

CSSD's Assessments

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The Paradigm Shift: Reducing Recidivism through Evidence-Based Practices

- “Common Sense” vs. Research-based practices
- Helping/monitoring vs. Engaging/Reinforcing
- Supervising cases vs. Working with clients

**The Probation Officer as a
*Change Agent***

Components of Evidence-Based Supervision

- ✓ Assess risk, needs and strengths
- ✓ Evaluate and enhance motivation to change
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- ✓ Assess probationer improvement and behavior change

Why Assess Risk

STUDY	RISK	MINIMAL	INTENSIVE
O'Donnell et al.	Low	16%	22%
	High	78%	56%
Baird et al.	Low	3%	10%
	High	37%	18%
Andrews and Friesen	Low	12%	29%
	High	92%	25%

RESEARCH FINDINGS

- **Recidivism can be predicted.**
- **Risk factors for reoffending can be identified.**
- **Recidivism can be reduced.**

LEVEL OF SERVICE INVENTORY REVISED (LSI-R)

- **The LSI-R was developed by Canadian criminologists Don Andrews and James Bonta.**
- **It is an objective quantifiable 54 item risk/need classification instrument.**
- **The instrument is made up of 10 subscales that contain both “static” and “dynamic” risk factors.**

Criminal Behavior and Change

Dynamic factors include criminal thinking, substance abuse, poor family relations, low internal controls, criminal or antisocial peer associations, and antisocial personality.

Tools of the Trade

National Institute of Corrections

LSI-R Primary Scales

- Criminal History
- Companions
- Values and Attitudes
- Emotional/Personal
- Education/Employment
- Leisure
- AOD
- Family

Criminogenic Needs / Risk Factors

- Antisocial peers*
 - Antisocial values / attitudes*
 - Antisocial personality*
 - Antisocial behavior (low self-control)*
 - Family distress
 - Substance abuse
 - Employment
 - Education
- * Big Four

ASUS-R

A self-report validated assessment that provides insight into a persons' drug use, emotional state, openness, and readiness to change.

ASUS-R Overview

- Developed by Ken Wanberg, Ph.D.
- 96 item screening tool
- Not “diagnosis”
- Designed to identify whether a client has an substance abuse problem
- Determines the severity of the problem
- Determines client’s willingness to disclose

ASUS-R Primary Scales

- Drug Involvement
- Drug Disruption
- Drug Benefits
- Social Non-Conforming
- Legal Non-Conforming
- Mood Adjustment
- Defensive
- Motivation to Change

Sample LSI-R Profile

LSI-R - LEVEL OF SERVICE INVENTORY

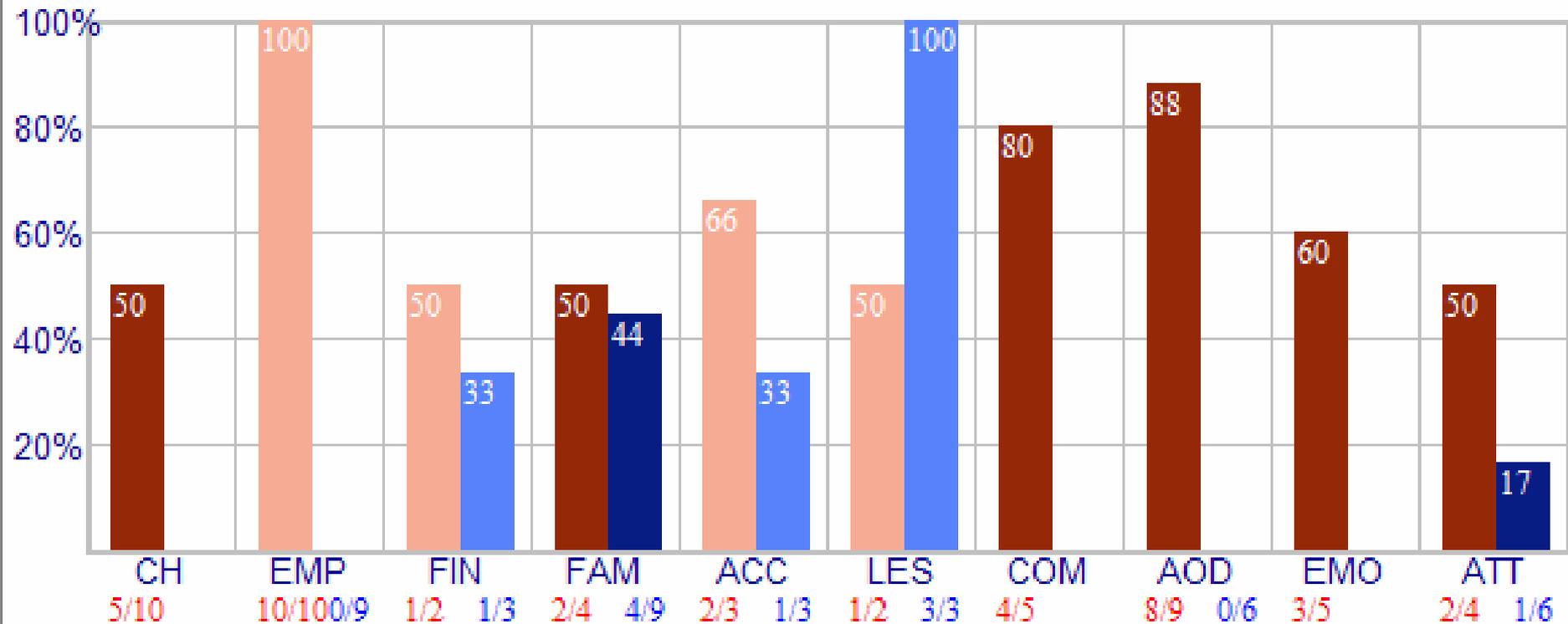


CHART

client:

Sample Case 1

LSI Treatment Profile



Sample ASUS-R Profile

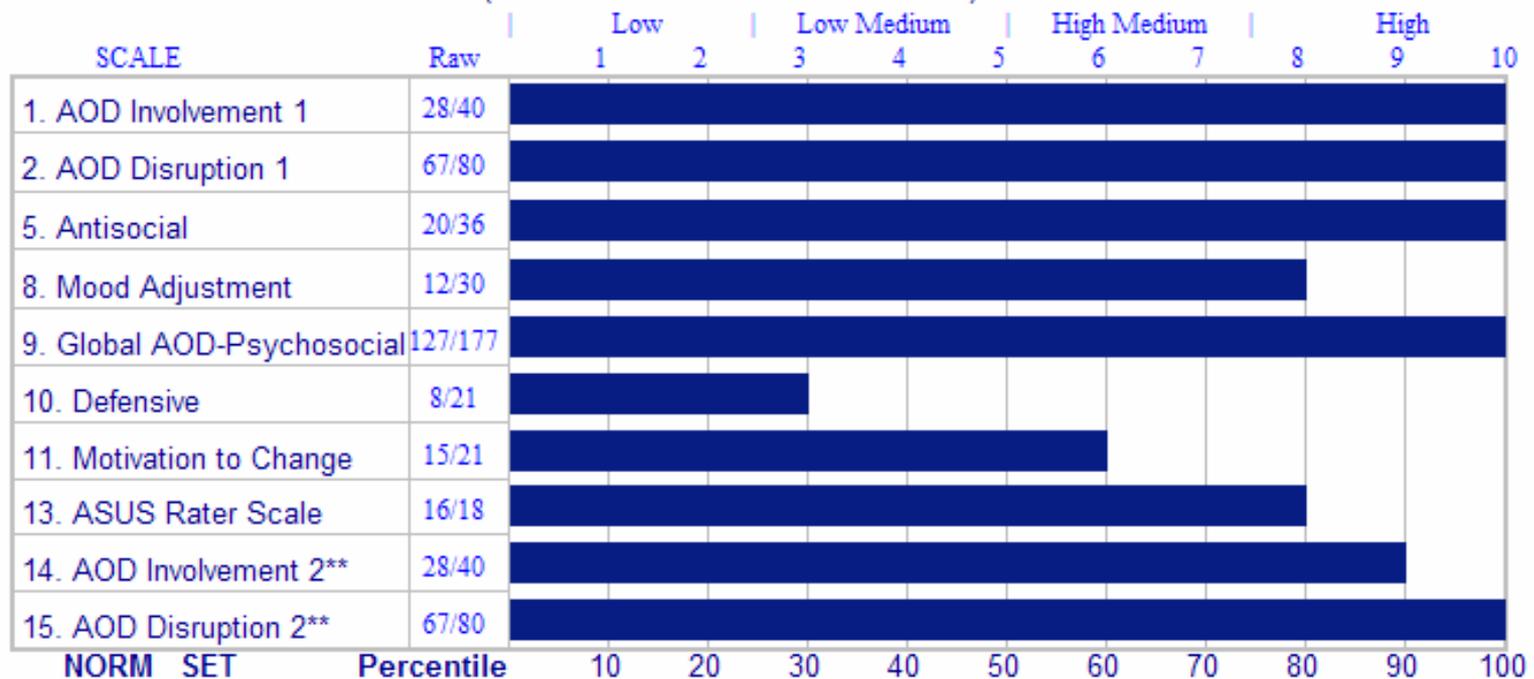
ASUS-R - ADULT SUBSTANCE USE SURVEY



BASIC PROFILE CHART

Sample Case 1

Adult ASUS-R Basic Profile (Decile Rank Percentile Rank)



Normed on Probation Groups (N=4492: *N=589)

**Inpatient/IOP Norms (N=669)



Findings

"We found that the more topics covered during a session, the higher the recidivism rate...

... the more time that the probation officer spent discussing the conditions of probation, the higher the recidivism rate."

Exploring the Black Box of Community Supervision

Bonta, Rugge, Scott, Bourgon, Yessine, 2008

Specialized Assessments

- Domestic Violence (DVSI-R)
- YO (MAYSI)
- Women's Program (WRNA)
- What I Want to Work On

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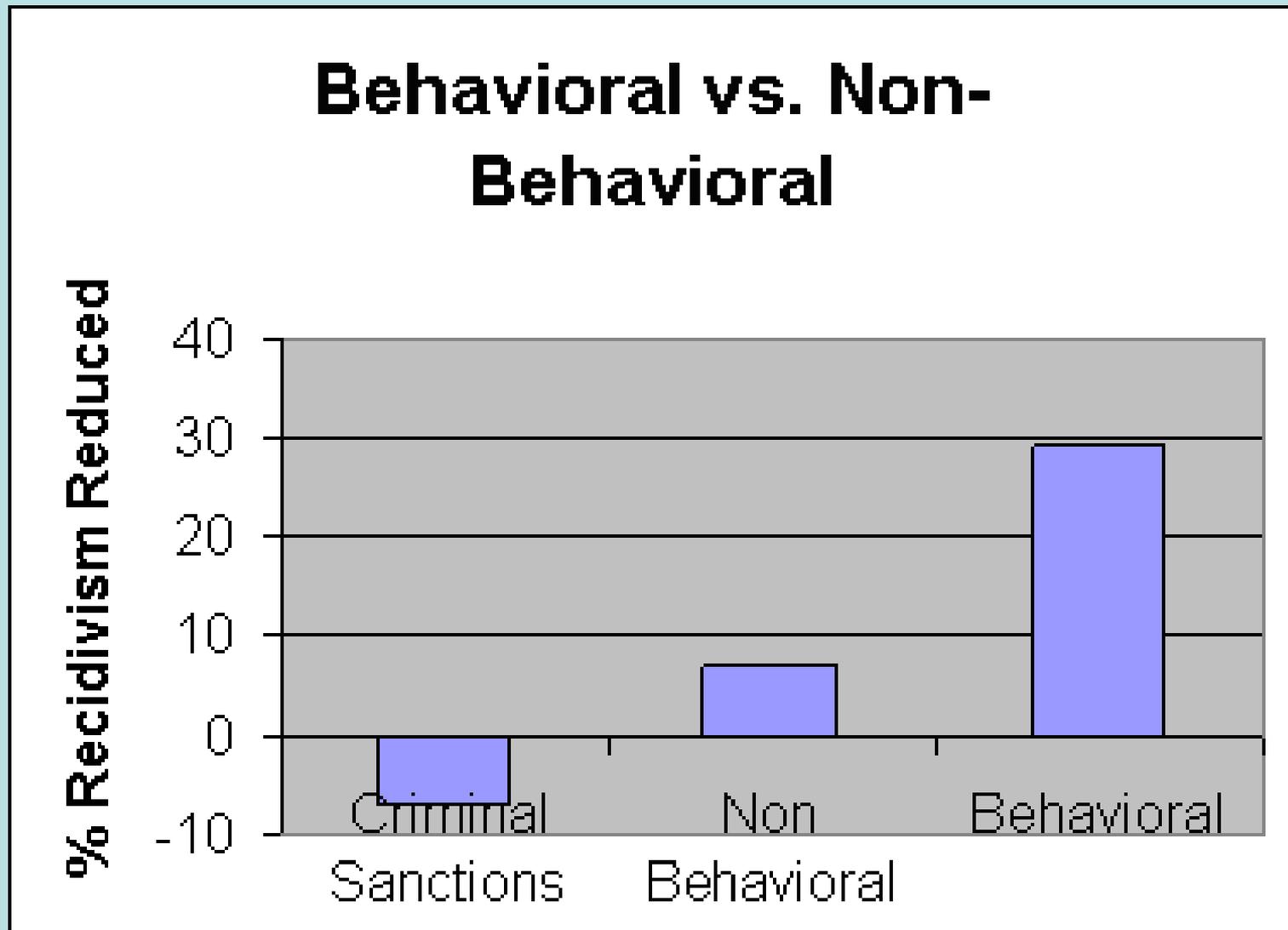
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LSI-R TARGETED NEED	ASSESSED RISK LEVEL	RECOMMENDED PROGRAM	PROGRAM MODEL AVAILABLE THROUGH	
Attitude / Orientation	High or Medium	Reasoning and Rehabilitation II	AIC	
Criminal History	High	Anger Management	ABH	
	Medium	Reasoning and Rehabilitation II	AIC	
Emotional / Personal	High Medium	Mental Health Services	ABH	
Family / Marital	High Medium	EXPLORE or EVOLVE (if DV case with intimate partner)	See Attached	
		Family Counseling Services	Info Line	
Companions	High Medium	Reasoning and Rehabilitation II	AIC	
		Mentoring Services	Info Line	
Leisure / Recreation	High Medium	Structured Leisure Time and Pro-social Activities	YMCA / YWCA or other local resources	
Education / Employment	High Medium	Job Services	AIC	
		Local Adult Education or GED Services	Info Line	
Alcohol / Drug	High Medium	Treatment need and level of program intensity will be determined by the attached ASUS-R Conversion Table		
	ASUS-R CONVERSION TABLE SCORE	REFERRAL SERVICE AND PROVIDER		
	1-2	Alcohol / Drug Education	ATR	
	3-6	Weekly Outpatient (TAD)	High Medium	ABH AIC
	7-10	Intensive Outpatient. The need for residential treatment will be determined by the ABH provider	ABH	

Behavioral vs. Non-behavioral Treatment



Questions