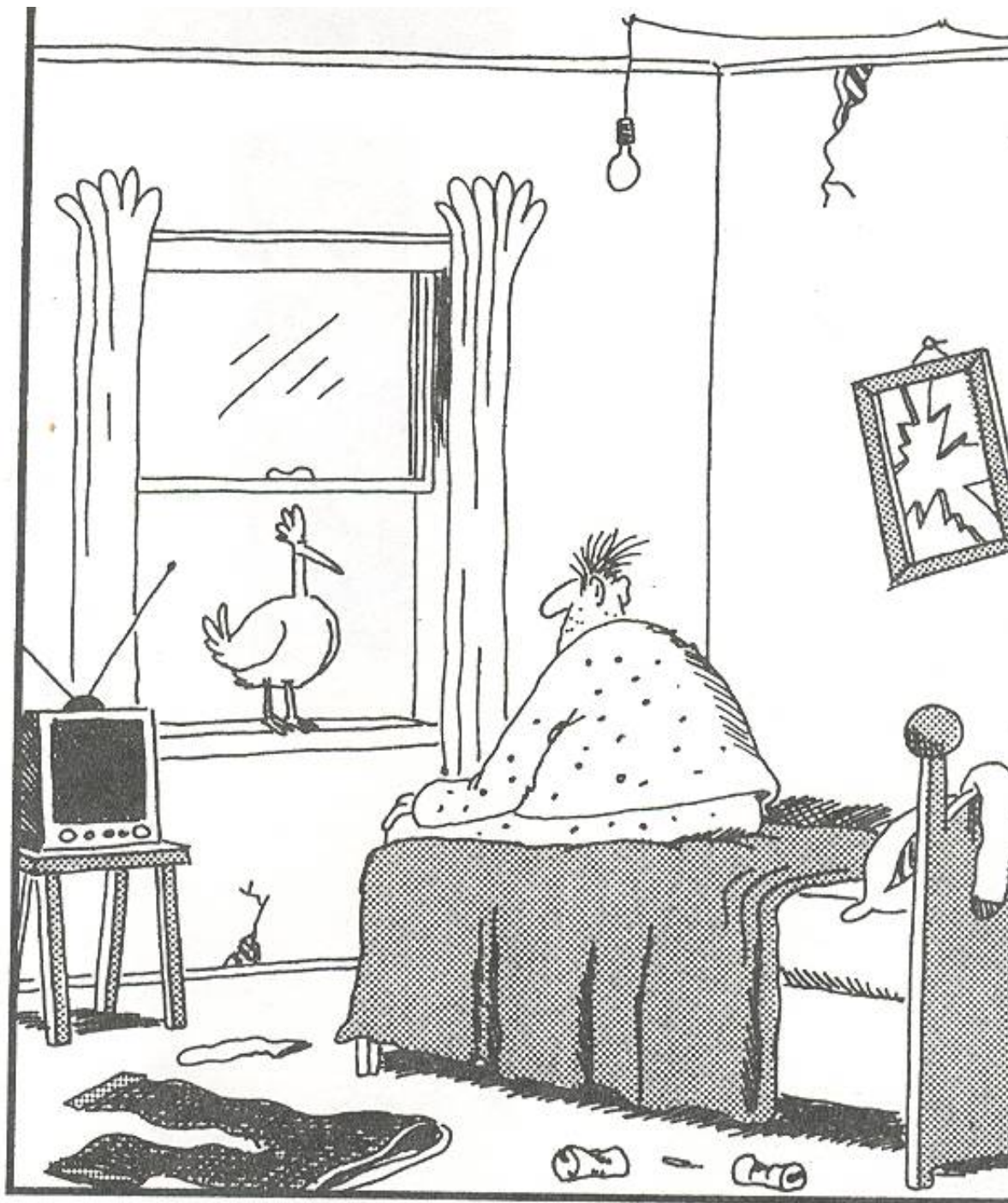
- DeMilio: 42%
- Stowell: 54%
- Chatlos: 88%
- Bukstein: 70.5%



“That settles it, Carl! ... From now on,  
you’re getting only decaffeinated coffee!”

# Aggression and Violence

- Direct effect – alcohol – often is stimulant and then depresses
- Stimulants
  - Cocaine
  - PCP
  - Methamphetamine



The Bluebird of Happiness long absent from his life  
Ned is visited by the Chicken of Depression.

# Dysthymia and Major Depression

- Hospitalized SUD with dysthymia (1)
  - 53% dysthymia prior to SUD
- Hospitalized inpatients with SUD and MDD (2)
  - 60.4% secondary depression
  - 16.7% had primary form

(1) Hovers et al, 1994

(2) Bukstein et al, 1992

# Depressive Disorders

	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>
Hoffman	41%	22%
Suicide attempts	28%	10%
DeMilio	53%	35%
	(2 weeks)	(major depression)
Bukstein	30% (3 wks)	20% (MDD)
Dysthemic	21%	
Riggs	21%	21%
all with SA and CD		



# Depression

- Therapies
  - individual, group, family
  - cognitive behavioral
- 12 Step
  - loss of drug
  - life story
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> step – hurt by childhood higher power
- Medications
  - SSRIs
  - Bupropion (Wellbutrin)
  - Venlafaxine (Effexor)
  - Tricyclics

# ADHD + SUD + Mood Disorder

Solhkhah et al (2005) – ADHD, mood disorder + SUD

14 outpatient adolescents – retrospective chart review baseline, 3 + 6 mo. Assessments – open trial bupropion SR 100-400 mg

13 completers – at 6 mo. Decrease DUSI score, decrease ADHD symptoms, decrease depression and decrease substance abuse

referred for continued outpatient evaluation

substance abuse reported or initial interview

“12 regular uses of THC”

“8 regular uses of alcohol”

“1 – alcohol, THC, hallucinogens and XTC”

# Riggs 2005 AACAP Presentation

## CD, SUD + MDD (40% ADHD)

143 screened → 126 randomized

63 individual CBT + fluoxetine (20mg)

63 CBT + placebo

52 and 54 completed the study

Results: depression – much improved 76% drug vs. 67% CD – improved both groups

substance use – decrease both groups – no difference

use 18/30 days – ↓ 5 days (drug), ↓ 7 day(placebo)

THC 15 days/mo - ↓ 3 days each group

alcohol 4-5 days/mo – no change – weekend binge drinking

Responders = complete remission

placebo responders v. Fluoxetine responders – no difference

responders v. non responders – significant decrease of drug use

# Concurrent Depression and Alcohol Dependence

- CBT and Sertraline, CBT and placebo
  - both improved . . . No group differences in 12 weeks

Deas-Nesmith et al, 1998

# Bipolar Disorders

- Bipolar in adolescents
  - often cycle within a day
  - rapid cycling, mixed features most common
  - most prominent symptoms – irritability, angry outbursts
- Benzodiazepines may cause disinhibitions

# Bipolar

- Adolescent onset significantly associated with SUD relative to child onset

Wilens et al, 1999

# Adolescent Bipolar Disorder

- Distractibility
- Increased activity
- Grandiosity
- Flight of ideas – racing thoughts
- Acts with painful consequences
- Sleep decreased
- Talkativeness – pressured speech
- Severe persistent irritability – often violent
- Hypersexuality

# Bipolar Disorder in Adolescents

- 31% onset by age 14
- 59% onset by age 19

Mixed Type (#24)

Manic Type (#12)

History of ADHD 75%

75%

Substance abuse 42%

33%

High Incidence of suicide attempts

West S, 1997



# Treatment: Bipolar Disorder + SUD

“Explosive Mood Disorder” – Donovan et al (1996, 1997)

Open study – 8 outpatients with THC abuse/dependency

5 wk trial on valproic acid (1,000 mg)

↓ THC usage and improved affective symptoms – measured only by self report

Bipolar + Substance Dependency

Geller et al (1998) DBPC

25 adolescents – 21 completed 6 wk trial – 3 hospitalized

Lithium (average serum level of .98m eq/L)

All had weekly interpersonal therapy

Results: Li groups – decrease of positive urines for drugs

no difference in severity of affective symptoms  
and global functioning

Most important group for use of medication

# Treatment

- Stabilize with meds and contract for abstinence – may need to hospitalize
- Then - - - may use stimulants for comorbid ADHD
- May need antidepressant (Bupropion or non-energizing SSRI) for depression
- Talk therapy: education on both Bipolar Disorder and SUD and psycho – social treatments for both

# Treatment

- Lithium – double blind placebo controlled trial of adolescents with Bipolar Disorder and SUD. At 3 weeks had decreased positive drug screens and increase C-Gas scores. Geller et al, 1998
- Trileptal – skin rash
- Depakote – weight gain, liver tests and serum levels (100-130)
- Tegretal – bone marrow suppression, liver tests, double digit serum levels
- Topamax – cognitive effects
- Lamictal – skin rash

# Anxiety Disorders

- Hoffman
  - physical abuse: 29% and 38%
  - sexual abuse: 5% and 37%
- Stowell: 43%
- Chatlos: 16%
  - PTSD: 42%
- Riggs: 42%
  - PTSD: 20%

# Social Phobia

- Highly comorbid with depression, somatoform disorders, and SUD

Essau et al, 1999

# Substance Abuse and Sexual Abuse

## Hussey Study

- Increase drug use
- Begin earlier
- Self- medicate

# Substance Abuse and PTSD

- Abstinence agreement – safety
- Teach assertiveness and boundaries
- Define abuse and right to own feelings
- ? Drug abuse or wait for more stability
- 1<sup>st</sup> step
  - increase power
  - don't surrender

# EDMR

- Eye movement desensitization and reprocessing

Shapiro F



# LD-sub abuse at age 14/15 predicted by academic and social behavior between 7 and 9

- Eating disorders-25% have hx or currently using substances
- Higher use in bulimics than anoexics
- Double Trouble 12 step groups

# Conclusion

Waxomesky and Wilens 2005

“Pharmacological agents appear to reduce co-morbid psychopathology with a milder reduction in SUD symptoms”

# Power of heroin

- Sam “ The first time I shot heroin it was like the angels from heaven came down and wrapped me in a warm blanket.”

# Drug overdose deaths 2013

43,982

- Ages 25-64 > motor vehicle accidents  
51.8% related to prescription drugs  
71.3% of those- opioids, 30.6% benzos
- Many had both
- 2011-1.4 million emergency dept visits  
related to prescription drugs 420,000  
related to opioids
- 2013 drug poisoning deaths 81%  
unintentional 12% suicide 6%  
undetermined

# Age 18-25 heroin doubled- past decade

- 45% use heroin are addicted to opioids
- Heroin use increased 109% ages 18-25 non-Hispanic whites between 2002 and 2013

# Prescription Opioid Drug Overdose Deaths 2013

- Rates per 100,000
- 15-24            2.6
- 25-34            7.5
- 35-44            8.6
- 45-54            10.6
- 55-64            7.5
- >65              1.6
- Majority-non-Hispanic white

# Drug poisoning deaths-heroin

- Prescription opioid deaths-increase at 19% per yr. 2000-2006 but then leveled off at 2% per yr. thru 2013
- Heroin OD deaths slow increase at 6% 2000-2010 (1.0 per 100,000) but then sharp increase at 37% per yr to 2.7 in 2013
- 4X higher for males
- Ages 18-44 non-Hispanic white male-highest rate of heroin deaths

# Opioid OD epidemic soars in 2014

- Prescription opioids increased by 16.3% - 18,893
- Heroin deaths increased by 28% 10,574
- Deaths involving fentanyl (25-40X stronger than heroin) increased over 80%-much illegally made
- $\frac{3}{4}$  heroin addicts began with prescription opioids



# Adolescent Substance Abuse Intervention Workbook

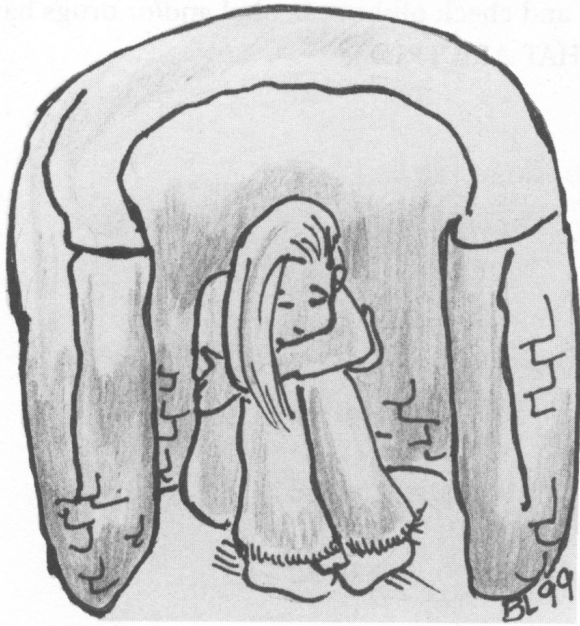
- Initial approach for teenager to become aware, both cognitively and emotionally, of negative consequences of their drug use.
- 29 hospitalized adolescents 31% changed to acknowledge a need to stop using
- 56 delinquent adolescents in YDC-significant increase in recognition of harmful drugs and believe that continued use will be harmful (48% moved to low risk)

**Adolescent  
Substance Abuse  
Intervention  
Workbook**

Taking a First Step



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**"Drugs are fun."**



**"But my life is a mess . . ."**

Although you may WANT to continue to use alcohol and/or drugs, the question is:

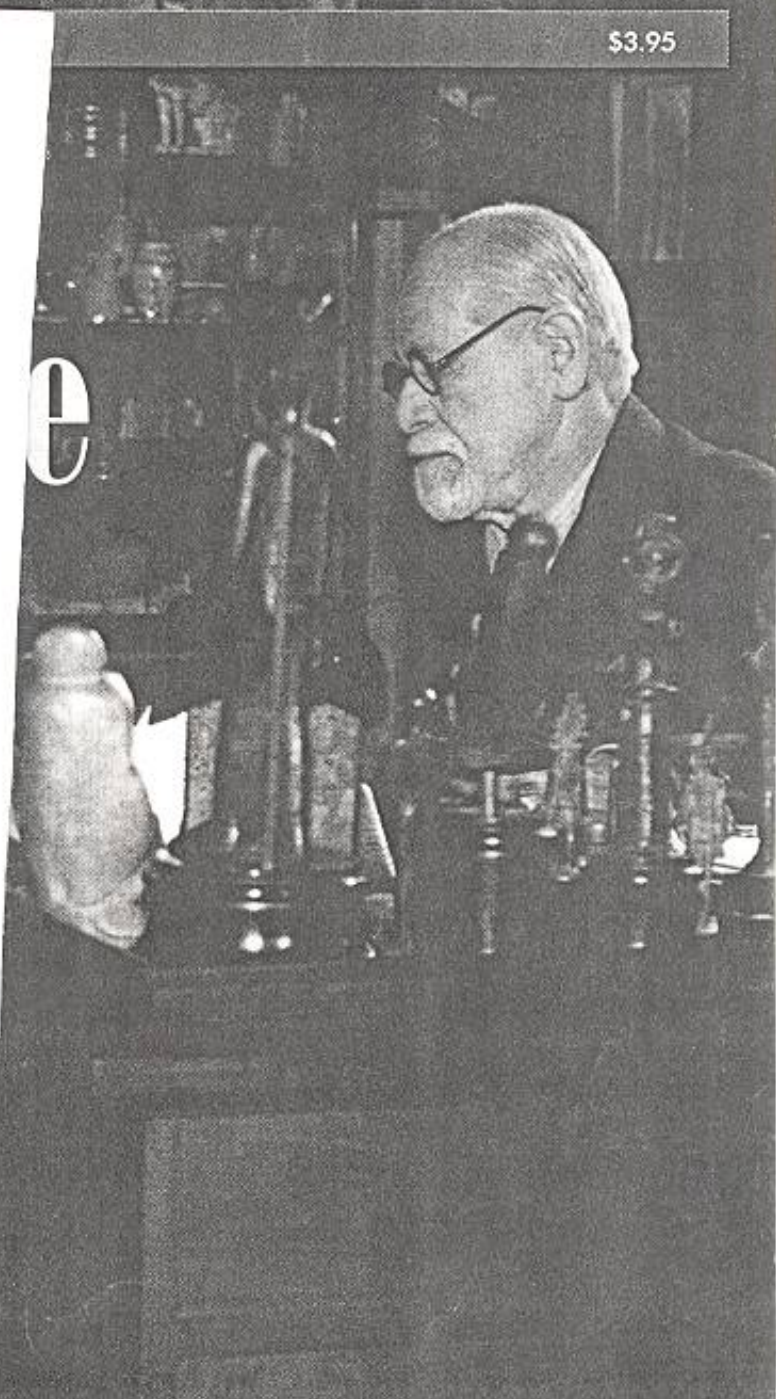
Do you NEED to stop drinking/using drugs to make your life better?

Circle one:    **YES**    **NO**    **MAYBE**



# Standard

\$3.95



I'M IN A VERY CRABBY MOOD, SO EVERYBODY JUST LEAVE ME ALONE! I HATE EVERYONE!!



NOBODY RECOGNIZES MY HINTS TO SMOTHER ME WITH AFFECTION.



# **Suicide Risk Assessment and Prevention**

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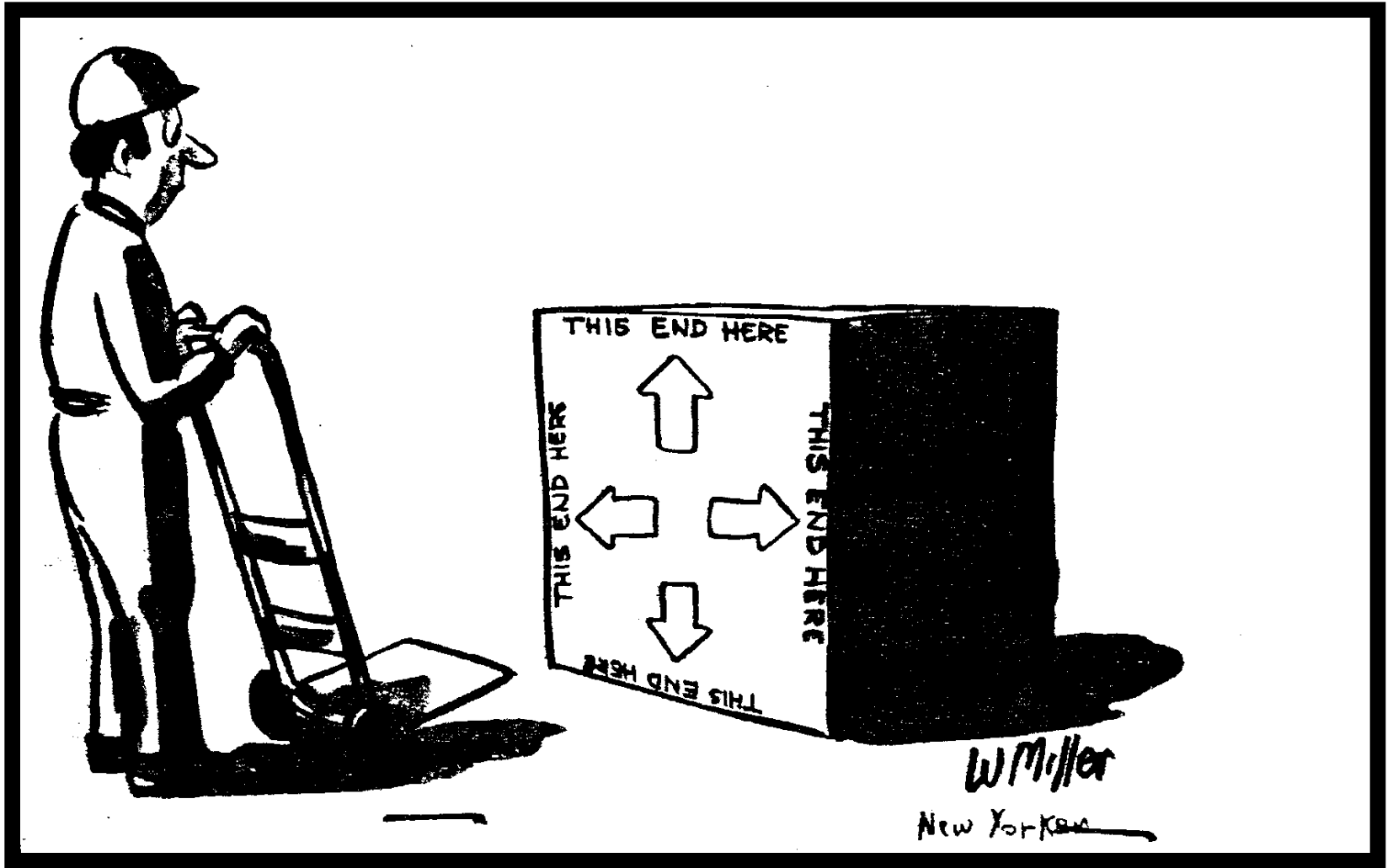
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# Objectives: Participants will have greater awareness of:

- The distinctions between suicide, suicidal risk, and nonsuicidal self-injury (NSSI);
- The risk factors for completed suicide;
- The clinical importance of nonsuicidal self-injury;
- Evidence-based treatment approaches for suicide and non-suicidal self injury;
- Current research and future directions;



# Self-harm: Distinctions between suicidal and non-suicidal self-injury (NSSI)

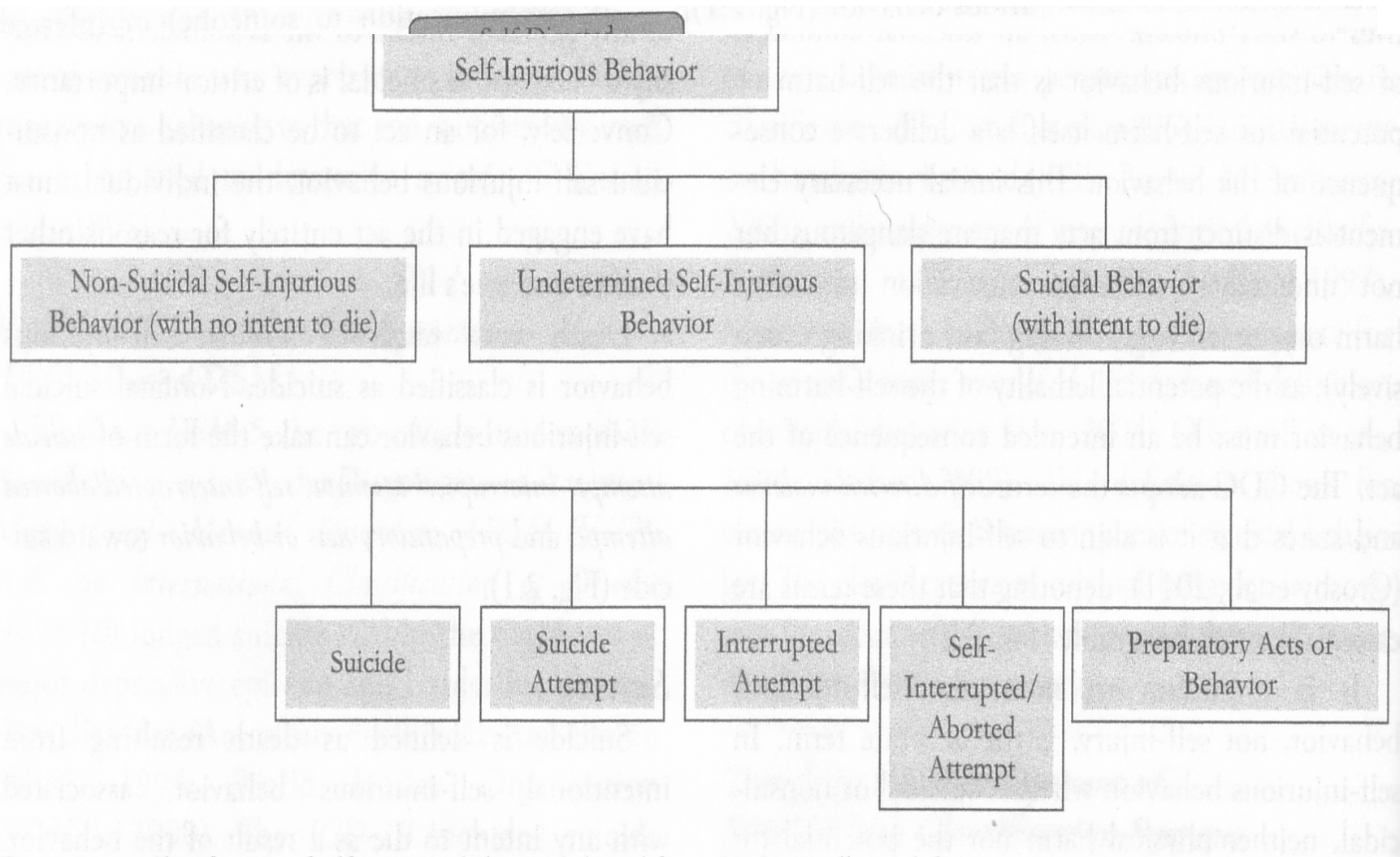
- Distinctions clearer over the past six years,
- Considerable overlap between the two remains.
  - Methods
  - Precipitants
  - Outcome
- Both forms of self-harm are risk factors for completed suicide.

# DSH/NSSI and DIFO

- In Europe and Australia, deliberate self-harm (DSH) is the term commonly employed, while in Canada and the USA, NSSI is becoming the accepted descriptor.
- DSH/NSSI as any self-harm done with neither the intent to die nor for socially sanctioned purposes.
- Heterogeneous types of self-harm,
- SIB over the past 25 years has become endemic in the general population and frequently reported in mental health settings. Walsh (2012)

# CDC surveillance flowchart for self-directed violence

Posner et al, 2014, p. 12



# Classifying suicidal and NSSI

Posner et al, 2014, p. 13

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## **Suicide:**

Death resulting from intentional self-injurious behavior, associated with any intent to die as a result of the behavior

- The outcome of the behavior is death.
- Nonzero intent to die: If there is *any* intent/desire to die associated with the act, then the act is a suicide.
- Intent can either be stated explicitly by the individual or inferred.
- Person died by hanging himself and left a note stating intent to die.
- Person died of shooting self in the head; intent is inferred from the impressive circumstance.
- Person died of swallowing pills and family members state he expressed a desire to die.

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## **Suicide Attempt:**

A nonfatal self-directed potentially injurious behavior with any intent to die as a result of the behavior

- Evidence may be explicit or implicitly inferred.
  - Nonzero: If there is *any* intent/desire to die associated with the act, then the act is a suicide attempt.
  - There does not have to be any injury or harm, only the potential for injury or harm.
  - Person swallows four pills because wanted to die (stated intent).
  - Person pulls trigger; gun failed to fire (no injury necessary, intent is inferred).
  - Person shoots self in face; survives and verbalizes no intent to die (inferred by impressive clinical circumstances).
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# CDC self-directed violence definitions

Posner et al, 2014, p. 18

## **Interrupted Attempt:**

A person takes steps toward making a suicide attempt but is stopped by another person prior to any injury or potential injury.

- If not for the interruption, actual attempt would have occurred.
- No injury occurs.
- However, once they ingest any pills, pull the trigger (even if the gun fails to fire), or make the first scratch, it becomes an attempt rather than an interrupted attempt.
- Person has pills in hand but is stopped from ingesting (*once person swallows any pills, this becomes an attempt*)
- Person has gun pointed toward self, gun is grabbed away by someone else, or is somehow prevented from pulling trigger (*once person pulls trigger, even if the gun fails to fire, it is an attempt*).
- Person is poised to jump but is grabbed and taken down from the ledge.
- Person has noose around neck but has not yet started to hang—is stopped from doing so.

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Posner et al, 2014, p. 18

## Self-Interrupted/Aborted Attempt:

A person takes steps to injure self but stops self prior to any injury or potential for injury.

- If not for the interruption, actual attempt would have occurred.
- No injury occurs.
- However, as soon as the first pill is swallowed or the first scratch is made, it becomes a suicide attempt.
- Person takes out pills to make an attempt changes mind and does not swallow any.
- Person goes to the top of a building to jump; changes mind and turns around.
- Person begins to drive at high speed toward a cliff; changes mind and drives home.

## Preparatory Acts or Behavior:

Acts or preparation toward making a suicide attempt

- Preparatory behavior, beyond a verbalization or thought
- Assembling the method to kill oneself
- Preparing for one's death by suicide
- Giving away valuable possessions
- Writing a suicide note
- Buying or collecting pills
- Purchasing a gun
- Writing a will

## Nonsuicidal Self-Injurious Behavior:

Behavior that is self-directed and deliberately results in injury or the potential for injury to oneself

- There is no evidence, whether implicit or explicit, of suicidal intent.
- The behavior must be outside the realm of socially sanctioned forms of self-injury regarded as expressions of individuality and creativity such as tattooing and piercing.
- Person cuts self in order to distract from emotional pain.
- Person carves on self to gain attention from parents.
- Person burns self to feel alive.
- Person scratches wounds to bleed as self-punishment.



# Suicides—CDC, 2015

Sullivan et al, MMWR, 2015

Globally a primary cause of adolescent death

National Vital Statistics System data on annual suicide counts were analyzed for persons aged 10–24 years from 1994 until 2012 (Sullivan et al, MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep, 2015, 64:201-205)

Suicide represents second leading cause of death in 10-24 year-old youth

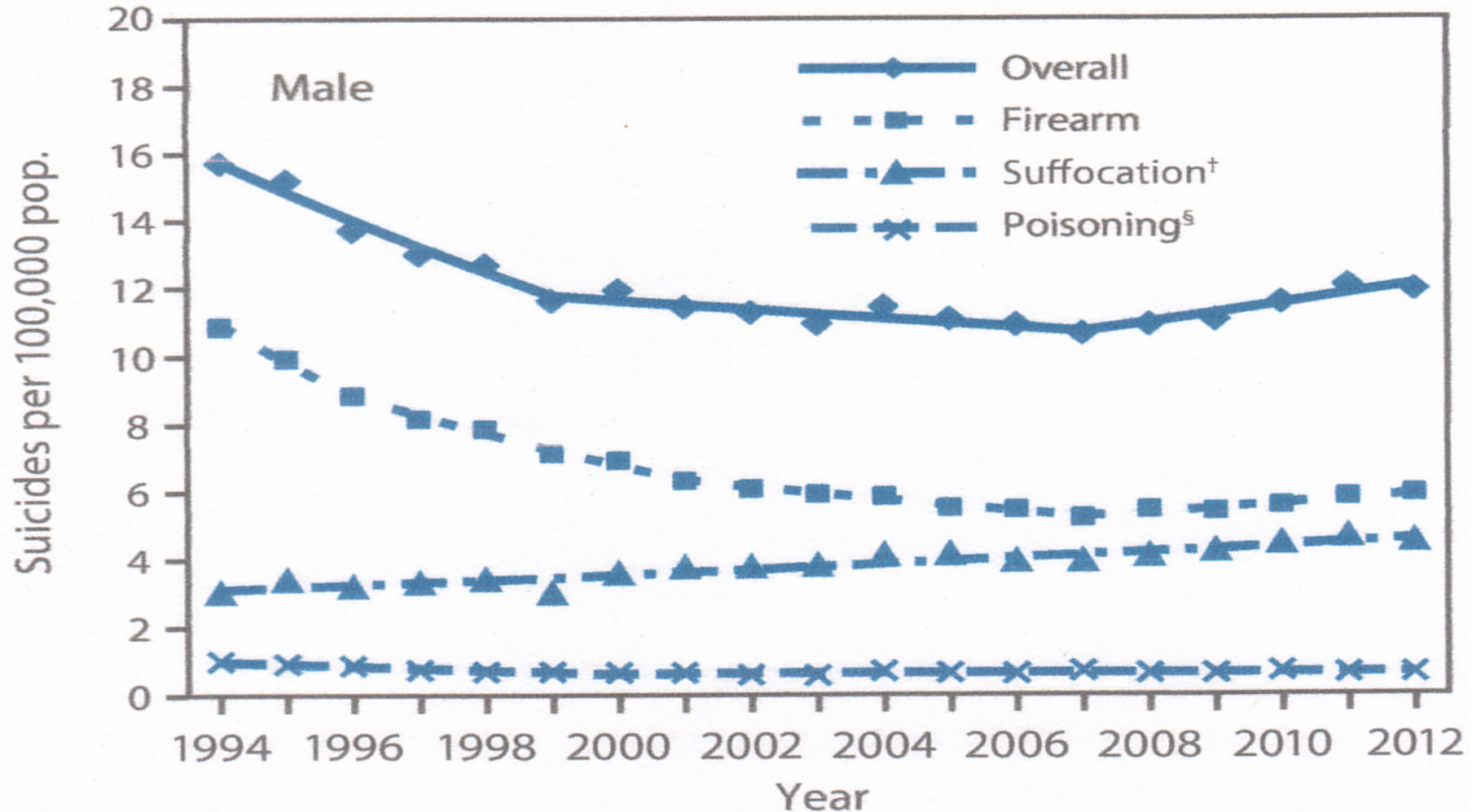
Overall age-adjusted suicide rates fluctuated somewhat during those years but were consistently higher in males than females—i.e., in 2012, the rates were 11.9 and 3.2 per 100,000, respectively.

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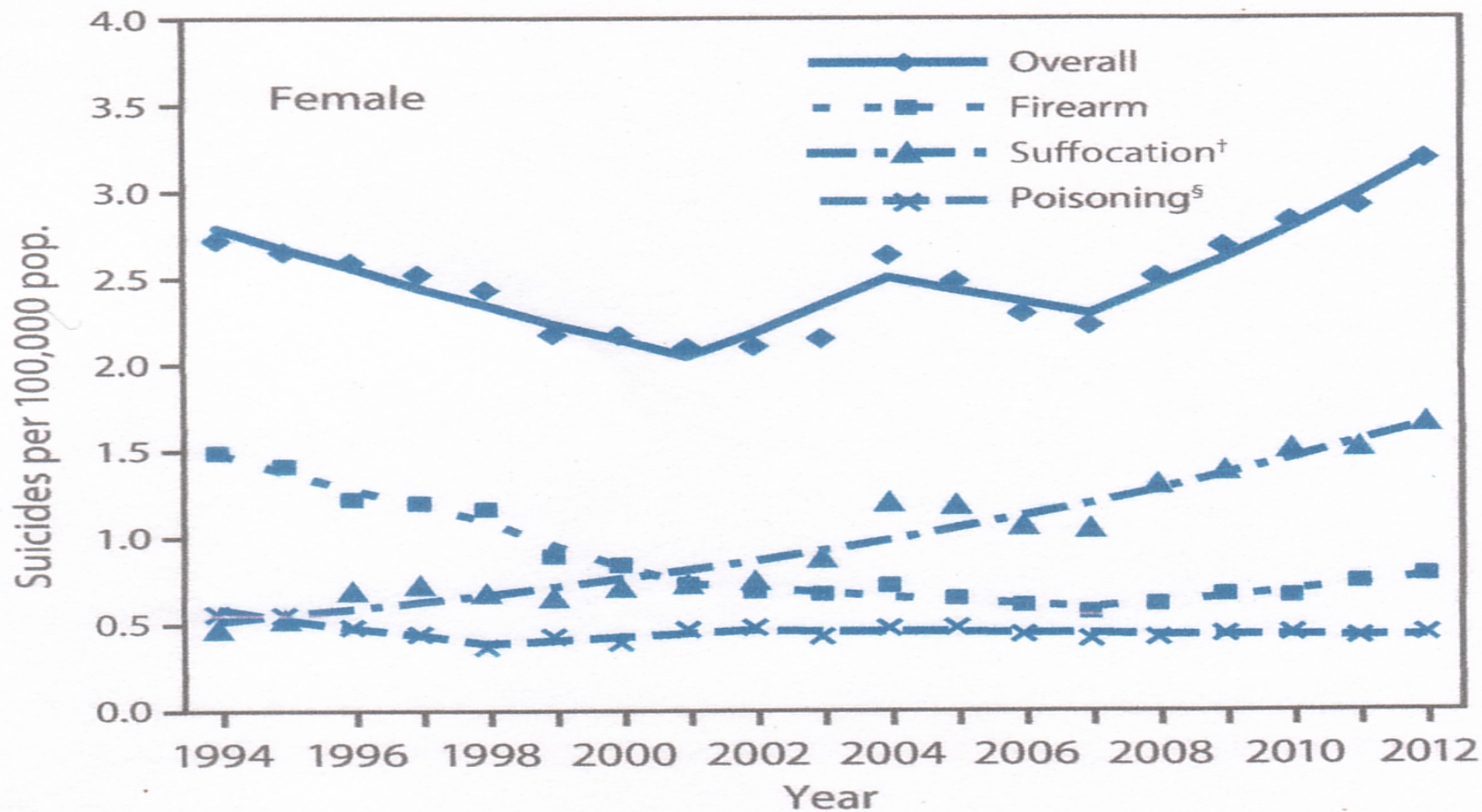
- Firearms consistently the leading mechanism of suicide in males;
  - Since 2001 suffocation surpassed firearms as the leading mechanism in females.
  - Rates of firearm suicides decreased over the years spanned by the analysis,
  - Suicide by suffocation increased in all age groups (10–14 years, 15–19 years, and 20–24 years), all ethnic groups, and all regions of the country.
  - Poisoning, the third leading method, much less common than firearms or suffocation.

# Age-adjusted suicide rates among persons aged 10-24 years by sex and mechanism—USA, 1994-2012

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# Age-adjusted suicide rates among persons aged 10-24 years by sex and mechanism—USA, 1994-2012



# Theories/functional models of suicide:

## Summary Selby et al, 2014

- Deep emotional pain is common theoretical reason
- Multiple views of causality
  - Lead to multiple foci for intervention
  - No common key target

# American College Health – 2014 Morris, 2015

- 8.3% had seriously considered suicide
- 1.3% had attempted suicide
- Similar but lower than 2000
  - 9.4% seriously considered
  - 1.6% had attempted
- Concern that rate for completed suicide rose from 10.4/100,000 in 2000 to 12.6/100,000 in 2013

# Theories/functional models of suicide

Selby et al, 2014, P287

- Biological theories: inherent, physiologic risk that is aggravated through environmental stress factors
  - Neurotransmitter dysfunction
- Sociological theory: social forces cause disturbed regulation of the person
  - Social integration—bonds with others & society lacking
  - Moral integration—regulation of beliefs by social norms cause altruistic suicide

# Theories/functional models of suicide

Selby et al, 2014, p287

- Psychodynamic theories—
  - Self-blame predicts suicide (suicide and violence, revenge motive)
  - Conscious & unconscious attachment to death
- Escape theory—three steps as away to solve a problem, i.e., a means to an end.
- Hopelessness theory (Beck)
  - Hopeless cognitions, catastrophizing the situation, ie, it will never change.
  - Involves *5 modal processes* in suicidal behavior



# Theories/functional models of suicide

Selby et al, 2014

- Hopelessness theory (Beck)
  - *Modal processes* in suicidal behavior
    - Cognitive system—suicidal beliefs and thoughts
    - Affective system—negative affect (depressed and sad)
    - Motivation and behavioral system—behaviors promoting suicidality (Plan/prepare)
    - Physiological system—suicide-related physiological response
  - Once a system is activated, effects spread and activate other systems – increased suicidal behavior
  - But does not explain all aspects of suicidal behavior

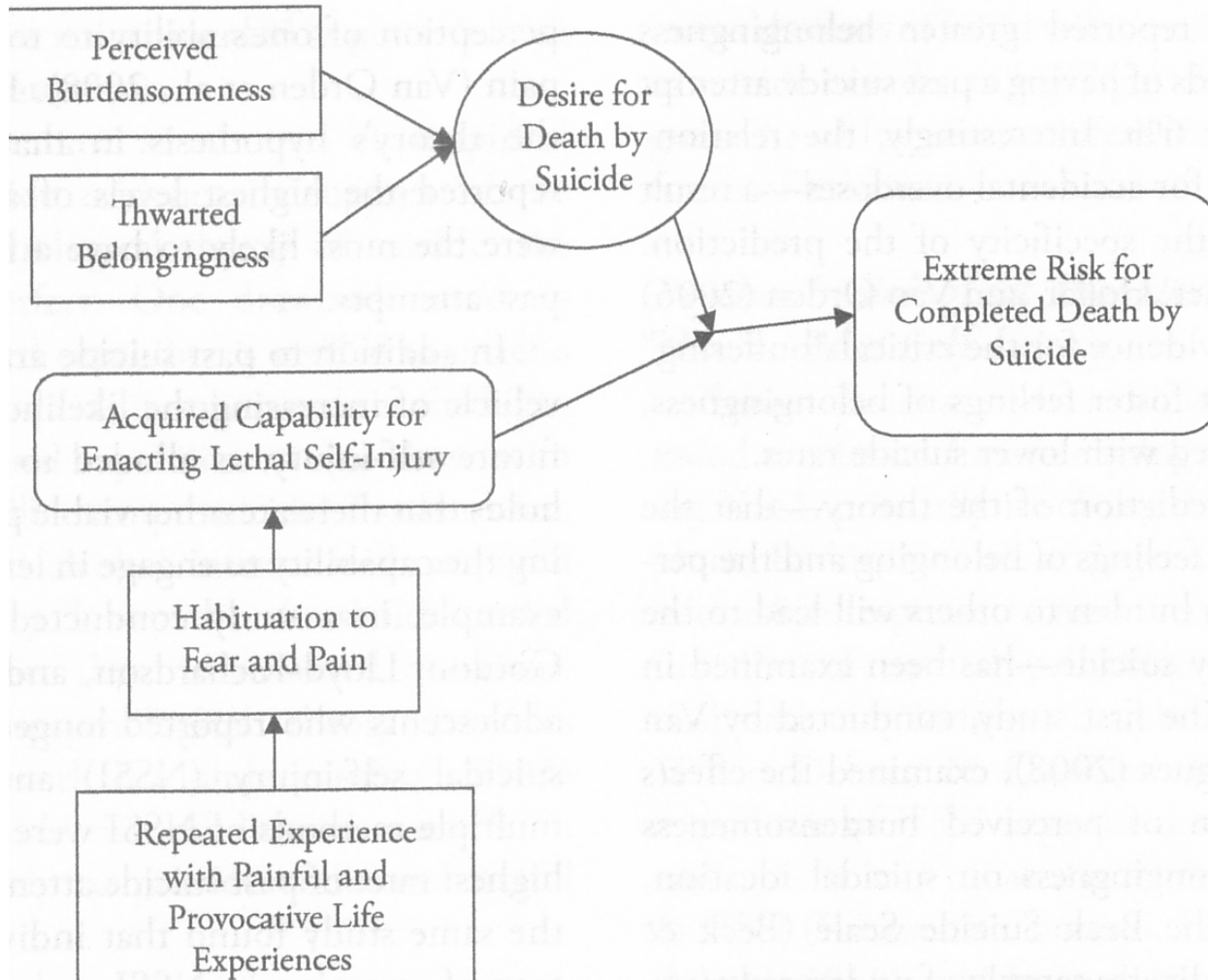
# Theories/functional models of suicide

Selby et al, 2014

- Interpersonal-Psychological—both desire to die and capability to act on that (want to and can)
  - Feeling alienated (*“thwarted belongingness”*)
  - Working up to engaging in lethal behavior
    - Ability to engage in self-destruction – *“acquired capability”*
      - Repeated exposure to increasingly painful experiences inducing habituation and increased tolerance for and fearless about death

# Suicide: Interpersonal-psychological theory

Selby et al, 2014, p 295



# Theories/functional models of suicide:

## Summary Selby et al, 2014

- Deep emotional pain is common theoretical reason
- Multiple views of causality
  - Lead to multiple foci for intervention
  - No common key target

# Theories of Suicide

## Selby et al, 2014, p. 287

### Suicide Theories

### Basic Postulates

Biological theories:	Suicide may result from an interaction between genetic biological predispositions (neurotransmitter dysfunction) and life stressors, the combination of which may increase suicide risk.
Sociological theory: Durkheim (1987)	Suicide is the result of either high or low <i>social regulation</i> of individuals, or either high or low <i>moral integration</i> . This results in four primary types of motivations for suicide; egoistic-low social regulation (loneliness); altruistic-high social regulation (suicide to benefit society); anomic-low moral regulation (societal disengagement); fatalistic-high moral regulation (societal oppression).
Hopelessness theory: Beck and colleagues (1985, 1990)	Suicide is the result of overwhelming feelings of <i>hopelessness</i> - that no matter what one does, his or her life will not improve. These feelings of hopelessness are the primary driving force of suicidal behavior.
Psychache theory: Shneidman (1996)	Suicide is the result of intense psychological pain, referred to as <i>psychache</i> . Psychache is the result of a deficit in a variety of basic human needs; it is so painful that death by suicide is seemingly the only way to end the pain. This theory also has a lethality component- as options for reducing psychache decrease, the likelihood that an individual will engage in suicidal behavior increases, with a low probability of survival.

# Theories of Suicide

## Selby et al, 2014, p. 287

### Suicide Theories

### Basic Postulates

Escape theory:  
Baumeister (1990)

Escape theory suggests that suicide is a form of *escape from aversive self-awareness* and describes the process involved in leading up to suicide. The process involves six steps: (1) falling short of standards, (2) attributions to the self, (3) high self-awareness, (4) negative affect, (5) cognitive deconstruction, and (6) consequences of deconstruction (suicide).

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Emotion dysregulation  
theory:  
(1993)

Suicide is the result of *emotion dysregulation*. Suicidal individuals experience intense, hypersensitive and prolonged negative emotional experience due to criticizing and Linehan invalidating environments. Dysregulated behaviors are used as a way of distracting from negative emotion, such as self-injury, and suicide is the ultimate way to extinguish negative affect.

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Interpersonal-  
psychological theory:  
Joiner (2005)

Suicide is the result of an interaction between three components: (1) feelings that one does not have connection with others (*thwarted belongingness*), (2) thoughts and feelings that one is a burden on those around them (*perceived burdensomeness*), and (3) a greatly diminished fear of pain and death due to repetitive experience with, and habituation to, painful and fear-invoking life events (*the acquired capability to enact lethal self-injury*).

# ER Trauma Visits

- Emergency department (ED) visits for self-inflicted injuries in adolescents increased between 2009 and 2012.
  - National Trauma Data bank, which collects data from >700 U.S. hospitals, including nearly all Level I and Level II trauma centers.
- Analyzed records from 2009–12
  - patients aged 10–18 years. Change over time in rates and methods of self-injury as well as potential risk factors were evaluated. Cutler et al: *Pediatrics* 2015;136 (July):28–34

# ER Trauma Visits

- Nearly 287,000 ED visits for trauma in adolescents, 3664 (1.3%) were for self-inflicted injury.
  - Self-inflicted trauma more severely injured with higher rates of multiple comorbid conditions than others.
    - <5% of patients with self-inflicted injury had a psychiatric diagnosis.
    - Proportion of visits for self-inflicted injury increased from 1.1% in 2009 to 1.6% in 2012 ( $p < 0.001$ ).
    - Cutting/piercing the most common mechanism Cutler et al: *Pediatrics* 2015



# ER Trauma Visits

- Significant decrease in firearm injuries as a fraction of the total, from 27% to 22% ( $p=0.02$ ).
- Risk of self- injury, relative to other causes, was increased in girls; older adolescents ( $\geq 15$  years); those with comorbid conditions; those with public insurance or no insurance; and those with alcoholism or obesity.
- Adolescents most likely to die of their injuries were male, older, white, and lacking insurance coverage. Cutler et al: *Pediatrics* 2015;136 (July):28–34

# Suicidal Behavior in ADHD

Daviss & Diler, 2014

- ADHD and comorbid problems common in clinical practice
- Predictors of suicidality in adolescents with ADHD, suicidal behavior was linked with
  - Depression,
  - Parent-child conflict,
  - Victimization trauma, and
  - Social impairment
- These modifiable factors found in cross-sectional study may be useful in identifying youth aged 11 – 18 years at risk for suicide
  - Represent targets for psychosocial or pharmacological treatment

# Suicidality and Aggression in Antidepressant Trials (Sharma et al, 2016)

- Meta-analysis of clinical study reports
  - Detailed summaries of trial results submitted for regulatory approval of new drugs.
  - Individual patient-level adverse event listings for 32 trials, and the full protocol for 44, consistent with regulatory guidance that does not require full submission of all protocols
- “Confirms association” of suicidality and aggression with antidepressant treatment in children and adults

# Suicidality and Aggression in Antidepressant Trials

Sharma et al, 2016

- 12 patient deaths during the post-randomization phases of the trials, all in adults—8 during SSRI/SNRI treatment and 4 with placebo
- 93 suicidality events occurred post-randomization,
- Odds ratio\* for any suicidality event in children taking an SSRI/SNRI versus placebo was 2.39.
- Risk of aggressive behavior was also elevated during SSRI/SNRI treatment in children, with an odds ratio of 2.79.

# Antidepressant medication

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WARNING!!!

No deaths in clinical trials!

Suicide effects rare!

When is a person at increased risk for suicide? When they are getting better!

# Facets of Antidepressant Medication Effects

Miller et al, JAMA Internal Med 2014

- Risk of deliberate self-harm was twofold higher in patients aged 10–24 year with depression diagnosis starting antidepressants at higher-than-average doses compared to those on standard doses.
- Modal dosage was 20 mg/day for citalopram and fluoxetine and 50 mg/day for sertraline.
- Suicide attempts baseline rate were similar in both treatment groups at about 1.5%
- Groups: >32,500 patients taking the modal dose and >7000 taking higher doses.
  - Analysis excluded >14,500 patients on subtherapeutic dosage or above maximum approved dose.

# Facets of Antidepressant Medication

## Effects Miller et al, JAMA Internal Med 2014

- During follow-up, 142 patients engaged in deliberate self-harm.
  - 68 had initiated antidepressant at the modal dose, while 74 initiated at higher doses (15 vs. 32 events per 1000 person-years, respectively).
  - Calculated frequency of deliberate self-harm in the first year of treatment was 1.5% with modal-dose therapy and 3.2% with high-dose therapy (adjusted hazard ratio,\* 2.2). Although the rates remained proportional throughout the year, the majority of events occurred within the first 3 months of treatment.
  - not all deliberate self-harm results in medical treatment, the reported frequency is likely an underestimate; but the relative hazard with high-dose therapy is probably not biased.
- Accompanying editorial asks why 18% of patients were started at high doses, counter to clinical guidelines, and whether such patients had unmeasured factors that put them at higher risk of a suicide attempt. The effect of dose escalation following the initial dose was not studied.

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# Routine Screening for Suicide Risk in Primary Care

LeFevre *Annals Intern Medicine* 2014,160:719–726.

- Recommendation statement from U.S. Preventive Services Task Force
  - Insufficient evidence to support routine screening of adolescents for suicide risk in primary care.
  - Insufficient data on the benefits of suicide attempts in the year prior to starting an SSRI were similar in both treatment groups at about 1.5% benefit of interventions in patients identified by screening and on the potential harms of screening.
- Recommend clinicians be aware of psychiatric problems in patients and ask those with problems about suicidal ideation and referred for psychotherapy, pharmacotherapy, or case management.
- Adolescents should be screened for depression when appropriate systems are in place for its diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up.



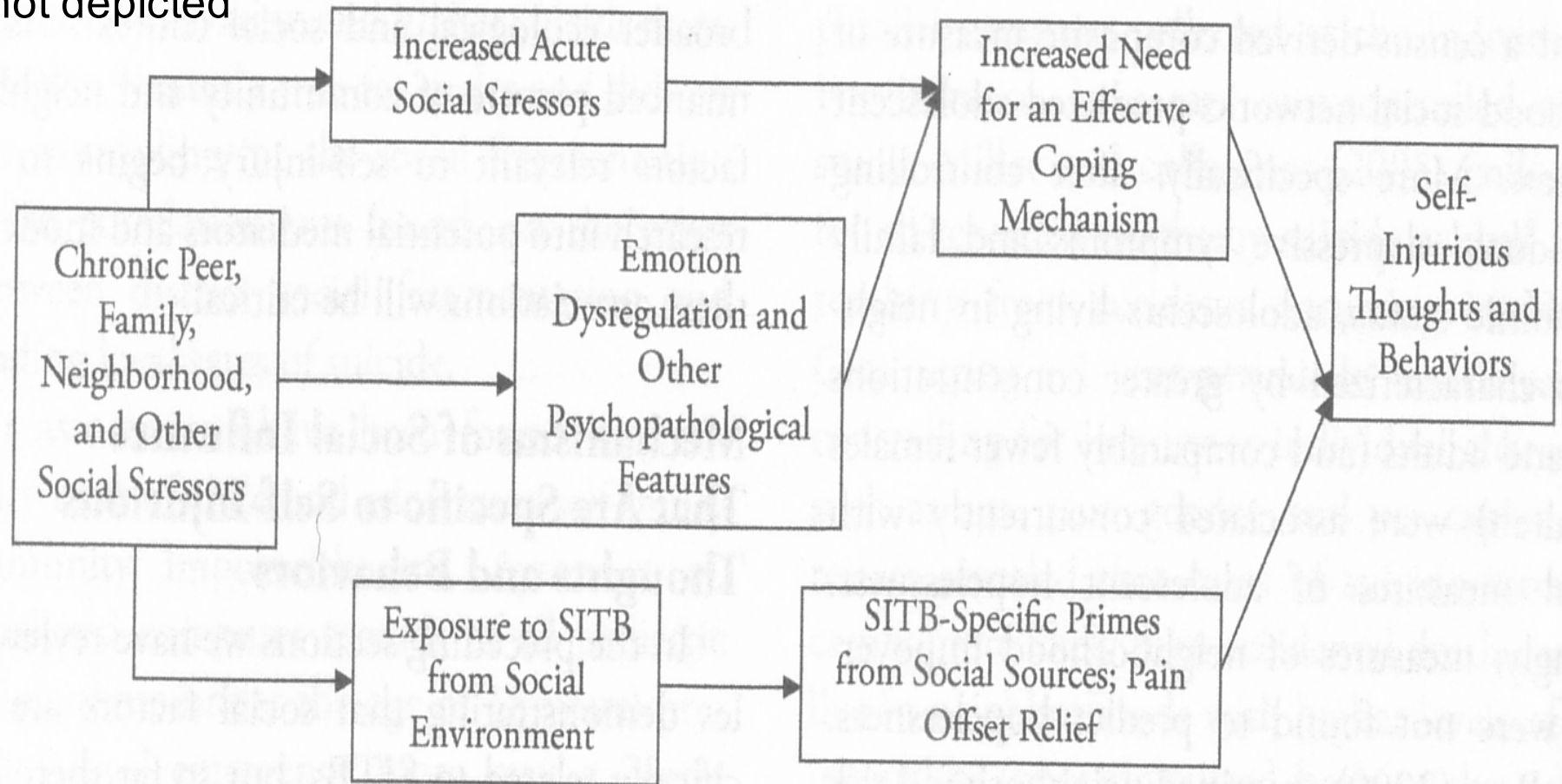
# College students risk factors for suicidal ideation

Morris, 2015

- Independent risk factors
  - Depressive symptoms
  - Low social support
  - Affective dysregulation
- Vulnerability factors
  - Transition to greater independence
  - Access to drugs/alcohol
  - Changing peer relationships
- Protective factors
  - Increasing social support

# Model of 3 mechanisms linking social factors to suicidal & NSSI thoughts & behaviors

\*Reciprocal interactions hypothesized but not depicted



SITB=self-injurious thoughts and behavior

Heilbron et al, 2014 p220

# Deliberate self-harm (DSH)/Non-suicidal self injury (NSSI)

- More common than suicide in adolescent population
- Reported lifetime prevalence for adolescents from 12% to 23%.
- Prevalence of NSSI in adolescent clinical populations is much higher.
- Varying age of onset from 25% ages 10-14years, 27% between 15-16 years , 39% between 17-24 years (Whitlock & Slekmán, 2014)

# DSH/NSSI Overview

- Prevalence of DSH/NSSI has greatly increased in adolescents nationally and internationally,
  - Presenting across clinical settings and in the general pediatric population.
  - Prevalence across studies from different countries employing the differing criteria labels was not statistically significant in 52 studies reviewed (Muehlenkamp et al, 2012).
- DSH/NSSI no longer is confined to the borderline personality diagnosis, psychosis, intellectual disability, or prison populations,

# NSSI evolving criteria in DSM-5

- 1) SIB is done to obtain relief from a negative cognitive state of feeling, resolve interpersonal difficulty, or induce a positive feeling state;
- 2) Not socially sanctioned;
- 3) Associated with either a period of preoccupation before the SIB, interpersonal difficulties, or negative feeling or thoughts, or frequently thinking about SIB;
- 4) Generally does not occur exclusively during an episode of delirium, psychosis, substance related issues, as a pattern of repetitive stereotypies, or is better explained by another medical or mental disorder.

# Considerable Similarities between DSH/NSSI and Suicidality

- Correlation of DSH/NSSI with suicide attempts and completed suicides (Walsh 2012; Muehlenkamp, 2014).
- Factors at any given point precipitating self-injury behavior (SIB) versus engaging in suicidal thoughts and behaviors similar.
- DSH/NSSI in some adolescents alternates between with and without suicidal intent, with the latter a transient experience (Muelenkamp et al. 2012),

# Differences between DSH/NSSI and Suicidality: Hopelessness

- Hopelessness at the moment of choice firmly established as a major risk factor for suicidal behavior
- Hopelessness found at lower levels of intensity in NSSI groups (Muehlekamp, 2014).
- Differences between those who are suicidal and those who engage in DSH/NSSI can be viewed as relating to posited dichotomous thinking of individuals who are suicidal
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# Distinguishing suicidal from nonsuicidal self-injury

Muehlenkamp, 2014

- General intent
  - Purpose of or reason for a behavior
  - Both are
    - Motivated by multiple reasons per episode
      - NSSI mean of 4.1, range up to 13 reasons
      - Suicide mean of 3 but up to 8 reasons
    - Motivated by similar reasons
      - Regulation of interpersonal environments and intrapersonal states
      - Dealing with painful emotional states Selby et al, 2014
      - In suicide, state > stable, pervasive, constant

# Distinguishing suicidal from nonsuicidal self-injury

Muehlenkamp, 2014

- Pattern of primary motivations and associations differ significantly but function may be similar
  - Suicide to obtain relief from intense, strong desire to
    - die/escape or
    - unburden others
  - NSSI commonly to
    - reduce intolerable negative cognitive or emotional states,
    - generate a kind of feeling, or
    - self-punish

# Distinguishing suicidal from nonsuicidal self-injury

Muehlenkamp, 2014

- Both tend for prevalence to peak during adolescence and early adulthood
- Age of onset –
  - Suicide later than NSSI
- Prevalence
  - Suicide and suicide attempts much lower
- Methods
  - Suicide attempters use more lethal means\*

# NSSI theories/functional models

Selby et al, 2014, p. 288

## NSSI Model

## Description

Biological theories	NSSI causes endorphins to be released, which then results in pleasant feelings that are rewarding.
Social functions	NSSI is viewed as a way of manipulating others, communicating emotional experience, and/or avoiding unpleasant activities.
Psychodynamic theories	NSSI is viewed as a method of confirming boundaries between the self and others by generating scars.
Antisuicide Model (see Suyemoto, 1998)	NSSI is used as a compromise with suicidal desire; by destroying bodily tissue one satisfies a desire to destroy his/her self without actually doing so.
Affect regulation theories: Nock & Prinstein (2004)	NSSI is used as a way of decreasing negative affect and/or increasing positive affect. NSSI is used as a way of expressing anger at and punishing oneself.
Self-punishment hypothesis (see Klonsky, 2007)	

# NSSI theories/functional models

Selby et al, 2014, p. 288

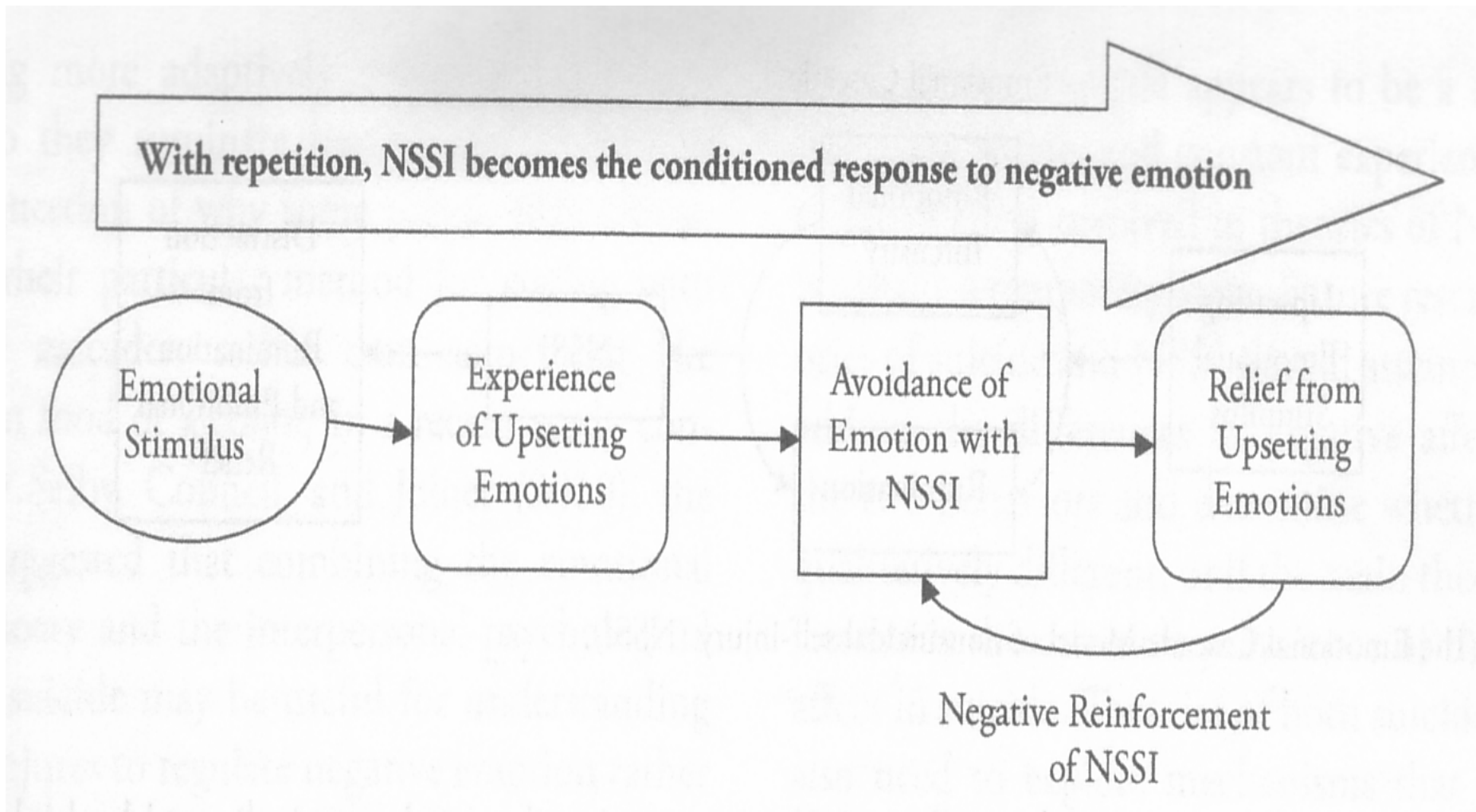
## NSSI Model

## Description

Antidissociation theory	NSSI is used as a method of “shocking” oneself out of dissociative state.
Feeling generation theory	NSSI is used as a way of generating positive feelings due to overall deficit of positive emotion.
Experimental Avoidance Model: Chapman et al. (2006)	NSSI serves as a method of avoiding negative emotion. By engaging in NSSI negative emotion is avoided and is thus negatively reinforcing. Over time, this reinforcement results in NSSI becoming a conditional response to negative emotion.
Emotional Cascade Model: Selby et al. (2008)	Emotional cascades arising from intense rumination and negative emotion about an upsetting problem, cause NSSI because self-injury provides a potent form of distraction that inhibits rumination. Interfering with rumination results in subsequent emotional relief.

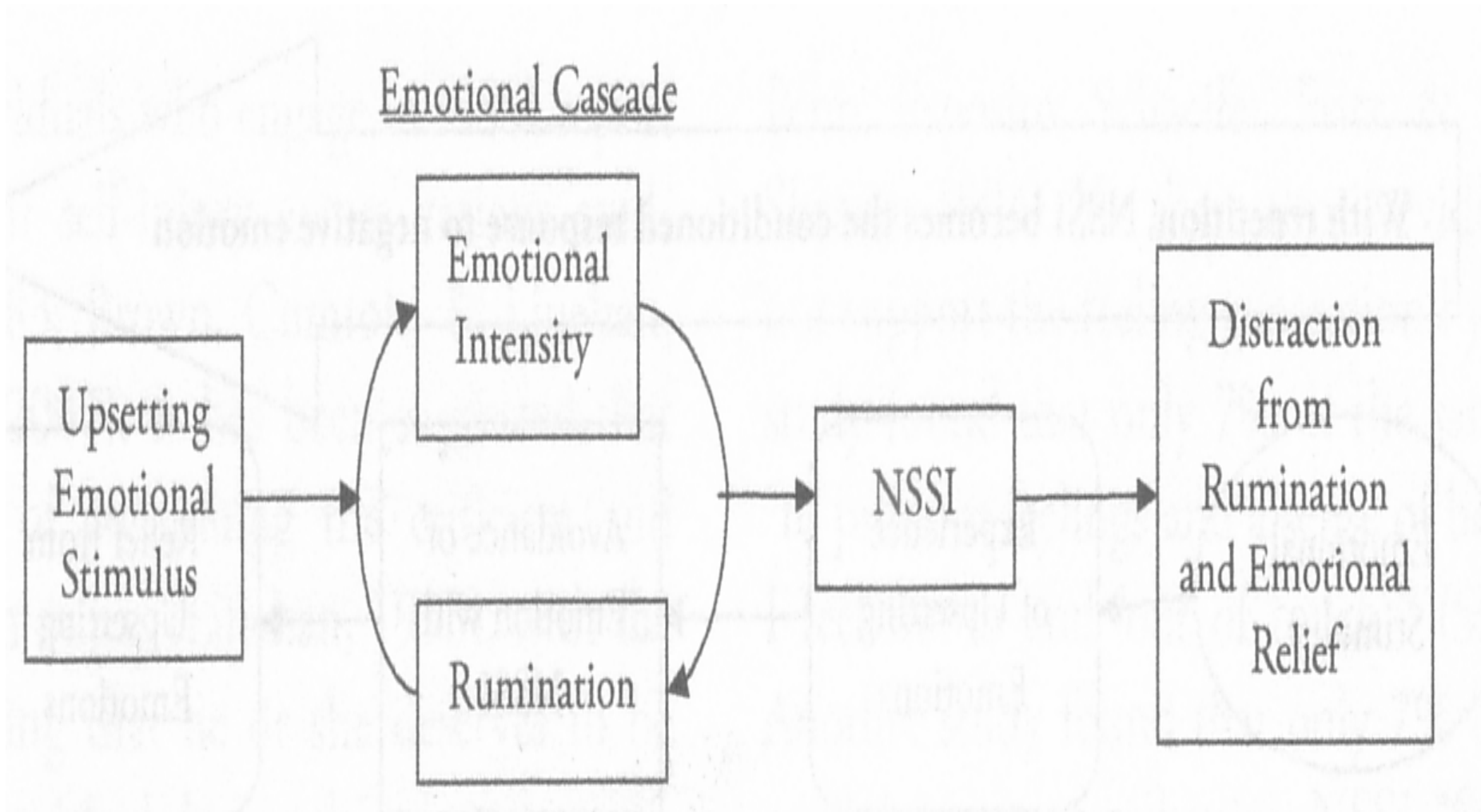
# NSSI Experiential Avoidance Model

Selby et al, 2014, p301



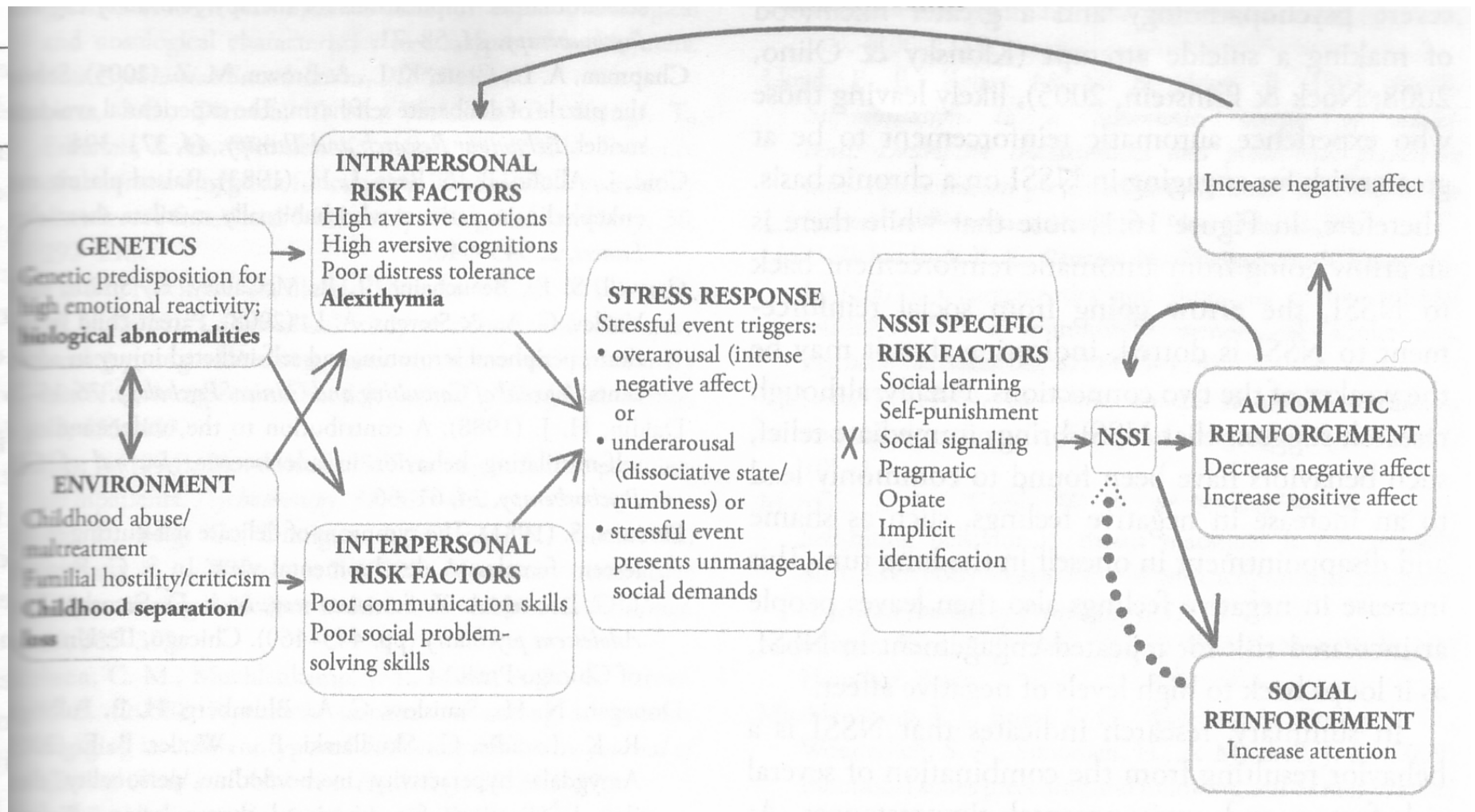
# NSSI Emotional Cascade Model

Selby et al, 2014, p302



# Nock's integrated model of NSSI

(after Jacobson & Batejan, 2014, p317)





# Hypotheses of NSSI Persistence Yen et al, 2015

- Proposed functions or motivations for NSSI:
  - Automatic positive reinforcement
  - Automatic negative reinforcement (most often reported)
    - Removal of an aversive stimulus
  - Social negative reinforcement (avoidance)
  - Social positive reinforcement (to gain attention).
- Automatic positive reinforcement is believed to be a more common motivator of NSSI in patients with depression or PTSD, possibly to compensate for feelings of emptiness, anhedonia, or a restricted range of affect.

# NSSI Persistence following hospitalization for suicide intent/ideation Yen et al, 2015

- Longitudinal study of adolescents (mean age, 15 years; 64% girls) hospitalized for suicide attempts, ideation, or self-injury with suicidal ideation.
- Patients and parents interviewed at baseline and 6 months after discharge.
- NSSI assessed with the Functional Assessment of Self-Mutilation (FASM) questionnaire
  - FASM captures NSSI frequency and
  - the 4 function subscales of perceived reasons for the behavior.

# NSSI Persistence following hospitalization for suicide attempt intent/ideation

Yen et al, 2015

- Those with NSSI motivated by automatic positive reinforcement—the desire to feel something, even if it is pain—were the most likely to continue engaging in NSSI 6 months later.
- Of 92 patients with both baseline and follow-up data, 71 (77%) reported NSSI at baseline.
  - At 6-month follow-up, 40 (56%) continued to report NSSI.
  - Those without NSSI were more likely than those who continued to have major depressive disorder and/or a substance use disorder at baseline.
  - High baseline scores on automatic positive reinforcement were predictive of continued NSSI (odds ratio,\* 1.90;  $p=0.03$ ).

# NSSI Persistence following hospitalization for suicide intent/ideation: Yen et al, 2015

- Continued NSSI was not predicted by any demographic factors, past history of abuse, other concomitant psychiatric disorders, or the other 3 NSSI subscales.
- The prevalence of moderate-to severe depression was assessed weekly during the 26-week follow-up.
  - Patients experiencing moderate-to-severe depression >50% of the time had a significantly increased risk of continued NSSI (odds ratio, 3.32;  $p=0.02$ ), while the association with automatic positive reinforcement was undiminished.
- Results suggest importance to assess patients' reasons for NSSI and provide targeted treatment for the different motivations.

# Suggestions for NSSI persistence following hospitalization for suicide intent/ideation

Yen et al, 2015

- Targeting treatment for the different motivations.
  - Automatic positive reinforcement
    - Mindfulness-based therapies that target emptiness and dissociative-like states can be helpful
  - Automatic positive and negative reinforcement
    - Focus on emotion monitoring and positive alternatives to self-injury.
    - Conflicting results with depression suggest that acute and chronic depression may have differential effects on the persistence of NSSI.

# Hopefulness, NSSI and DIFO

- DSH/NSSI forms can indicate a sense of hopefulness, by relieving tension. and decreasing pressure for suicidality
- Compared to suicidal persons, those with NSSI are less pessimistic as they perceive options for modifying their distress and pain and changing their circumstances.
  - They perceive a sense of control over the situation, with greater attraction for life, less hopelessness, and more future-oriented thinking (Muehlenkamp, 2014) .

# Hopefulness and DSH/NSSI: Clinical Implications

- Assuming that DSH/NSSI are coping strategies to alleviate distress,
  - An at risk teen engaged in DSH/NSSI with a sense of hopefulness indicates that the youth may benefit from interventions that reinforce the sense of hope
  - Calls for providing/teaching alternative, more adaptive coping strategies before teen develops a sense of hopelessness.

# Why should mental health professions be concerned about DSH/NSSI?

- All types of DSH/NSSI have been associated with suicidal behavior, and other lethal disorders
  - Substance abuse and use of ;
  - Eating disorders.
- Environmental stresses likely in play
- Result in unintended severe injury
- Lasting disfiguration can result
- Contagious in some environments
- Stressful for those living with or caring for the person

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# Why should mental health professions be concerned about DSH/NSSI?

- Opportunity for preventive intervention
  - Suicide prevention
  - Awareness of dynamics of situation
- Important for mental health professions to be aware of and inquire about the full range of DSH/NSSI.

# Interventions for Self-Harm: Cochrane Review and Meta-analysis Hawton et al, 2015

- Little evidence supporting interventions for children and adolescents at risk of self-harm.
- Randomized controlled trials of psychosocial interventions, pharmacological treatments, or natural products for self-harm.
- Subjects were patients, aged  $\leq 18$  years with intentional self-poisoning or self-injury in the past 6 months resulting in presentation for mental health services.
- Comparison groups: treatment-as-usual, enhanced clinical care not including study treatment, or no specific treatment.
- Primary outcome was repetition of self-harm for up to 2 years post-treatment.

# Interventions for Self-Harm: Cochrane Review and Meta-analysis Hawton et al, 2015

- No studies of pharmacotherapy or alternative treatments were identified.
- Review based on 11 studies of psychosocial interventions
  - Total of 1126 patients.
  - Average age 15 years; 80% were girls\*
  - Only DBT-A and group-based therapy were evaluated in more than one study.
  - Many of the trials had a high risk of bias
- Published data offers few implications for clinical practice.

# Interventions for Self-Harm: Cochrane Review and Meta-analysis

Hawton et al, 2015

- Surprising that so few trials of treatments for self-harm, especially given the size of the problem and the known association of self-harm with suicide.
- The evidence that has been published offers few implications for clinical practice.
- Review misses several recent papers/studies

# Implications for clinician of DSH/NSSI diagnoses

- Possibly effective evidence-based therapies are becoming more accessible and practical for DSH/NSSI/DIFO (Glenn et al, 2014)
  - Dialectical Behavior Therapy
    - Individual, Group, and Milieu
  - Mindfulness
- COCHRANE REVIEW dampens our enthusiasm

# Dialectical Behavior Therapy for Self-Harm

Mehlum et al, 2014

- Randomized trial, dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) superior to enhanced active control therapies
  - Reducing self-harming behavior in adolescents with borderline personality disorder traits.
- DBT known effective to prevent adult SIB
  - Therapy adapted by reducing the duration from 12 months to 3–5 months,
  - Included parents in weekly skills training groups,
  - added skills module specifically for teens with emotion dysregulation.

# Dialectical Behavior Therapy for Self-Harm

Mehlum et al, 2014

- 77 adolescents, aged 12–18 years
- Referred from pediatric psychiatric clinics.
- History of  $\geq 2$  episodes of deliberate self-harm, including a recent one,
- Met 2 DSM-IV criteria for borderline personality disorder, or 1 criterion plus 2 subthreshold criteria.
- Randomly assigned to 19 weeks of either
  - Adapted DBT program for adolescents (DBT-A) or
  - Enhanced usual care, which could be either no less than weekly psychodynamic therapy or cognitive behavioral therapy with medication as needed.

# Dialectical Behavior Therapy for Self-Harm

Mehlum et al, 2014

- Primary study outcomes assessed by blind raters
  - number of patient-reported self-harm episodes,
  - suicidal ideation severity (measured with the Suicidal Ideation Questionnaire), suicidal thoughts on a Likert scale,
  - Level of depressive symptoms (measured with the Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale and the Short Mood and Feelings Questionnaire).
- Episodes decreased with treatment in both groups. In weeks 10–15,
- DBT-A group reported significantly fewer self-harm episodes: 1.2 per week, compared with 3.3 for the usual care group ( $p=0.021$  for the between-group difference).



# Dialectical Behavior Therapy for Self-Harm

Mehlum et al, 2014

- Both groups had decreases in suicidal ideation, which were larger with DBT-A ( $p=0.01$ ).
- Both measures of depressive symptoms also showed greater improvement with DBT-A than with the control treatments, as did borderline symptoms and a measurement of hopelessness.
- Effect sizes for all of these outcomes were large in the DBT-A group (ranging from 0.86 to 0.97) and low to medium in the usual-treatment group (0.16 to 0.41).

# Dialectical Behavior Therapy for Self-Harm: One-year follow-up Mehlum et al, 2016

- Prospective follow-up of 75/77
- Measured self harm, suicidal ideation, depression, hopelessness, borderline symptoms, global functioning
- DBT-A remained superior to enhance usual care (EUC)
  - Reduced DSH frequency
  - No significant differences with other measures
- DBT-A gains sustained but EUC group significantly improved over the year

# Ottawa Self-Injury Inventory (OSI) Nixon et al, 2015

- Self-report measure validated in sample of adolescent inpatients.
- Previously validated in community sample of self-injuring university students
- 4-factor model of the functions of NNSI—Internal Emotion Regulation, Social Influence, External Emotion Regulation, and Sensation Seeking
- 4-factor function model was confirmed
- Validity of Addictive Features scale was confirmed.

# Ottawa Self-Injury Inventory (OSI)

Nixon et al, 2015

- Assesses potential addictive features of NSSI;
- provides data on NSSI functions to help with selection among evidence-based treatments.
  - high scores on the Internal Emotional Regulation function suggest benefit from assessment of mood and anxiety disorders and from dialectical behavior therapy or cognitive behavioral therapy.

# Ottawa Self-Injury Inventory (OSI) Nixon et al, 2015

- Addictive Features scale
  - Higher scores correlated with more frequent NSSI (correlation coefficient, \* 0.48;  $p < 0.001$ ).
  - This factor significantly correlated with each of the 4 function factors ( $r = 0.30 - 0.44$ ;  $p < 0.01$ ).
  - Higher scores on each of the function factors except External Emotion Regulation were associated with greater frequency of NSSI.
  - Higher addictive features scores were also associated with increased frequency of NSSI.

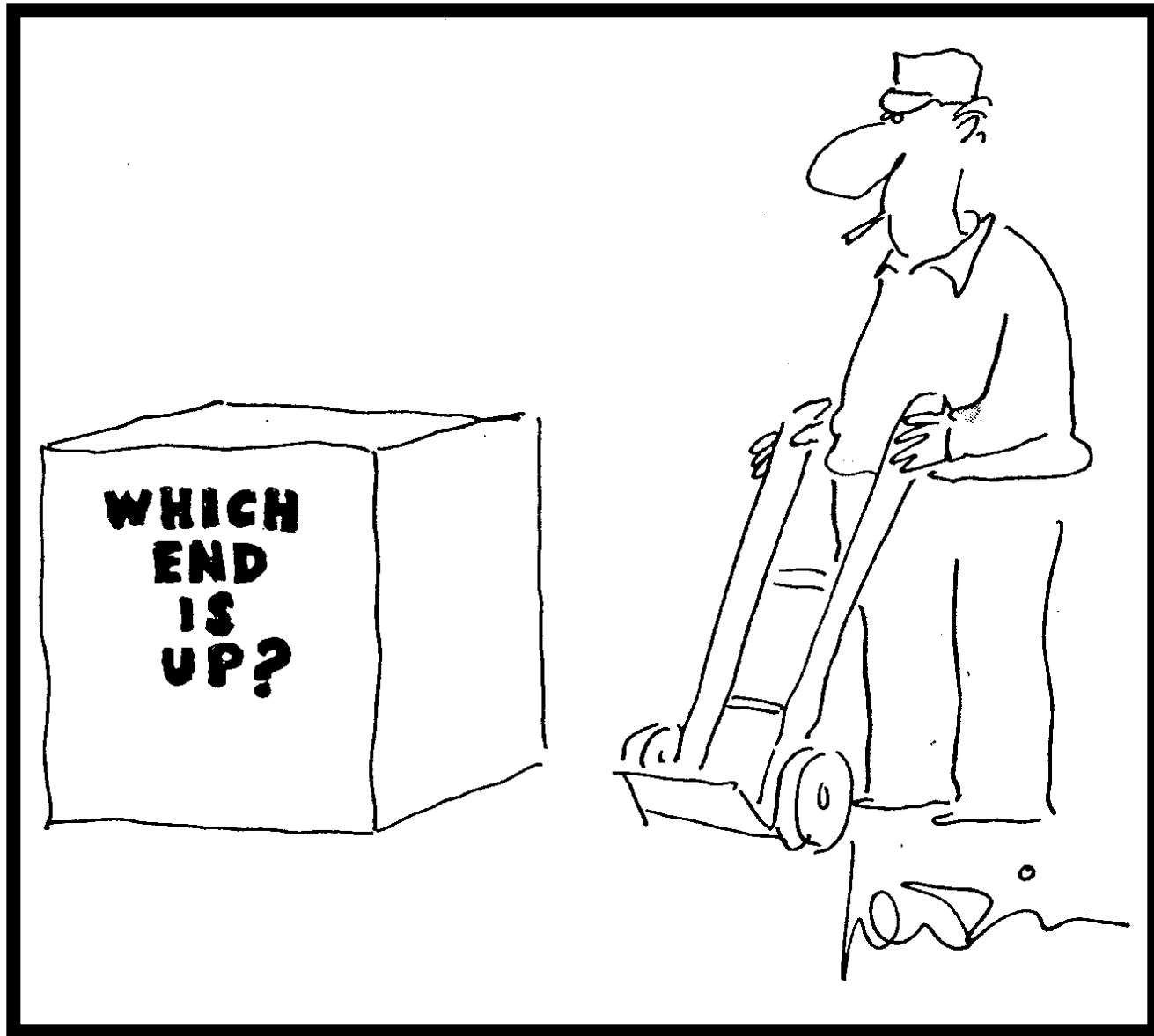
# Ottawa Self-Injury Inventory (OSI)

Nixon et al, 2015

- High Social Influence functions may indicate a good fit with Mentalization-based therapy.
- Significant addictive features may suggest a harm reduction approach with motivational interviewing.
- The OSI can be downloaded free of charge for public institutions and for research purposes at [http:// www.insync-group.ca/publications/OSI\\_clinical\\_October\\_20051.pdf](http://www.insync-group.ca/publications/OSI_clinical_October_20051.pdf)

# Future directions to address knowledge deficits

- Determine how known risk factors detailed in the various theoretical models interact to result in self-harming behavior for individual youth.
- Build upon the more precise DSH definitions developed to date
- Increase intervention studies for prevention and targeting DSH that combine medication and psychosocial interventions







*“No two flakes are alike. It almost makes you want to believe in something.”*

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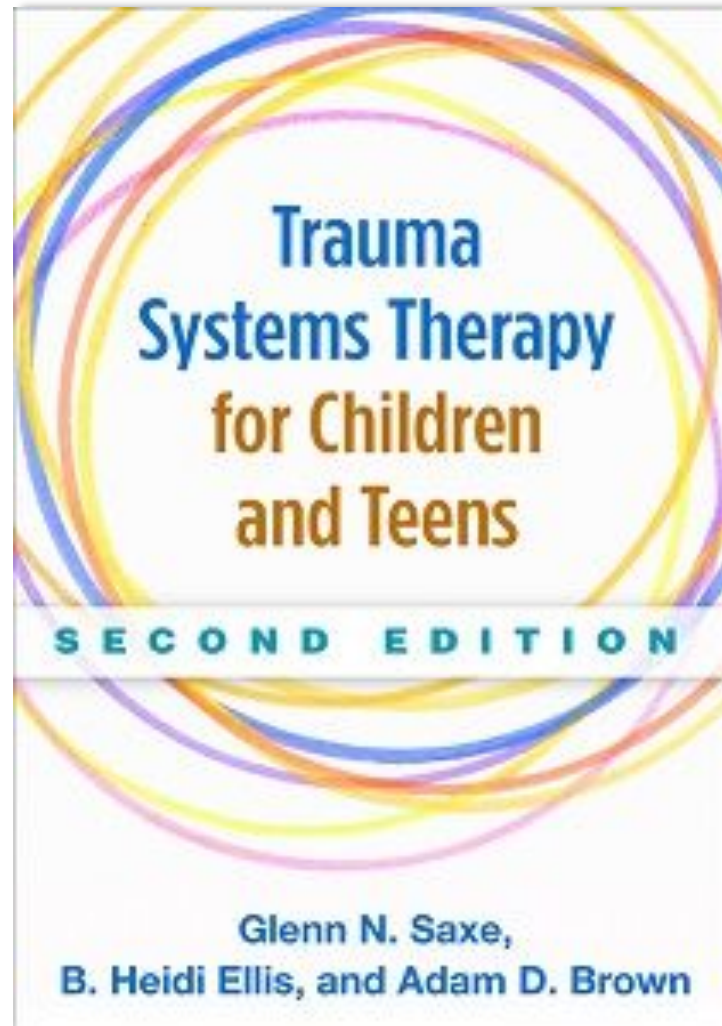
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# Presentation Overview

- Basic concepts of traumatic stress, especially related to adolescents
- A systems approach to treatment
- Trauma Systems Therapy

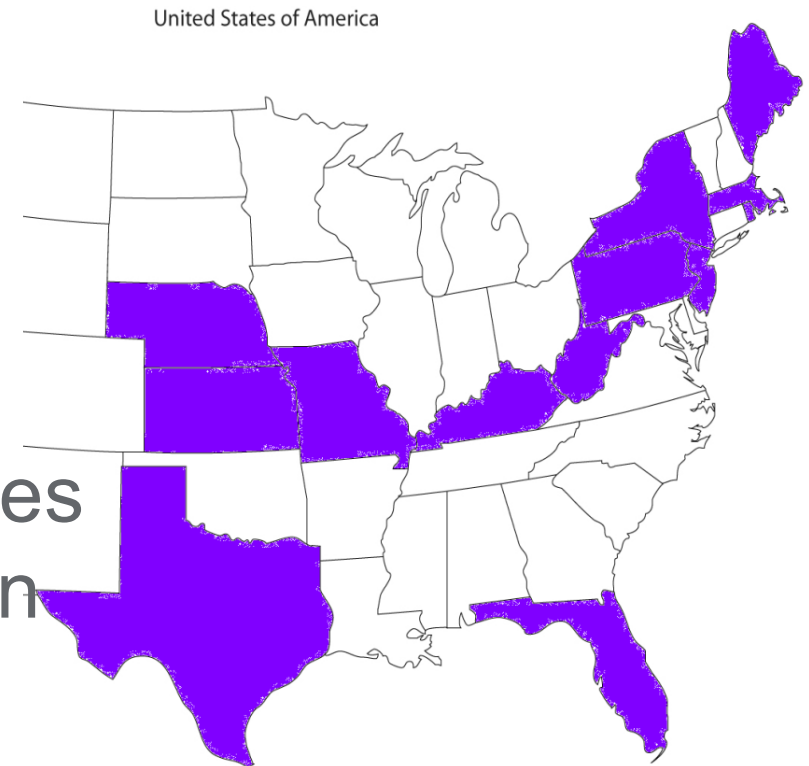
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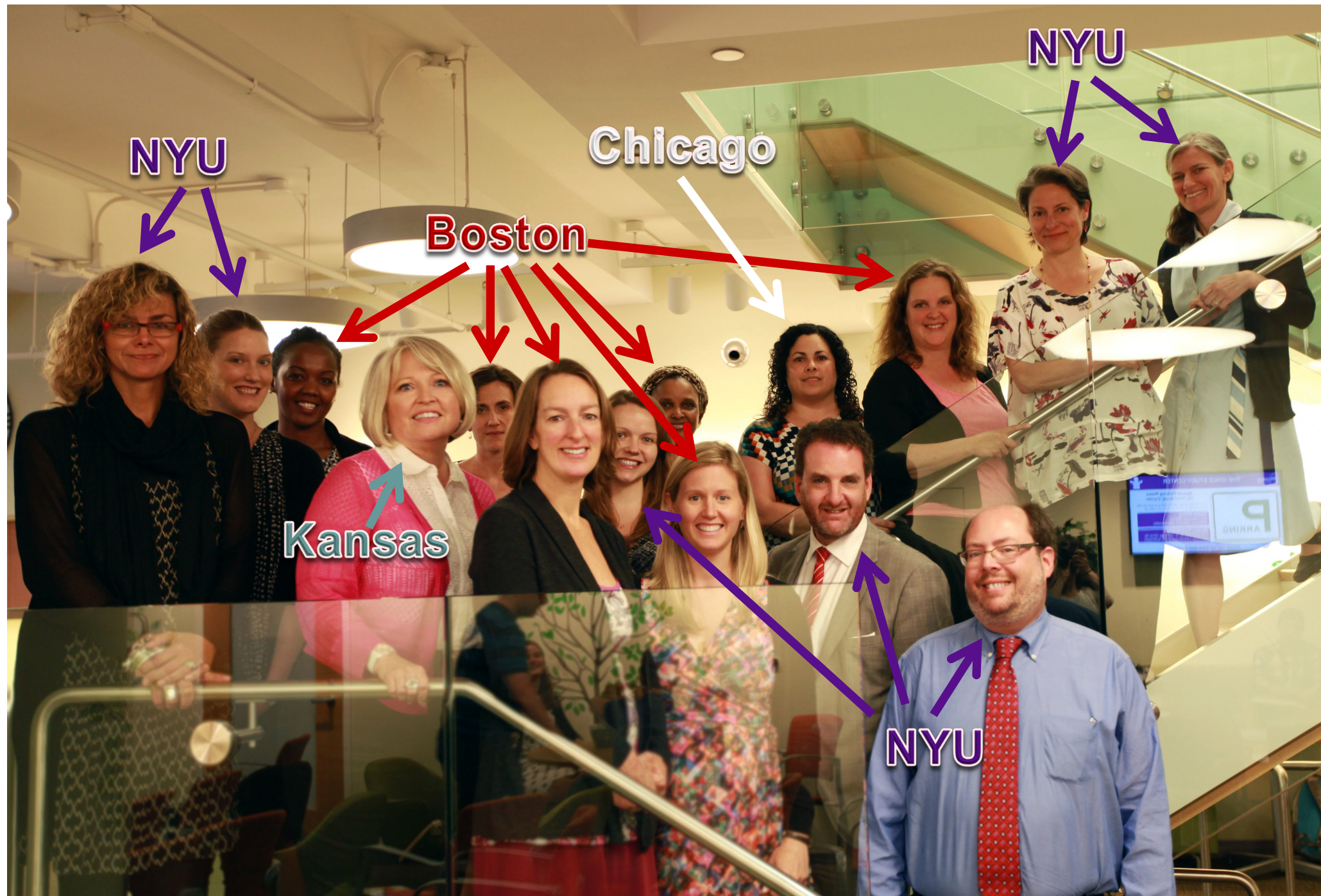


# TST Innovation Community

TST is currently being implemented in agencies in 14 States, including programs that provide:

- Outpatient therapy
- Residential treatment
- Foster Care
- Refugee services
- Substance-abuse/MH services
- Community based prevention
- School-based mental health





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# Basic Concepts

# The Tragedy of Trauma

- 50% to 70% of the general population has been exposed to major trauma.
- 15% to 40% of traumatized children develop significant adverse psychiatric and psychological reactions to trauma, broadly called child traumatic stress.
- Child traumatic stress is associated with substance abuse, violence, suicide, heart disease, homelessness, chronic mental illness, school failure, and unemployment.
- Traumatic stress is a disorder related to how individuals process signals of threat.
- Traumatic stress influences brain development and has a cascading impact on people over the course of their lives.

# Trauma in vulnerable populations

- 75% of children from a study of 30,000 children in the New York City foster care system in 2000 had exposure to traumatic experiences.
- Research shows that between 75% and 93% of youth entering the juvenile justice system annually in this country are estimated to have experienced some degree of trauma (compared to 34% of the general population of children in the U.S.).

# Child Maltreatment as a Risk Factor for Poor Physical Health\*

- Ischemic heart disease **x2.2**
- Any cancer **x 1.9**
- Stroke **x 2.4**
- Chronic bronchitis/emphysema **x3.9**
- Diabetes **x1.6**
- Hepatitis **x2.4**

\* adjusted for age, gender, race and education

Felitti, Anda et al., Am J Prev Med., 1998 14(4), pp 245-258

# A Systems Approach to Treatment

# Is it a disorder?

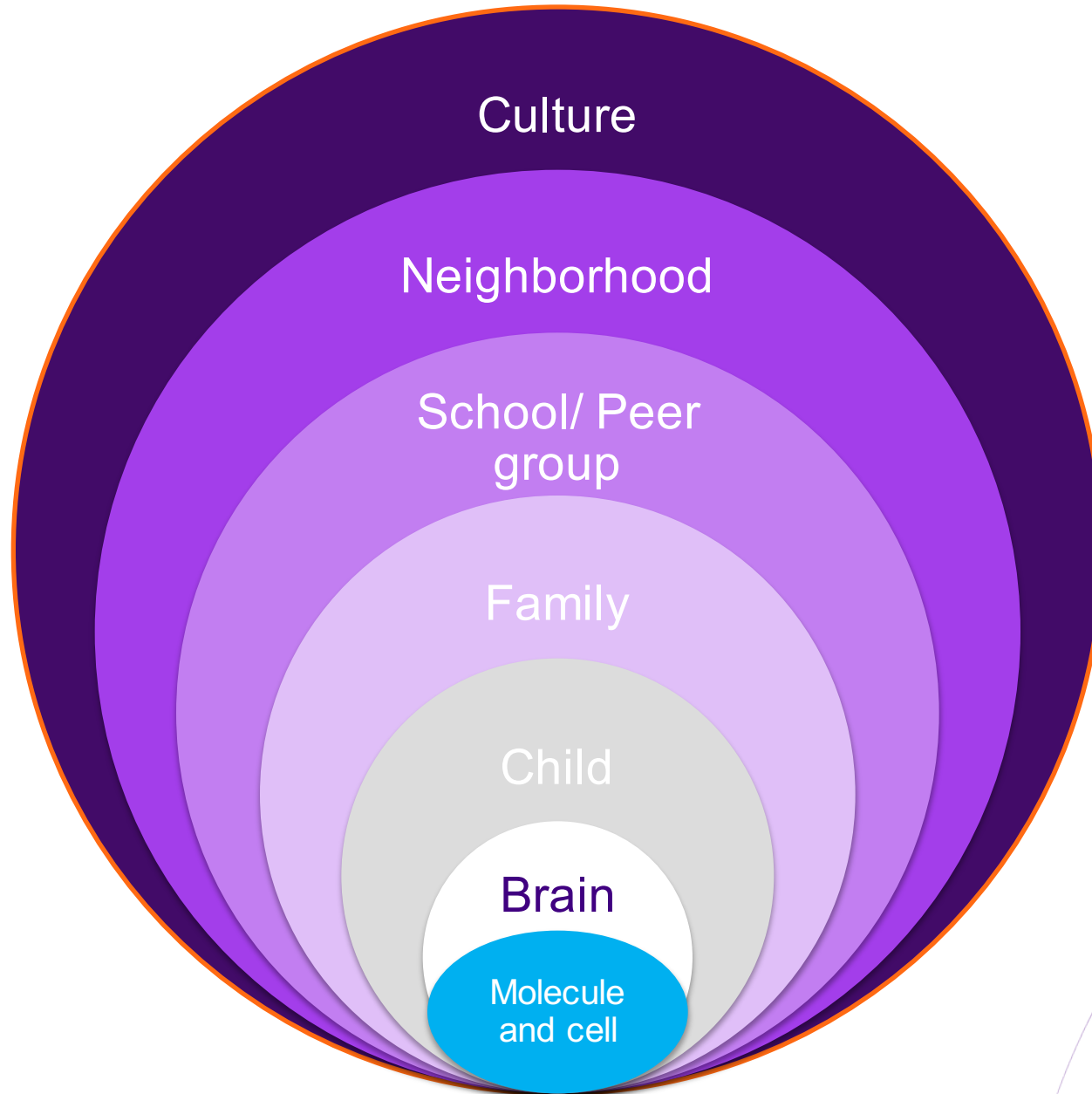
The child who does not want to go to sleep because he or she is afraid of being abused in the night hours,

The child who lives in a neighborhood where there is a gang war and who spends a lot of time scanning the environment for sources of threat,

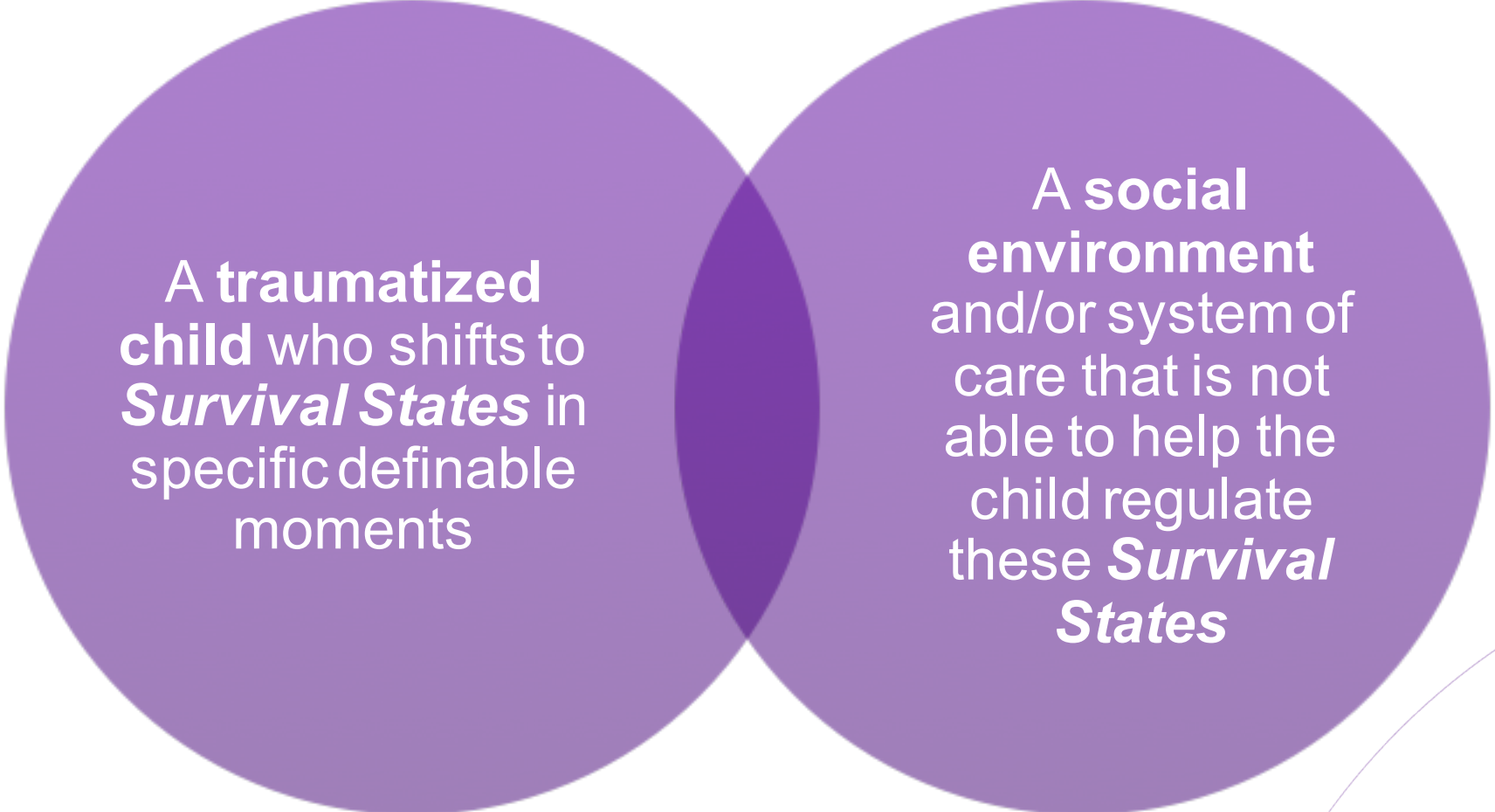
The child who avoids going to school because someone has threatened to kill her,

The adolescent who is aggressive with his mother's boyfriend to protect her from getting beaten up,

# Social Ecological Model



# The Trauma System



A traumatized child who shifts to *Survival States* in specific definable moments

A social environment and/or system of care that is not able to help the child regulate these *Survival States*



# Survival-in-the-Moment

*An individual's experience of the present environment as threatening to his or her survival, with corresponding thoughts, emotions, behaviors, and neurochemical and neurophysiological responses.*

# Primary Aim of Treatment

*The traumatized child's tendency to have dramatic shifts to survival state when confronted by a stressor or traumatic reminder.*

- **Social interventions** enhance the capacity of members of the child's social environment to protect child from reminders and support child's regulation
- **Psychotherapy** enhances a child's capacity to stay regulated when confronted by a stressor/reminder
- **Psychopharmacology** supports this capacity

# What is unique about TST?

*TST offers the specific, and actionable, information you need, to help a traumatized child: no matter how complex and severe her/his problems.*

***The Specific, and  
Actionable, Information  
You Need...  
To Help Three  
Individuals***

# Jeffery

A 17 year old boy with a trauma history who is in residential treatment related to his history of aggressive behavior. He is currently in seclusion for assaulting a direct care staff member. He has assaulted two other staff members in the two weeks since his arrival to the program. He has been admitted to psychiatric hospital twice in the last 12 months for assaulting others.

Where do we start?

What more do we need to know to help Jeffrey?

# Sarah

A 16 year old girl with a trauma history who lives in foster care, her fourth placement in 5 years. She has also been hospitalized three times over these five years for suicidal behavior which usually involve overdosing on medications and sometimes cutting her arms and wrists. In the last two years she has used increasing amounts of alcohol and her last two suicide attempts occurred while she was intoxicated. You are asked to assess Sarah after she is admitted to a psychiatric hospital following an overdose of medications when she was intoxicated.

Where do we start?

What more do we need to know to help Sarah?

# Samantha

A 14 year old girl with a trauma history and who also has a history of assaultive behavior. She is in a regular school and has been restrained numerous times by security in the school for out of control behavior. In one instance she has broken the arm of the school nurse. You are a consultant to the school and are asked to see her because she knocked a teacher to the ground today, in math class.

Where do we start?

What more do we need to know to help Samantha?

# What do we need to know how to help them?

How much will knowing their diagnoses help?

How much will knowing their trauma histories help?

How much will knowing their family and social histories help?

How much will knowing their psychiatric and medical history help?



**We need to go from  
speculating about what  
it might be...  
To knowing what it is.**

# 4 ideas for knowing what it is (so that we may know how to help)

Idea #1:

It's all about **moments**.

# Count the Moments

$$\frac{\text{Problematic Moments}}{\text{All Moments}} = \text{Very Small}$$

# Jeffery's Moment

When the lunch period was ending, Jeffery asked for more food. He said he was still hungry. He reached for the food tray to get more spaghetti. One of the direct care staff grabbed the food tray and pulled it out of Jeffrey's hands saying – in a harsh voice – lunch period is over, you have to follow our rules. In an instant, Jeffrey stood up and punched the staff member in the face, as hard as he could.

# Sarah's Moment

Sarah came home from school and headed right to her room to listen to music and to text friends. Before she reached her room she saw her foster mother who said “we need to talk”. Her foster mother said that she was disturbed about Sarah’s disregard for rules, especially curfew, use of alcohol, and time spent with boys. She expressed concern that the foster placement will work out and said she intends to talk with Sarah’s case worker about this. Sarah only remembers bits-and-pieces of that conversation but remembers running out of the house, and getting a bottle of vodka that she had hidden in her yard. She then went to a park and drank so “I couldn’t feel or remember”. She remembers swallowing a handful of Tylenol pills and texting her friend.

# Samantha's Moment

Samantha was in the classroom learning math. She remembers feeling agitated and nauseous. She remembers her foot shaking. She asked her teacher if she could leave the class as she was not feeling well. The teacher declined her request saying 'you always want to get out of the tough work'. The teacher stood between Samantha and the door. Samantha ran to the door and knocked the teacher to the ground on her way out.

# *What do we know, now?*

# 4 ideas for knowing what it is (so that we may know how to help)

## Idea #2:

It's all about **survival-in-the-  
moments.**



# Survival-in-the-Moment

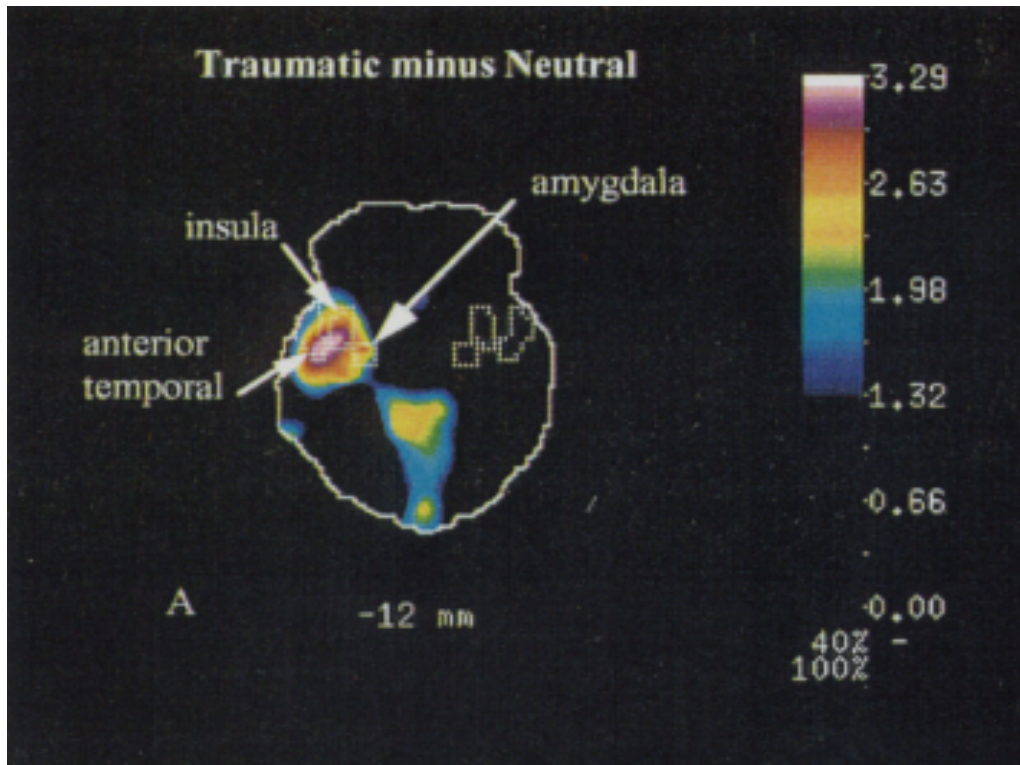
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# Survival-in-the-Moment



“The amygdala leads a hostile takeover of consciousness by emotion (Joseph LeDoux, The Emotional Brain)”

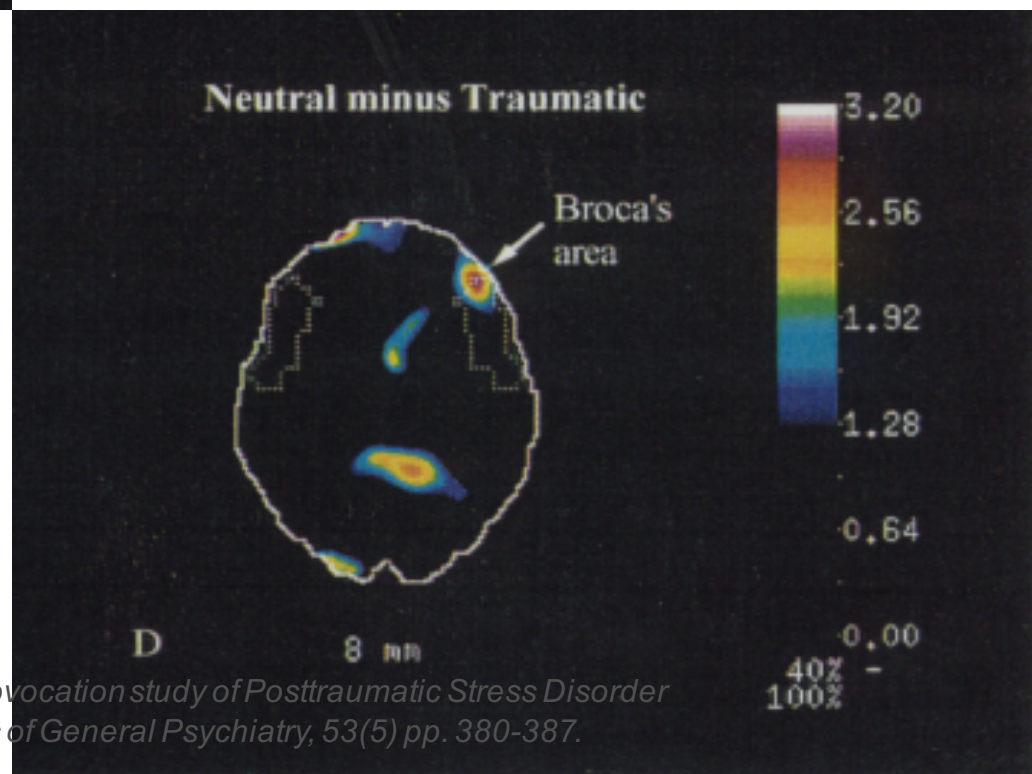
# Survival Circuits



Amygdala

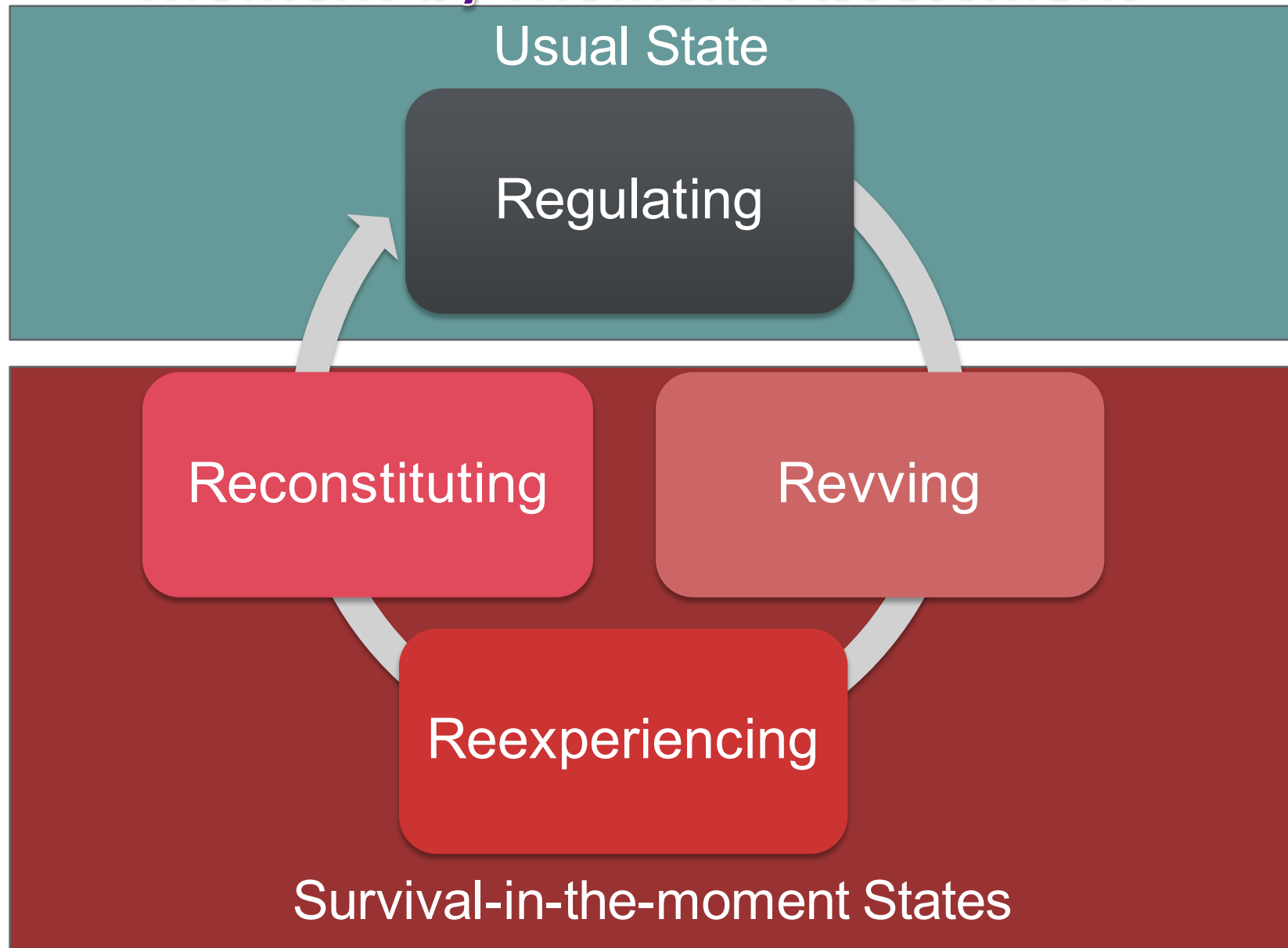


Broca's area



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# Survival-in-the-Moment & Moment-by-Moment Assessment

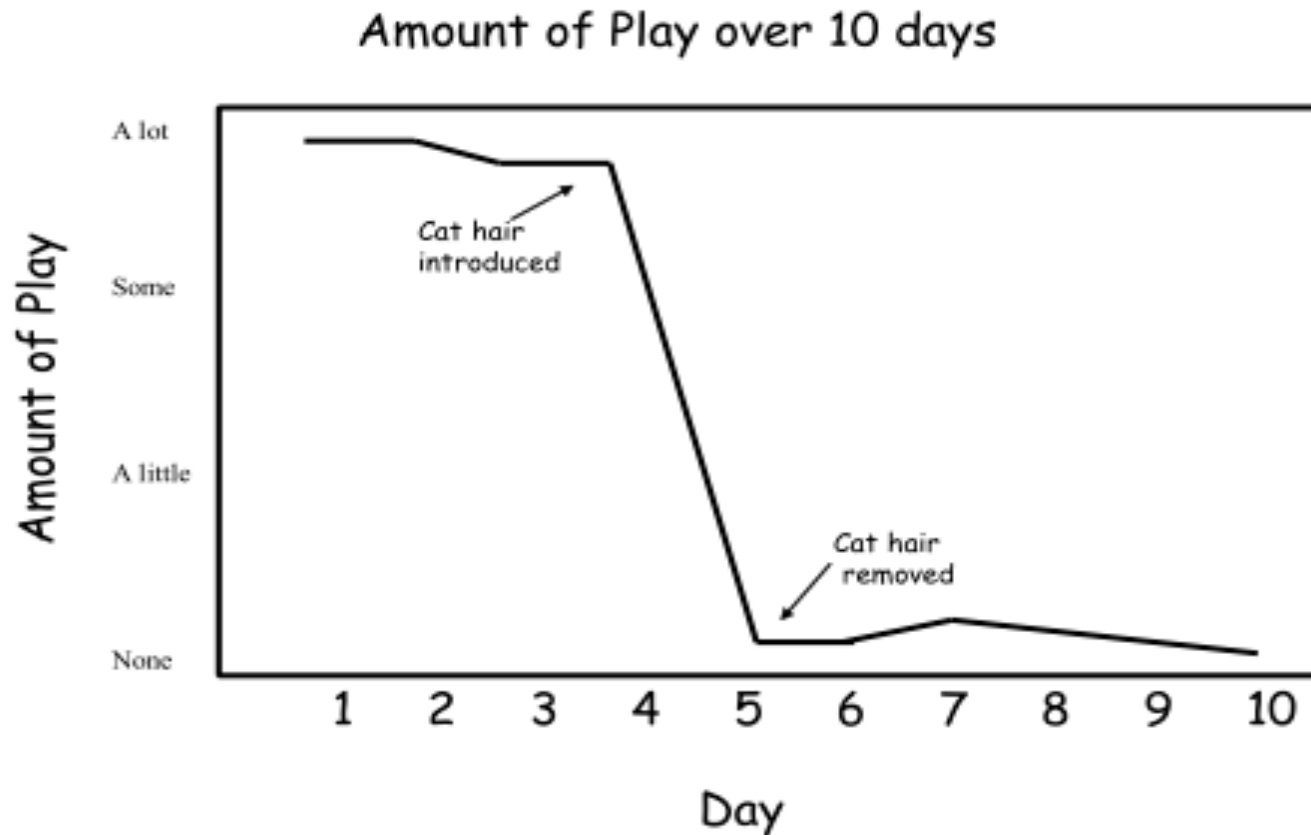


# Playing Rats



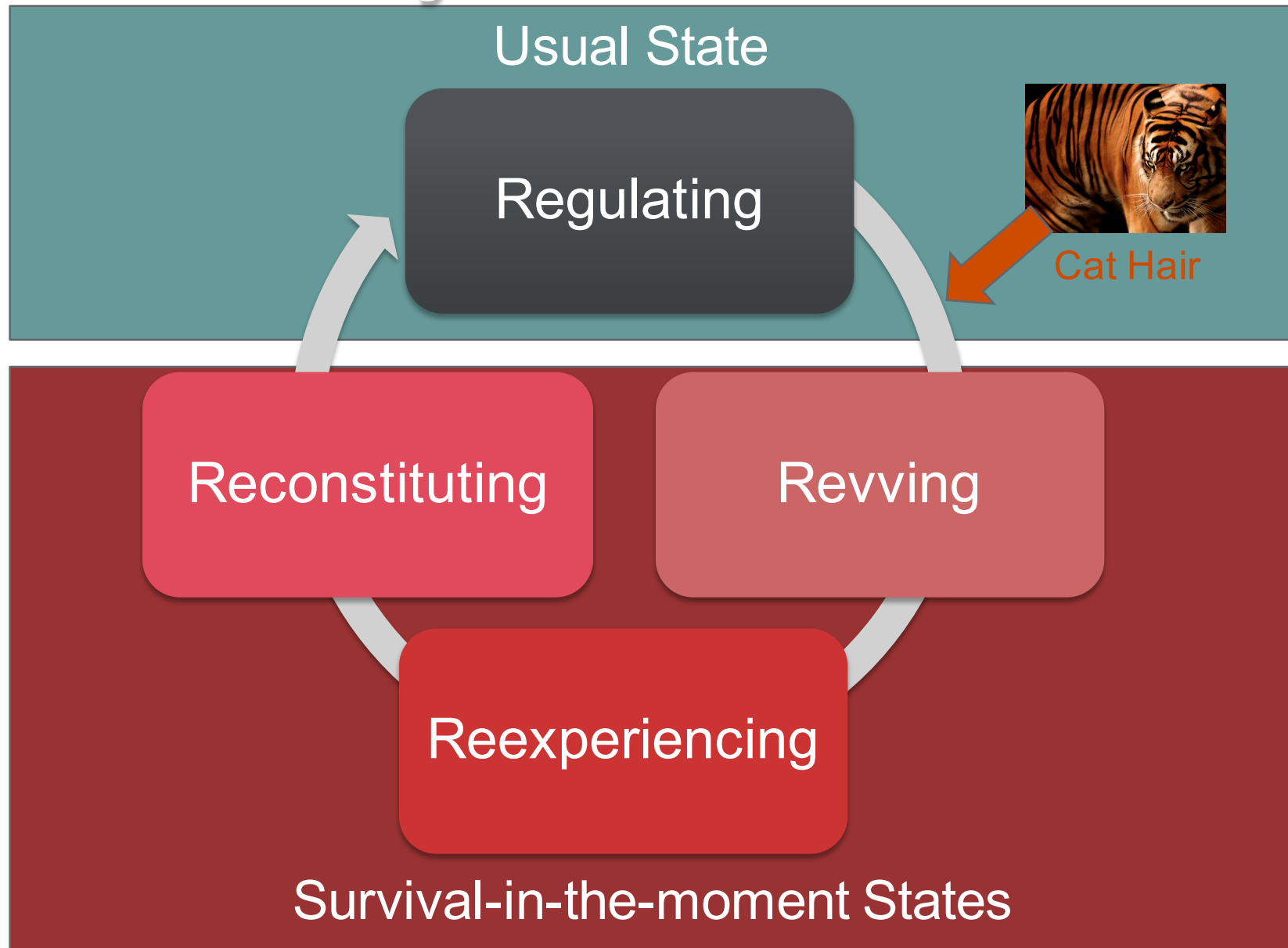
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# Where is the cat hair?



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# Survival-in-the-Moment & Moment-by-Moment Assessment



# Where is the cat hair?

- Where is Jeffery's cat hair?
- Where is Sarah's cat hair?
- Where is Samantha's cat hair?



# *What do we know, now?*





# 4 ideas for knowing what it is (so that we may know how to help)

## Idea #3:

It's all about **patterns of  
survival-in-the-moment.**

# What problems does TST seek to address?

All clinical problems addressed in TST are defined in *only* one way:

## ***TST Priority Problems***

*Patterns of links between a traumatized child's experience of threat in the present environment, and the child's transition to a Survival-in-the-Moment state.*

# Jeffery's Moments

- **Event #1:** When the lunch period was ending, Jeffery asked for more food ... In an instant, Jeffrey stood up and punched the staff member in the face, as hard as he could.
- **Event #2:** When a staff member declined to give Jeffery a snack, Jeffery assaulted him.
- **Event: #3:** When another teen in the residential program abruptly changed the TV channel when Jeffery was watching his favorite cooking show, Jeffery assaulted him.

# Sarah's Moments

- **Event #1:** When her foster mother raised the possibility of Sarah needing to go to another foster home, Sarah drank alcohol and took an overdose of Tylenol.
- **Event #2:** When her boyfriend told Sarah that he wanted to see other girls, Sarah started drinking and then cut her arms in the bathroom.
- **Event #3:** When Sarah learned that her biological mother was pregnant, Sarah took an overdose of pills.

# Samantha's Moments

- **Event #1:** When the history teacher didn't believe Samantha about feeling ill and needing to leave the class, Samantha knocked her down while leaving the class.
- **Event #2:** When the school nurse said Samantha was 'faking' her stomach ache, Samantha assaulted her and broke her arm.
- **Event #3:** When Samantha asked to sit out the second half of a soccer game because her leg hurt, her coach dismissively said 'walk it off' and told her to 'get on the field'. Samantha threw an equipment bag at her and left the game: resulting in her expulsion from the team.



# Examples of TST Priority Problems: Jeffery

When Jeffery is exposed to Withholding behavior concerning food,  
Child's name Description of threat signals (cat hair)

She/he responds by Feeling panicked, and then enraged and assaults others.  
Description of Survival-in-the-Moment state (3A's in Re-experiencing)

This pattern can be understood through her past experience(s) of:  
Sexual abuse from uncle that was associated with the withholding of food.  
Information about Environment-Past that informs understanding of Survival-in-the-Moment response in present

# Examples of TST Priority Problems: Sarah

When Sarah is exposed to Comments suggesting abandonment,

Child's name

Description of threat signals (cat hair)

Feeling totally alone, panicked, and needs to 'drink and die' to not 'feel or

She/he responds by remember'.

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This pattern can be understood through her past experience(s) of:

Severe neglect from mother. Threats of abandonment from mother.

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Sexual abuse from stepfather and mothers disbelief (including somatic symptoms)  
Information about Environment-Past that informs understanding of Survival-in-the-Moment response in present

# ***What do we know, now?***

*Without this knowledge,  
How can we help?*

# 4 ideas for knowing what it is (so that we may know how to help)

## Idea #4:

It's all about using the  
information about **patterns of  
survival-in-the-moment**, to help.

# It's about a trauma system...

- A traumatized child who is unable to regulate survival states
- A social-environment/ system-of-care that cannot help contain this dysregulation.

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# *What did we do??*



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## Interventions

- More flexible rules re food on unit and empathic attitude towards Jeffery.
- Work with foster family re flexibility re food and communicate knowledge to Child Welfare agency.
- Build emotional regulation skills re food.
- Psychopharmacology to help while skills are built.
- Communications with next providers re Jeffrey's vulnerabilities and the interventions that will address them.

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## Interventions

- Work with foster mother and Child Welfare case worker re signals of abandonment.
- Closely monitor communications with bio mother and carefully consider the tradeoffs of ongoing contact.
- Build emotional regulation skills re signals of abandonment.
- Consider Psychopharmacology to help while skills are built.
- Consider whether Sarah sometimes behaves in ways to precipitate abandonment to feel in control.

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## Interventions

- Classroom plan: Leg shaking, teacher, guidance counsellor
- More flexible classroom rules to address Samantha's needs and build more empathic attitude towards Samantha.
- More proactive about Samantha's physical symptoms and communication about them. Scheduled meetings with (new) school nurse.
- Integrate foster family and case worker in plans.
- Guidance for security officers.

- Psychopharmacology to help while skills are built.

# *Trauma Systems Therapy*

# How does TST address those problems?

- By offering an array of interventions/services, all designed to address the tightly defined problems in specific and integrated ways:
  - Skill based Psychotherapy
  - Home/Community/Milieu based intervention
  - Psychopharmacology
  - Legal Advocacy
- By offering this array of interventions/services in a phase based manner, depending on the needs of the child within their social environment:
  - Safety-focused Treatment
  - Regulation-focused Treatment
  - Beyond Trauma Treatment

# TST is both ...

**A Clinical model** for the efficient and effective treatment of traumatized children

AND

**An organizational model** for how services must be assembled, integrated, and supported

# The 4 Service Elements



# The 3 phases of TST treatment



Safety-  
Focused  
Treatment

Regulation-  
Focused  
Treatment

Beyond  
Trauma



## All TST interventions/services dedicated to three main goals:

1. Protect the child from environmental signals experienced as threat ('cat hair'), until child is able to manage them. Protect child from actual threats ('cat'): **Safety-focused Treatment.**
2. Build the child's ability to manage environmental signals experienced as threat ('cat hair'), when the environment is safe and stable enough: **Regulation-focused Treatment.**
3. Prepare the child to grow into the future in a way that is not consumed by the past: **Beyond Trauma Treatment.**

# Who gets what when?

TST Treatment Planning Grid		The Environment's Help and Protection		
		Helpful and Protective	Insufficiently Helpful and Protective	Harmful
The Child's Survival States	No Survival States	Beyond trauma	Beyond trauma	Safety-focused
	Survival States	Regulation-focused	Regulation-focused	Safety-focused
	Dangerous Survival States	Regulation-focused	Safety-focused	Safety-focused

*Anne E, Casey Foundation*  
*Bridging the Way Home*  
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# Anne E Casey Foundation, Bridging the Way Home Study

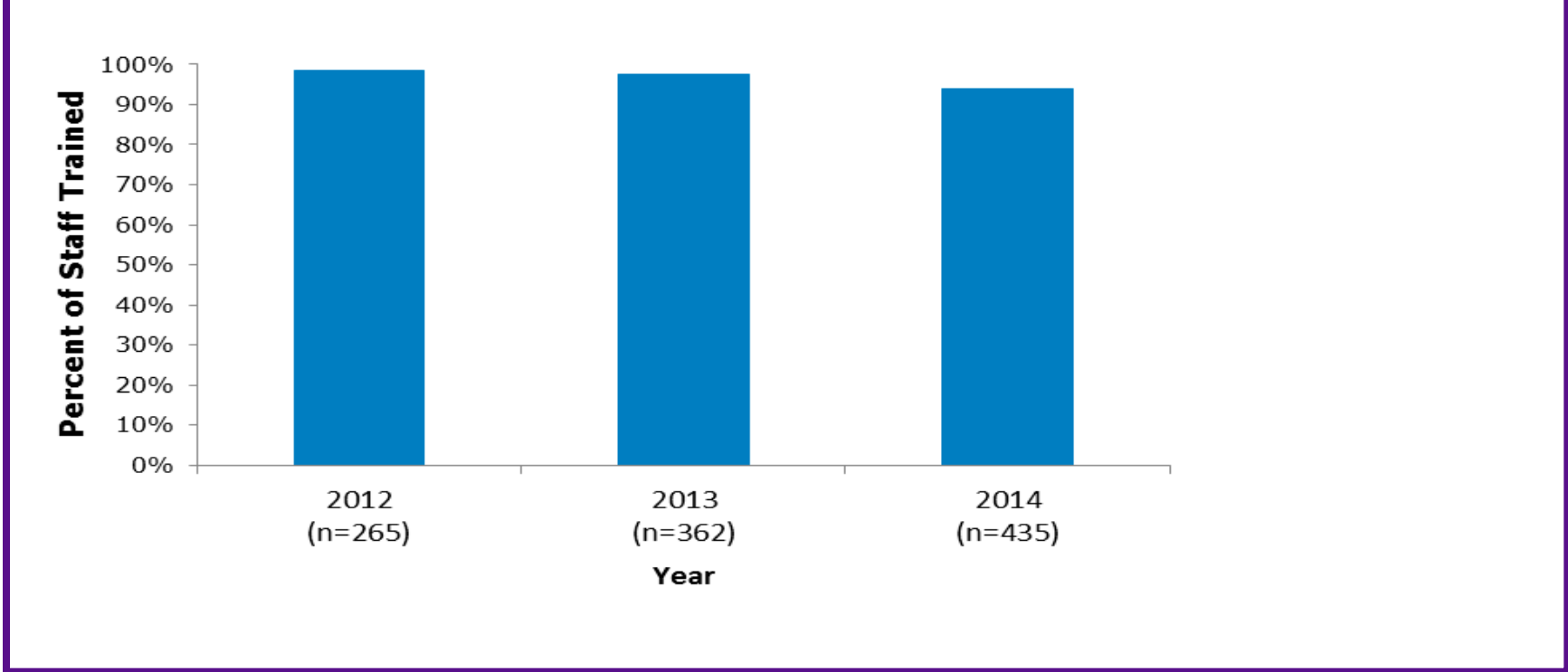
Composition of analytic sample

Demographic Characteristic		Sample Composition		
		M(SD)	%	N
<b>Intake age</b>		12(3.5)	--	1449
<b>Gender</b>	Female	--	53.9%	780
<b>Ethnicity</b>	White	--	58.70%	849
	Black	--	22.9%	331
	Hispanic	--	7.6%	110
	Other	--	10.8%	156
<b>UCLA PTSD</b>	Severity Score	17.1(17.5)	--	873
	Partial or full diagnosis	--	49.50%	432
<b>Maltreatment Experienced<sup>a</sup></b>	Parent incapacity	--	69.2%	1,003
	Child behavior	--	32.8%	475
	Neglect	--	27.8%	403
	Physical abuse	--	23.4%	339
	Emotional abuse	--	17.5%	253
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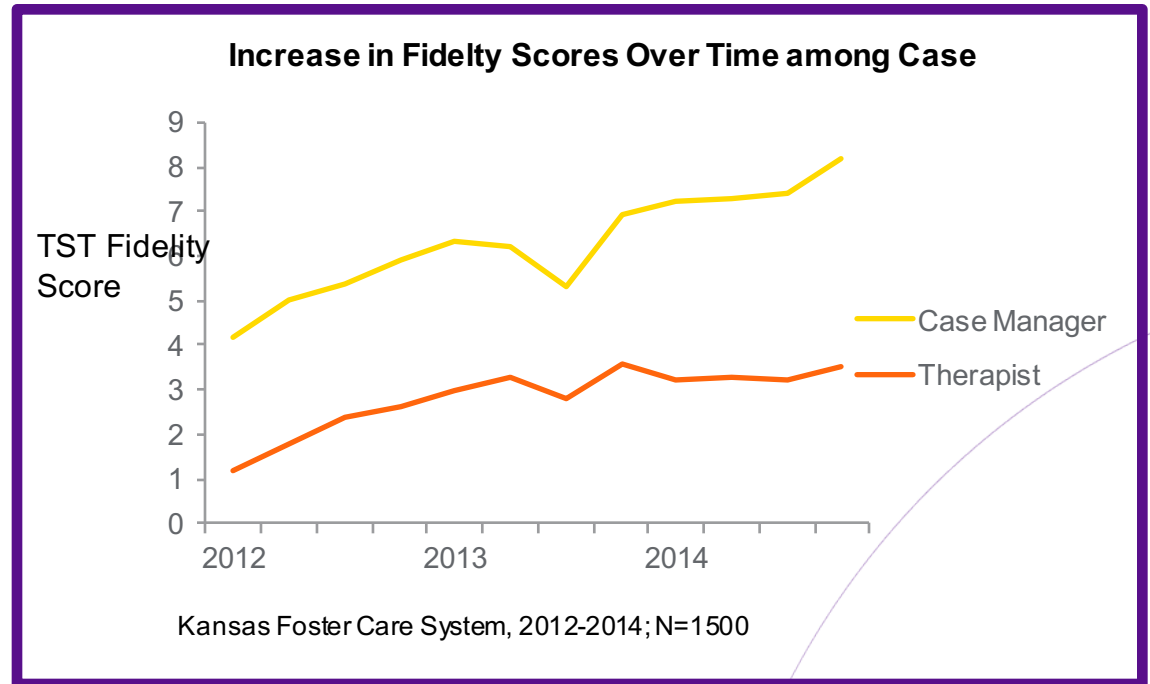
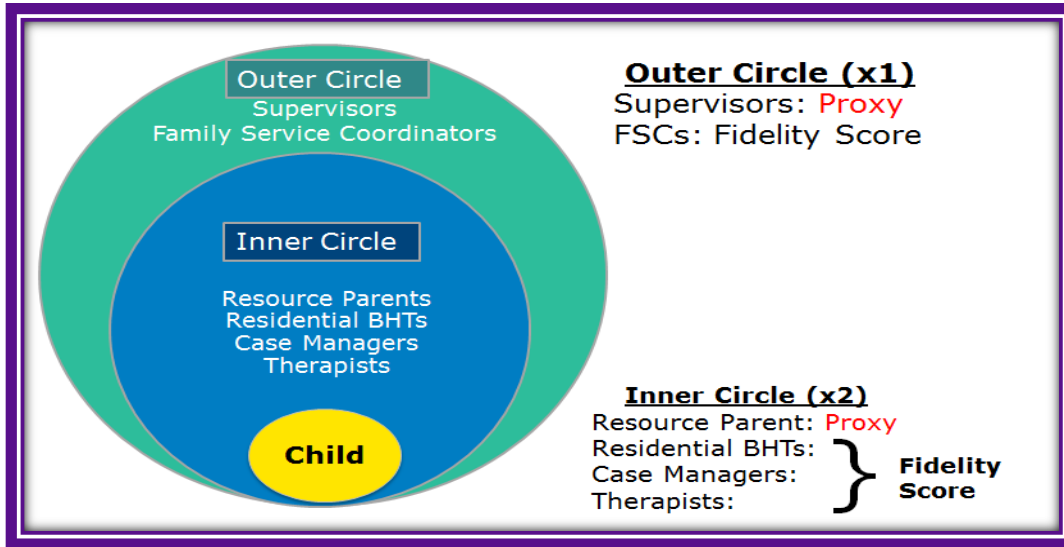
Note: <sup>a</sup>maltreatment types are not mutually exclusive.

# Anne E Casey Foundation, Bridging the Way Home Study

Percent of KVC staff trained in TST, by year TST was implemented



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# Anne E Casey Foundation, Bridging the Way Home Study

Increase in fidelity score over time by members of the child's inner and outer circle and improvements in child well-being among children receiving Trauma Systems Therapy in a Foster Care Setting, 2011-2014

Fidelity	Functioning	Emotional Regulation	Behavioral Regulation	Placement Stability*
<b>Inner Circle</b> ↑	↑			
Case Manager ↑	↑			↑
Therapist ↑				
<b>Outer Circle</b> ↑	↑	↑		↑
Supervisor ↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Family Service Coordinators ↑	↑			↑

\*Reduction in number of placements

All results displayed are statistically significant (alpha=0.05)

Kansas Foster Care System, 2012-2014; N=1500

Child Trends, Implementation Evaluation of KVC's "Bridging the Way Home" Initiative

# Introduction



Psychoses secondary to drug ingestion, manic-depressive illness, and schizophrenia are not uncommon.

various forms of psychoses during adolescence with special emphasis on the diagnosis and treatment of adolescent schizophrenia, the most common psychosis in this developmental period.

# Definition

# Psychoses

- Schizophrenia
- Drug-induced
- Bipolar
- NOS

# Schizophrenia

- **Affects 1% of population worldwide**
- **“positive” symptoms (representing behavioral excesses) such as**
  - **hallucinations**
  - **delusions,**
- **“negative” symptoms - deficits**
- **disorganization**

**Late Adolescence is peak age of onset**

# **Childhood vs. Early Onset**

- **Childhood-onset schizophrenia (COS) AKA Very Early Onset**

onset of psychotic symptoms before age  
13 years)



rare

- **Early-onset schizophrenia (EOS)**

before age 18

approximately 5% of adults with  
schizophrenia

# **Compared to later onset schizophrenia EOS is more severe**

- **increased severity of clinical symptoms**
- **greater cognitive impairment**
  - **memory, attention, language skills, motor skills, social skills, creative thought, and planning**
- **more treatment refractory**
- **Teens with schizophrenia have approximately a 50% risk of attempted suicide**

# **A neurodevelopmental disorder**

- **Excessive synaptic pruning**
- **Ventricular enlargement**
- **Risk factors – obstetrical complications, prenatal illness, genetics**
- **Deficits in neuromotor functioning, coordination, minor physical anomalies, soft neurological signs**
- **Stress plays a role**

# **Prodromal phase – Attenuated Psychosis Syndrome**

- **perceptual disturbances,**
- **unusual beliefs**
- **disorganized thinking**
- **changes in mood, interests, and functioning.**
- **Attenuated symptoms (sometimes referred to as attenuated psychosis syndrome, or**
  - **Antedates overt psychosis by weeks to years**
  - **Opportunity for early intervention**

# **Interventions for APS**

- **Patient and Family Psychoeducation**
- **Environmental manipulation**
- **CBT**
- **Low dose antipsychotics**

# **Goals of intervention**

- **Have awareness of unreality of symptoms**
- **Be able to see illness as separate from self**
- **Have realistic educational and vocational goals**
- **Have hope for a meaningful life**



# Diagnosis

- **Involves careful assessment of prior psychiatric history, family history, and treatment response**
- **Structured assessment tools can be helpful**
  - **Interviews**
    - *Suggest ways of asking questions in a non-threatening manner*
  - **Rating scales**
    - *Help anchor severity*
- **Ongoing observation may be necessary**

# **Clinical manifestations**

- **Differences between adolescent and later onset**
- **More likely to have affective symptoms**
- **Hallucinations more common than delusions**

# Thought disorder

- **Can be present in bipolar illness as well as schizophrenia**
- **Loosening of associations - Example**
- Autism, A gradual but marked withdrawal from peers, school, and family resulting in almost total isolation occurs in most adolescent schizophrenics.

Preoccupation with fantasy

Distrust of others → paranoia

# Keep in mind

- **clinical observation over a period of time is often necessary in order to effectively establish a diagnosis**
- **Brain imaging not currently recommended unless space-occupying lesion suspected**

# **Other Psychotic Disorders**

## **Bipolar disorder – 2.5 % of adults, +/- psychotic symptoms**

- **Peak age of onset is later than schizophrenia**
- **>50% lifetime occurrence of psychotic symptoms**
- **can mask affective symptoms and confound diagnosis, esp in minorities**
- **Psychotic symptoms suggest poor prognosis when they occur in the absence of affective symptoms**



# **Psychotic Symptoms in Bipolar Disorder**

- **Grandiose delusions and ideas – most common**
- **gross impairment of reality testing with delusions or hallucinations**
- **grossly bizarre behavior**
- **loud, pressured, rapid speech – flight of ideas**

# **Drug induced psychosis**

- **Drugs implicated**

# **Drug induced psychosis - Key points (Goerke & Kumra, 2013)**

At initial presentation, substance-induced psychosis is almost indistinguishable from a primary psychotic disorder.

All adolescents presenting with psychotic symptoms and co-occurring substance use should be considered at significant risk of developing a primary psychotic disorder.

There is a paucity of data on the optimal treatment of patients with a psychotic disorder and co-occurring substance use, because most of these adolescents have been excluded from controlled treatment trials of antipsychotic medications.

risk factor to the development of a primary psychotic illness in at-risk adolescents, and these data suggest that reduction or cessation of cannabis use should be recommended for all adolescents with psychotic symptoms to prevent further deterioration.

Once psychotic symptoms have been stabilized with antipsychotic medications, developing a therapeutic alliance and ongoing psychoeducation are critical to keep these young people engaged in treatment and abstinent from substance use.



# **Autism**

- **Some symptoms overlap**
- **Can have both disorders**

# **Psychosis NOS**

# Treatment

**Evidence is accumulating that early treatment produces better outcome**

# Family Treatment

**Goals -- Help family**

# First Episode

**antipsychotic polytherapy**



# Recent questioning of conventional wisdom

- Superiority of 2<sup>nd</sup> generation drugs
- Validity of differentiation of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation
- “Two Decades of Misguided Beliefs” (Busko, 2009)

# **Lancet Meta-analysis**

Similar to first generation effects are possible following treatment with amisulpride, clozapine, olanzapine and risperidone in terms of overall efficacy and positive and negative symptoms. Second generation drugs can also result in fewer extrapyramidal side effects, but can induce weight gain.

(Leucht et al., 2009)

# Factors in Unfavorable Prognosis

- **premorbid social and cognitive impairments**
- **prolonged first psychotic episode**
- **extended duration of untreated psychosis (DUP)**
- **presence of negative symptoms.**
  - [\(Kogstad et al., 2011\). NCCMH \(2013\) Psychosis and Schizophrenia in Children and Young People: Recognition and Management.](#)

# **A Final Thought**

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