The ARMIDILLO-S and Team Considerations for Reviewing Risk and Managing Risk Factors

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Risk and Risk Management

- There are major factors related to risk that are studied and quantified for various measures of risk and for risk management tools.
Major Risk & Needs Factors
“The Central Eight”

1. Hx of Antisocial Behavior
2. Antisocial Personality Pattern
3. Antisocial Cognition
4. Antisocial Associates
5. Family / Marital Issues
6. School / Work
7. Leisure / Recreation
8. Substance Abuse

The Central Eight extended to IDD

- History of Antisocial Behavior --- Having a Hx of Delinquency
- Antisocial Personality Pattern – Committing Violent Offenses
- Antisocial Cognitions – Antisocial Attitude
- Antisocial Associates – Being susceptible to the influence of others
- Family / Marital Issues - Social Skills Deficits / Few Natural Supports
- School / Work Issues -- Academic difficulties; high rate unemployment
- Leisure / Rec -- Social Skills deficits; impulsivity regarding sexually acting out
- Substance Abuse – Substance Abuse or dependence
Additional Special Issues to People with IDD

• Psychiatric Illness
• Poor response to treatment efforts
• High Static Risk Factors
Need for Tools to Identify Risk and Manage Risk

• Sexual Re-offense in IDD is difficult to quantify. Rates vary in literature. Some studies = high rate of 25-30% but are limited by broad definitions of recidivism to include any violent act.
• Recidivism for sexual re-offense appear low (4-9%) in non-US samples. No one wants to see a re-offense.
Why ARMIDILLO-S?

- **Assessment of Risk and Manageability of Individuals with Developmental and Intellectual Limitations who Offend Sexually**

- Designed for people with ID.
- Provides a Structured Professional Judgement Framework
- Assesses the impact (positive or negative) of the person’s team
- Useful for Supervision Planning
- Assumes a well-informed, well-functioning team can reduce risk.
It is a Focus on Team Work

- One of the most important aspects of treatment for the person with IDD is the Team
- Good Communication among team members is essential
- Everyone needs to be informed and clear on their role
- If there are restrictions in place through the courts, assist the person in adhering to those requirements
- Make sure probation conditions are in ISP
- Help person in therapy get their homework done
- Assist the person in modifying a daily schedule so as to avoid risk environments
Stable Items

- Supervision compliance
- Treatment compliance
- Sexual deviance
- Sexual preoccupations
- Emotional coping
- Relationships
- Impulsivity
- Substance abuse
- Mental health
Acute Items

- Individual’s compliance with supervision or treatment
- Sexual preoccupation
- Victim-related behaviors
- Emotional coping
- The use of coping strategies
Stable Environmental Factors

• Staff’s attitude towards the individual
• Communication among support persons
• Specific knowledge by the support person
• Consistency of supervision
Acute Environmental Factors

• Changes in monitoring
• Changes in social relationships
• Situational changes
• Changes in victim access
Let’s Look at the Scoring Template and Scoring Manual