Sex Offenders: What MDT/CJC Members Should Know & Creepy but Crucial – Advanced Grooming

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Workshop Topics for the Day More Than You Ever Wanted to Know About Sex Offenders and "The Forgotten Studies"

Sex Offenders: What Judges, Prosecutors, Investigators and Child Advocates Should Know:

- The "math" of CSA & SA.
- How people develop sexual interest in children.
- Incident, disclosure, reporting, arrest and conviction rates.
- Detected vs. non-detected crimes and "cross-over" behavior (polygraph vs. non)
- "Recidivism" vs. re-offense

Creepy But Crucial Information: Advanced Grooming as

- **Described by Child Molesters**
- Sex offender "grooming" tactics
- False allegations and med evidence. What Sex Offenders Can Teach us About Interviewing
- Anecdotal comments from offenders
- Investigative interview
- Studies that looked at "what works. **Protecting Your Children:**
- **Advice From Child Molesters**

## **Goals for Today**

- One view into the development of pedophilic interests.
- A broader view of sexual offending and victimization.
- Appreciation for how many people offend, how many are victimized and how few crimes are detected and processed by our current system.
- Understand how/why children/victims do not resist, report, or in some cases. recover.
- Why parents/other adults/ agencies fail to act responsibly.
- Improve our ability to hold them accountable.
- Other methods of prevention.

#### "You Shall Know the Truth and the Truth Shall Make You Flinch."

- Death by Power Point!
  - You will feel overwhelmed and overloaded (this could be done in a 2 day class!)
- May challenge your beliefs/perception/training.
- Will review a variety of studies, footage and anecdotal information from offenders.
- Video clips and guotes/clients = confidentiality.
- Relevant to LEA, DA's and court, CAC/CJC staff, victim advocates, therapists, YSO and school staff.
- Some newer, some older, some very old.....







Disclosure/Rep	oortir	ng Rates of CSA
<ul> <li>Only 5% to 16% of children</li> </ul>	2018 -	Lahtinen,H., Laitil <mark>a, A., Korkman ,</mark> J., & Ellonen, N.
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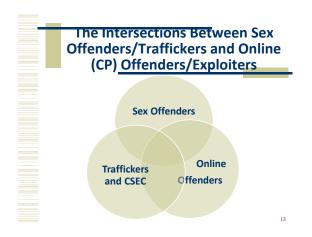
#### Empirical Studies into the True Rates of False Allegations in CSA

- Trocme, N. & Bala, N., (2005)
- Rate of false allegations in cases of CSA was 2%-6%.
   False allegation rates in physical abuse/neglect =4%
- Rate of false allegations that arose during custody disputes was 12%
  - False allegations were more frequently made by a noncustodial parent, usually a father (15%) than custodial parent or mother (2%).

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#### Sex Offenders Are Not All the Same

- Heterogeneous group that come in all shapes and sizes
- Variety of histories and risk levels (low, medium and high)
- Different treatment/supervision needs in the community
- Complex etiologies
  - Children with sexual behavior problems
  - Sexually reactive children
  - Youth with sexual behavior problems
  - Adult sex offenders
    - Child molestation, pedophilia, sexual assault, rape, exhibitionism, voyeurism, bestiality and internet crimes against children.







#### **Traditional Offense Categories**

Contact vs. non-contact sex crimes: "Hands on" vs. "hands off" Adult rape vs. child sexual abuse Intra vs. extra-familial child sexual abuse Male child victims vs. female child victims

# **Internet Facilitated Offending**

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- Downloading/possession of illegal images of children
- Creating illegal images of children (CSEM or CSAM)
  - Child Sexual Exploitation/Abuse Material
- Remote viewing of CSA as it is taking place
- Interacting with children online to:
  - Persuade them to expose themselves sexually (often followed by blackmail)
  - The perpetrator exposing themselves to children via webcam
  - Engaging the child in sexualized talk
  - Using the internet to persuade children to meet in person for sex.

#### More Specific Types of Online Abuse:

- Non-consensual Image Misuse
- Non-consensual Image Taking
- Forced Image Recruitment
- Threatened Sharing
  Unwanted Sexual Talk
- Unwanted Sexual Questions
- Unwanted Sexual Acts Requests
- Voluntary Older Partner Talk/Image Exchange
   Commercial Talk/Images or
- Other Sexual Activity

  Online Solicitation
- Online Child Sexual Abuse
- Image-Based Sexual Abuse

- Non-Consenting SextingSelf-Produced Child Sexual
- Online Grooming by an Adult
   Revenge Pornography
- Sextortion or Sexual Extortion
   of Children
- Online Commercial Exploitation



#### **More About Online Offenders**

- One in 5 children/teens are involved in online sexual abuse of some type, most often involving peers.
- One in 20 is abused online by an adult, who may have posed as a peer.
- Prime age for these types of victimization is 13 to 17.
- Perpetrators are usually dating partners, friends and acquaintances and family members, not strangers.
- The offenders who sexually exploit youth or produce and upload sexual images of children are usually someone the child knows, trusts and possibly lives with.
- Most of the time, the offender is sexually abusing the child and sharing the images online.

#### Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Child Sex Traffickers

Organized gangs, individual perpetrators, family members, parents/legal guardians who manipulate and sexually exploit child victims via :

- The "Gorilla Pimp" tactic by using coercion and violence to gain control over and prostitute minors
- The "Finesse/Romeo Pimp" tactic who use affection, charm and attention to gain compliance and traffic victims.
- The "Business /CEO Pimp" tactic promises prosperous careers and legitimate income to victims then uses the "bait and switch" tactic.
- Female Pimps victims serving as surrogates or caregivers who sell their children.

#### Internet Facilitated Offending and Adult Rape/Sexual Assault

- Internet facilitated sexual exploitation/assault of adults
- Use of online dating sites to meet victims for the purpose of rape or blackmail.
   "Social Script"
- Meets victim in social situation, then takes her to an isolated place to rape her.
   "Outdoor script"
- "Outdoor script"
  - Non-coercive Track Offender meets unsuspecting victim outdoors, then invites her/him indoors where he assaults her
- Coercive Track Offender seizes on an opportunity to attack victim outdoors,
- moves her to an isolated spot, then rapes her/him.
- "Home script" offending:
- Intrusion Track offender breaks into a home where an adult woman is alone.
- Confidence Track offenders gains an invitation into the home and then
   sexually assaults them. 21

#### Sexual Offending and Classification (Thornton, 2020)

"Classifying those who commit sexual offenses, despite considerable research effort being expended in the endeavor, has turned out to be less productive with typological models being largely superseded by dimensional systems."

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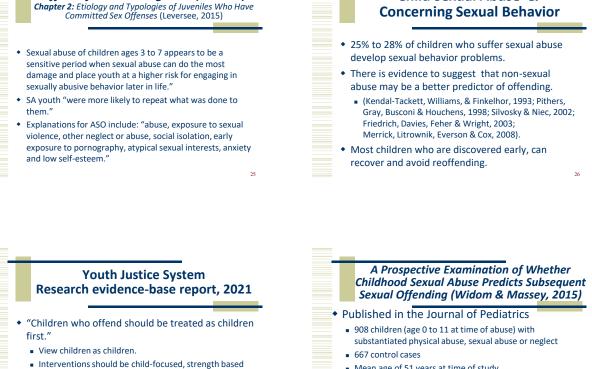
#### Polygraph Testing Leads to Better Understanding of Adult and Juvenile Sex Offenders (Hindman, J. & Peters, J., 2001)

Adult Offenders	Pre-polygraph	Post-polygraph
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Ave. # of Victims	2.9	11.6
Sexually Abused As Child	61%	30%
Sexually Abusing As Child	27%	76%

A Prospective Examination of Whether Childhood Sexual Abuse Predicts Subsequent Sexual Offending (Wisdom & Massey, 2015).

- Only 11.6% of male childhood sex abuse victims were later arrested for sexual offending.
- If victims go on to offend, it usually occurs at an earlier age.
- "Individuals with histories of physical abuse and neglect were at significantly increased risk for arrest for sexual offenses whereas, for sexual abuse, the significance did not reach significance."

Office of Justice Programs (SMART)



- and developmentally/trauma informed.
- Intervention plans should promote pro-social identity and positive child outcomes.
- Collaborate with child and family.
- Promote diversion programs.

- Mean age of 51 years at time of study.
- Criminal history collected from both federal and state.
- Childhood abuse was found to increase risk for arrest for adult sex crime but childhood sex abuse, by itself, did not.

Child Sexual Abuse &

- Physical abuse and neglect did pose increased risk.
- Physically abused males (not females) had a higher mean number of sex crime arrests.

Adverse childhood experiences, paraphilias, and serious criminal violence among federal sex offenders (Drury et. al, 2016)

- 225 Federal sex offenders
  - 36% reported abandonment by father/neglect
  - 28% physical abuse
  - 27% sexual abuse
  - 24% verbal/emotional abuse
- Reported an average of 5 paraphilias

Adverse childhood experiences in the lives of male sex offenders (Levenson and Socia, 2016)

- 670 Adult male sex offenders
  - 42% physically abused
  - 38% sexually abused

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	MIXED AGE VICTIMS	ADULT VICTIMS	CHILD VICTIMS
Childhood Neglect	48%	45%	47%
Childhood Physical Abuse	41%	39%	33%
Sexual deviance in family involving subject	12%	14%	9%
Sexual deviancy in family not involving subject	21%	15%	17%
Subject was a victim of SA	33%	24%	<b>43%</b> 31

#### Violent Childhood Experiences Lead to Adult Sexual Violence Against Adults

 Research supports a relationship between childhood physical abuse and adult sexual offending against adults (Jespersen et al., 2009; Levenson & Socia, 2016; Nunes et al., 2013; Simons et al., 2008).



(Patterson & Campbell, 2010).



#### September 24, 2018

Statement of APA President Regarding the Science Behind Why Women May Not Report Sexual Assault

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"A lack of reporting does not mean an assault or attempted assault did not happen or is exaggerated. Research demonstrates that false claims of sexual assault are very low between 2 and 7 percent. This tells us that far more women are assaulted and don't report than women who make false claims."



# 2 out of every 100 rapists will serve time.

- 32 will be reported to police
  Justice Department, CVS (2008 to 2012).
  - Justice Department, CV3 (2)
     7 will be arrested
- 7 will be arrested
- FBI Uniform Crime Reports, Arrest Data (2006-2010).
- 3 will be referred to prosecutors
- FBI Uniform Crime Reports, Arrest Data (2006-2010).
   2 will be convicted
  - US Department of Justice, Felony Defendants in Large Urban Counties ,2009.
- 2 will be incarcerated.
  - US Department of Justice, Felony Defendants in Large Urban Counties, 2009.

The Cycle of Violence: When Victims **Becomes Perpetrators** (Plummer & Cossins, 2016)

 Severe childhood sexual abuse of male children (rape, repeated penetration and multiple perpetrators) associated with transition from victim to offender.

#### Early Atypical Sexual Experiences in Children Leading to Heightened Sexual Interests and Pedophilic Interest in Adults

- Early sexual contact with other children and animals, and early masturbation.
  - (Levenson, et al., 2017; Houtepen, Sijtsema & Bogaerts, 2016; Neutz et al., 2011; Riegel, 2004.
- Early intercourse
  - (Kjellgren, et al. 2010; Seto & Lalumiere, 2010)
- Early intentional viewing of pornography or sexually explicit material (SEM) before age 10.
  - (Simons et al., 2008; Smallbone & McCabe 2008).

#### Arousal to Children and **Pro-offending Attitudes**

 Sexual attraction to children can be developed much the way attraction to adults is.

- Strong attraction to adults can co-exist with a strong attraction to children.
- Some offenders are primarily attracted to prepubescent children.
- Some offenders are primarily attracted to adults but also to a lesser degree to children.
- The development and maintenance of prooffending attitudes.

## Offender Views of the Beginning

- "As a small child, I had a 4-year-old sexual friend with whom I enjoyed many childhood sexual experiences. Our friendship lasted four or five years and my victims reminded me of my childhood friend. "
- "As a kid, I developed a sexual draw to young girls that stayed with me as I grew older."
- "I got better and better at finding victims."
- "After I was abused, I became really sexual and it didn't take much to trigger my desires, it was both pleasurable and fun."
- "Once it got started, it snowballed and became commonplace in my life."

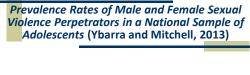


#### Sexual Assault of Young Children as Reported to Law Enforcement: Victim, Incident and Offender Characteristics (Snyder, 2000)

- 40% of the offenders of children under 6 were
  - 13% of offenders were age 7 to 11
  - 27% were age 12 to 17.
- 39% of offenders of children age 6 to 11 were
- 27% of the offenders of pre-teen victims (11 yrs+) were abused by juvenile offenders.

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	PSIR	1 <sup>st</sup> Polygraph	2 <sup>nd</sup> Polygraph
Age at onset	28	23	12
Number of SA victims	2	48	49
Number of incidents	5	225	227
Additional "hands off" victims (peeping, exposing, theft of underwear, obscene phone calls.	37	48	53
Victims of frottage	N/A	47	59

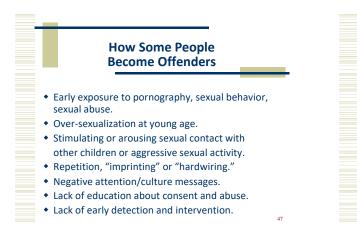
The Value of Polygraph Testing in Sex Offender Management (English, Jones, Pasini-Hall, Patrick and Cooley-Towell, 2003 Age 8 or younger 33% 18% 26% Age 9 to 11 25% 20% 23% 25% Age 12 to 13 23% 24% 37% Age 14 or older 19% 27% Total 100% 100% 100%



- National sample of 1058 adolescents.
- Nearly 1 in 10 (9%) of youth (<18) reported that had engaged in an attempted or completed rape of another minor.

# Four Theories About Sexual Aggression in Humans

- Biological Rape is not specific to humans.
  Freund's theory of "courtship disorders."
- Social & Cultural More egalitarian, diverse societies report less sexual violence.
- **Criminality** Rape increases with other violent crime rates and most rapists are generalists.
- Sexual Preference Most sex offenders developed and later demonstrated sexual arousal to and interest in deviant sexual behavior that appeared to have been "learned" and conditioned.



# Sexual Abuse/Assault Risk Avoidance

 Things we talk to children\teens\young adults about:

- Wearing masks/ 6 ft/ washing
- Bullying/manners/swearing
- Drugs/alcoholWater safety
- Water sarety
   Guns/knives
- Bike/Head gear/helmets
- Why not consent, sexual

#### safety and porn!



#### "The Porn Conversation" Spanish non-profit developed by Erika Films

- In today's world, children are being exposed to adult sexuality in a way that has never happened before.
- Age of exposure has dropped to 7 to 11.
- Concerns about eroticization of sexual violence and global sexualization of children
- Guides for parents with 9 to 11 year olds, 11 to 15 and 15+
- Recommendations against bringing it up in an anxiety/fear provoking manner, "we need to talk" or making youth feel guilty about looking or being aroused by it. Talk about the side effects, feeling guilty, ashamed, getting unhealthy ideas. Etc.

#### "The Porn Conversation" Continued

- Encourages parents to bring subject up subtlety, "I was recently online and some videos and images popped up that you might have seen too. When I'm buying things online, some advertisements just come on the screen out of nowhere. Have you seen them too?"
- "Porn is not real sex, it's people performing and its as fake as some of the action or sci-fi movies and it's nothing like real relationships."



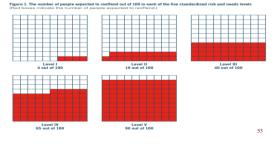
- "I won't be mad at you" and "You won't be in trouble."
- Make list of other people they can tell.
- Blend the sex abuse check-ups in with other safety talks.
- Repeat three to four times per year.

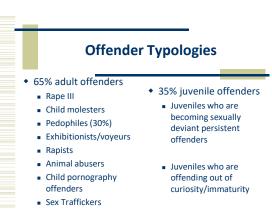
#### Sexual Abuse/Assault Risk Avoidance: Both genders and all age groups of children and all young adults!

- "It's not ok for a 17-year old to date a 12 or 14-year old" or for "a 28-year old- to date a 17-year old."
- Boys and girls should never force, manipulate or talk someone else ach other into sex.
- No sharing or asking for nude photos!
- When people are in an intimate relationship they don't share the details or brag about it with friends.
- Even if you promise a friend you won't tell anyone about their (abusive) "relationship," you can't keep that promise.

#### A Five-Level Risk and Needs System: Maximizing Assessment Results in Corrections

(The Justice Center Council of State Governments and The National Reentry Resource Center, 2017)





Sexual sadists



- youth (13 to 17 yrs old). Female sexually abusive youth (13 to 17 yrs old). 5 – 10% of cases.
- Transgender sexually abusive youth (13 to 17).
- Youth with low intellectual functioning.
- Juvenile sex traffickers. Used to lure other minors, more violent and predatory, involved in drug use/dealing.
- Internet only juvenile sex offenders
- Children (under 12) with problematic sexual behavior.
  - 16% of CSA is committed by 6 to 12 yr olds.



- Intense impersonal sexual interests/preoccupation
- Sex as coping strategy
- Diverse sexual outlets
- Sexual interest in children
- Sexualized violence

Sexual interests

- Distorted attitudes Women as deceitful
- Children as sexual
- Sex with children as
- harmless/natural
- Excessive sense of entitlement
- Resentment/hostility

#### Relational style Dysfunctional self –esteem

- Emotional congruence with
- children
  - Lack of sustained marital type relationship
  - Infidelity/intimate partner
  - Callousness
- Grievance thinking
- Self-management
- Impulsivity
- Resistance to rules/supervision
- Poor problem solving
- Poor emotional control

#### **Children and Problematic** Sexual Behavior

- 1 in 10 to 20 children/youth have sexually abused younger children.
- 35% to 40% of all sexual crimes against children are committed by juveniles (U.S. Department of Justice, 2009)
- Adult offenders report that the average age of their first criminal sex offense was between 10 and 12 (Ahlmeyer, 2000) and 47% of juvenile SO's reported they were offending by age 12 (Burton, 2006).

#### **Disclosure Rates and Reporting**

- 1 in every 5 girls, 1 in every 10 boys. (National Crime Victims Survey, 2012)
- Only 12% and 20% of adult rape victims reported the assault (Wilson, 2010; Department of Justice, 2011).
- 8% of adults reported that, during the previous year, they knew someone was probably abusing a child. Only 65% intervened, 22% said they did nothing (Amick, 2009).
- 52% of adult sex offenders say people knew they were offending and failed to report them (CBI, 1992; CBI 2002).

#### **Department of Education Study** United Kingdom, 2016

- Interviewed 2,504 adults
- One third said they have suspected child abuse and failed to report it.
- 36%-37% of those who failed said reporting would be "more challenging that delivering news about the death of a friend or family member or reporting a crime committed by a family member.
- Fear about possibly "misreading" the situation or "wrongly accusing the person were deterrents to reporting.

#### Causes of CSA Delays in Reporting

- Of the child victims who do report, 48% report within 5 years (Elliot & Brier, 1994).
- Delays increase with age of victim, closer relationship to offender, belief that harm "will come to others," and feelings of responsibility/compliance (Goodman-Brown, et al, 2003).
- Delays increased by grooming and instrusiveness of abuse (Hershkowitz, 2006).
  - Victim resistance (44%), passive (51%) or compliant/cooperative (62%)
  - Exposure (36%), fondling (55%), penetration (68%).





- One in 4 Internet users reported internet porn use.
- Average age of first exposure to internet porn is 11.
- 32% of males and 11% of females report viewing online porn.
- 80% of 15 to 17 year olds have had multiple exposures.
- Younger adults reported being more likely to have viewed porn online.
  - 37% of 18 to 24 year olds.
  - 22% of 35 to 54 year olds.

#### Conditioning

- Sexual preferences can be developed and habituated by exposure to various stimuli.
- Repeated exposure can effect sexual attitudes.
- Sexual arousal to children and/or violence can be learned and reinforced through thoughts, behavior or repeated exposure to pornographic imagery.
- Exposure to violent porn, coupled with masturbation, increases arousal to violence.

#### Meta-Analysis of the Published Research on the Effect of Pornography (Paolucci, et al, 2007)

- Meta-analysis redirected the debate to an "empirical platform."
- Results suggest the exposure produces a variety of "substantial negative outcomes."
- Users suffer increased risk for:
  - Sexual deviancy, sexually criminal, or aggressive attitudes and behavior (31-37%).
  - Increased intimacy disorders (20-39% increase).

Are cognitive distortions associated with denial and minimization among sex offenders? (Nunes & Jung, 2012)

" Sexual crimes are acts of secrecy, and denial is a place where offenders often seek psychological refuge."

Mean Accuracy Scores
(Telling Lies) Eckman. 1969-2008

Federal officers "CIA"	80.0	66.1
Sheriff's "best"	77.7	55.8
Forensic psychologists	71.0	63.9
Clinical psychologists	64.3	59.8
Federal Judges	60.9	63.1
Academic psychologists	57.0	58.4
Mixed LEA	47.8	53.9

		Sexual Interest in Children	
·		of college women reported at least one sexual experience that met th ria for sexually abusing a child (Fromuth & Conn, 1997)	e
•		of college students admitted they felt "more attracted" to children the s adults (Smith, 1993 & 2011)	an
•	mast	of male adults admitted sexual fantasies about children, 5% admitted turbating to those fantasies and 7% indicated they would have sex w Iren if there we no sanctions (Briere & Runtz, 1989).	/ith
•	repo fanta	% of adult males expressed a sexual interest in prepubescent children rted sexual fantasies about children, 6% admitted masturbating to asies about children and <b>4% admitted sexual contact with children</b> rs,2011).	ז, 9%
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#### **More Recent Studies**

• 4% of German men reported sexual fantasies about having sex with pre-pubescent children (Dombert, 2016).

- **4.2%** of Swedish men reported they were likely to have sex with a child under 10 (Seto, 2015).
- 3.5% of American men endorsed fantasies, masturbation and sexual attraction to children and 6% reported that they would have sex with a child if they were guaranteed they would not be punished (Wurtele, Simons & Noreno, 2014).
- 10.4% of American men reported sexual interest in children and
   3% men reporting having sex with children (Ahlers, 2011).

Sexual Interest in Children Among an Online Sample of Men and Women: Prevalence and Correlates (Wurtele, Simons and Moreno, 2014)

- Nearly 10% of male and 4% of female adults reported sexual interest in pre-pubescent children.
  - Likelihood of having sex with a child if they would not get caught
  - Fantasy and/or masturbation to sex between adults/children
  - Interest in or experience with viewing CP

#### The Nature and Scope of Child Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church (Terry, 2008)

- Study commissioned by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002.
  - John Jay College of Criminal Justice collected records from 99% of all US Catholic Diocese/Eparchies 64% of "religious communities."
  - Cases reportedly took place between 1950 and 2002.
- Confirmed that 4%, (3% and 6% depending on jurisdiction) of all priests had sexually abused children.
  - Fewer than 3% (132) of the offending priests (4,392) were convicted.

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#### How Many Are Out There? (Child Sex Offenders)

- 5% of the male population (1 in 20 men) suffer from pedophilia (Seto, 2008).
- 4% to 7% "Dunkelfeld" (male and females combined) offenders in population (Abel, 2012).

#### Self-Reported Sexual Assault in Convicted Sex Offenders and Community Men (Widman, Olson & Bolen, 2013)

- 40 sex offenders
- 68% admitted sexual offending
- 49 community men
  - 59% admitted coercing/manipulating/ intimidating a woman into sex.
  - 14% admitted attempting or succeeding in forcibly raping a woman.

#### Repeat Rape and Multiple Offending Among Undetected Rapists (Lisak & Miller, 2002)

- 1882 urban college males
- Self report survey and interview
- 120(6.4%) admitted acts of rape or attempted rape (more than 1 in 20).
- Of the 120, 76 (63%) admitted multiple rapes.
  - 2 to 50 completed rapes
  - Average 6 completed rapes
  - An average of 3 child sex abuse victims each and nearly all admitted PA of children.

#### Sexual Crimes Among Males

- 5% to 33% of males have committed at least one sexual offense (Grotpellier & Elliot, 2002; Koss, 1987; Lisak & Miller, 2002, Abbey, et al. 2001).
- 1% to 2% of the adult male population will be convicted of a sexual crime (California Office of the Attorney General, 2004; P Marshall, 1997).
- Between 5% and 10% of adult males have molested children (Lewis, 1986 & DOJ, 1997).
- As of May 2017, one in74 males in Oregon was a registered sex offender (NCMEC, 2017).

#### Registration and Closure of Stranger-Perpetrated Sex Crimes Reported to Police (Bierie and Budd, 2021)

"Comparing closure speeds from before and after registration began in each state, multivariate survival models showed incidents of stranger-perpetrated sexual assaults were cleared 23% to 28% faster post registration."

#### Women that Molest Children (Carson, 2006)

- Teacher/Lover "Mary Kay Letourneau" offender seeks a loving sexual relationship with victim, usually an adolescent male who is troubled and needy.
- Seducer- "Debra LaFave" offender seduces victim for lust, power, revenge, or simply recreational sex.
- Molester -Abuses younger children, possible own children, aroused to children, more likely pedophilic, personal abuse history.
- Helper -Offender aids or collaborates with another person to offend, may procure victims, observe, or actively participate
- Coerced -In abusive relationship, dominated or controlled by another person, past victim of abuse.

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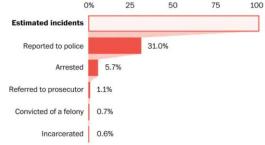
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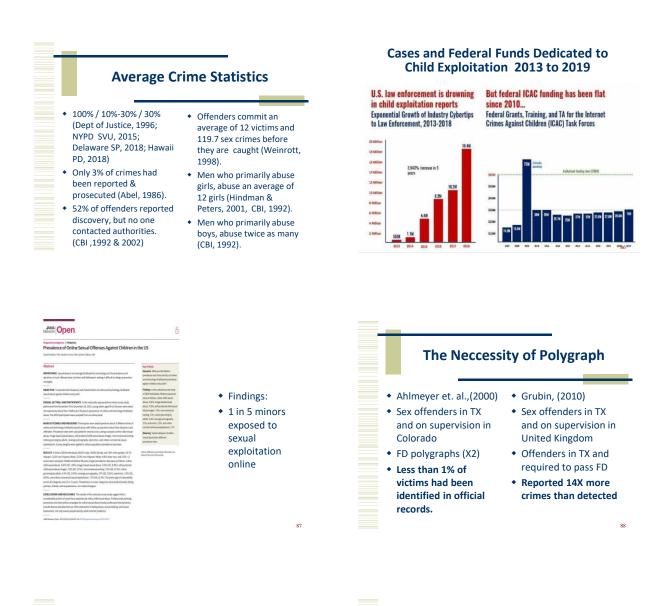
- We reinterpret our behavior to normalize it and make it more palatable to others and ourselves.
- We downplay personal responsibility to minimize the wrongfulness/harm done.
- We don't want deviant behavior to be our identity.
- Being labeled as a "child molester, pedophile or sex offender brings fear, disgust and suspicion to the offender and those around him.
- 70% deny their crimes during the investigation.
- 30% of convicted/ incarcerated sex offenders deny offending and the remainder minimize or justify their behavior (Hood, 2005).



- Attempted to match samples with DNA in a Federal data base.
  Discovered that 40% had matches to two or more (2 to 15)
- SAK DNA samples or arrests for rapes logged into the Federal system for an average of 3.27 additional reported rapes.
- Authors recommend that "police approach sexual assault investigation as suspected serial, rather than isolated incidents."



Source: Analysis of 2010-2014 Justice Dept. figures by Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network THE WASHINGTON POST 84



#### Using Polygraph Testing to Assess Deviant Sexual History of Sexual Offenders (O'Connell , 1998 & 2000)

- Average of 28 deviant sexual incidents in official records.
- Clinical interview increased number to 65 incidents.
- An average of 198 incidents disclosed after polygraph
- Mean number of felony sex offenses reported in referral reports was 22.
- 24 disclosed during clinical interview
- 45 more disclosed during polygraph.
- Mean of 7 types of DSB disclosed
- 30% admitted 9 or more DSB

# The Impact of polygraph on admissions of victims and offense in adult sex offenders (Ahlmeyer, Heil, McKee and English, 2000)

	PSIR	1 <sup>st</sup> Polygraph	2 <sup>nd</sup> Polygraph
Age at onset	28	23	12
Number of SA victims	2	48	49
Number of incidents	5	225	227
Additional "hands off" victims (peeping, exposing, theft of underwear, obscene phone calls.	37	48	53
Victims of frottage	N/A	47	59

Offender M	of Polygraph Te lanagement (En atrick and Coole	glish, Jones,
Profile of Behavior	Pre-polygraph	Post-polygraph
Male Victims	20%	39%
Female Victims	89%	95%
Both Male and Female Victims	9%	35%
Child Victims	95%	99%
Adult Victims	14%	44%
Both Child and Adult Victims	10%	38%
Perpetrated Against More Than One Age Group	52%	84%

in a Sample of British Sex Offenders in Treatment (Wilcox, et al., 2005)		
	Pre-polygraph	Post Polygraph
Age of onset	28	13
Number of contact offense per offender	37	82
Number of non-contact offenses per offender	26	81
Intra-familial and extra- familial victims	33%	66%
Cross over between non- contact offending and	29%	93%

Sexual History Disclosure using the Polygraph

#### Th<mark>e U</mark>tility of Polygraph with Sex Offenders in England (Wilcox and Donathy, 2008)

- Age of onset, as determined by official records, was 28.
  - Post polygraph and treatment, age of onset dropped to 13.
- Number of paraphilias at intake was 2-4
  - Post polygraph and treatment, number of paraphilias increased to 6.
- Number of victims and number of crimes increased by 3 X to 5 X original disclosures.

#### The dark figure of sexual offending: new evidence from federal sex offenders (DeLisi, et al. 2016)

 After beginning specialized treatment in various programs, sex offenders initially under-reported the number of sex crimes by 5-8X to 75X

contact offending

- Typical number of child victims was 8 to 13
- Average number of events per victim was 10
- 80 to 130 crimes



#### Crossover

"Classification of a sex offender based on their current victim selection may inappropriately narrow the focus of investigation and underestimate the presumed level of risk, facilitating their access to a wider range of potential victims."

Kleban et al., 2018

Assessing crossover in a sample of sexual offenders with multiple victims (Cann, Friendship & Gozna, 2010)

File reviews of 1,345 sex offender prison release files revealed crossover in age group, gender or relationship to victim in 24.5% of cases.

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#### An Exploration of Crossover Sexual Offending (Kleban, et al., 2012)

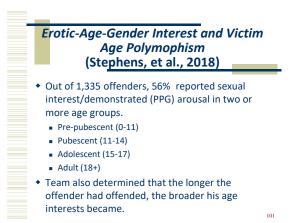
- Archival records of 789 incarcerated sex offenders with multiple "known" victims
  - 13% had victims of both genders
  - 14% had victims from different age groups
  - 13% had victims from varying relationship categories
- Archival records of offenders with multiple convictions
  - 20% had victims of both genders
  - 40% had victims from different age groups
- 48% had victims from varying relationship categories



- Age/gender/relationship cross-over
- Australian study of 128 offenders in outpatient treatment (no polygraph)
- 63% disclosed cross over in victim type
  - 48% in age group (-5) (6-12) & (13+)
  - 22% in gender
  - 26% in relationship

Victim Crossover Index Offending Patterns and Predictors in a Portuguese Sample (Saramago, Cardoso & Leal, 2018)

- Index (official) crime reports only with 2 or more victims
- 48% crossover in age groups
  - Minors under 10
  - **11-14**
  - 15-17
  - 18+



Repeat Rape and Multiple Offending Among Undetected Rapists (Lisak & Miller, 2002) 100

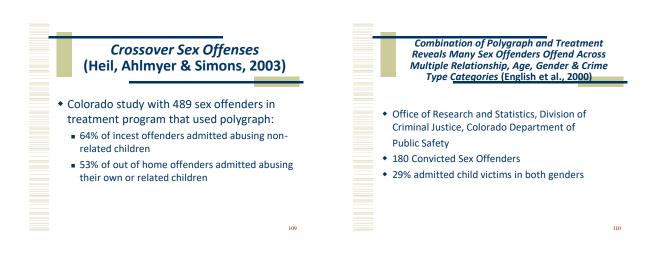
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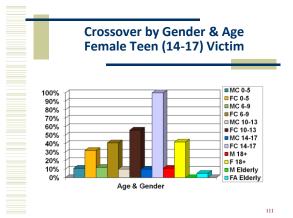
 Of the 120 rapists, the 76 repeat rapists also admitted an average of 14 interpersonal violent acts.

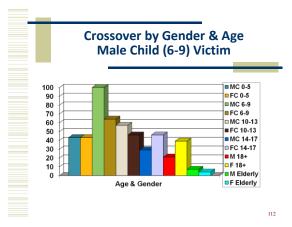


- Offenders with child victims under six, had
   3X the likelihood of victims in both gender groups.
- children in both genders, it was **3X** more likely that he had "very young child victims."
- "Very young" = infants, toddlers, pre-school.

- 66% of incest offenders admitted out of home child victims (Abel, 1992).
- Polygraph
  - 69% of intra-familial offenders offended outside the home (O'Connell, 1998).
  - 64% of men whose convictions were related to "incest" also admitted abusing children outside of the home (Heil et al., 2003).









- Studies that included self report data indicated that approximately 55% admitted previous crimes and 1 in 8 online offenders had previous reports/arrests for hands on crimes. (Seto, Hanson & Babchishin, 2010).
- Pre-sentence Investigation Reports indicated that 46% of the men had "hands on crimes." After treatment and polygraph examination, 80% admitted hands on crimes against an average of 27 child victims each. (Hernandez, 2000).
- After polygraph and treatment 85% of CO offenders admitted hands-on sex crimes against children (Bourke & Hernandez, 2008).

The use of tactical polygraph with sex offenders. (Bourke, Fragomeli, Detar, Sullivan, Meyle & Riordan, 2014)

	Suspects	Victims
Initial interview	6	10
Pre-test (poly) interview	26	102
Post-test (poly) interview	41	170
Total hands on victims	73	282

#### Langevin & Cumoe, 2004

- One quarter of 181 sex offenders with unrelated child victims used pornography.
  - 50% showed pornography to victims
  - 30% took pictures of victims
  - 9 men involved children in distributing porn.

#### How Many Undetected Crimes Do Sex Offenders Commit?

- Only 3% of crimes had been reported
   & prosecuted
  - Self-reported crimes of nonincarcerated paraphiliacs. Abel, 1986.
- 12 victims/120 individual sexual crimes per "high risk" offender (no poly).
- Self-Report of Crimes Committed by Sex Offenders. Weinrott & Saylor, 1998.
- 198 individual sexual crimes per "low risk" offender
- Using Polygraph Testing to Assess Deviant Sexual History of Sexual Offenders. O'Connell, 1998

#### Average of 72 incidents of abuse by juvenile sex offenders.

- The Effect of Polygraph on the Self-Report of Adolescent Sex Offenders Emerick and Dutton, 1993.
- Average of 12 victims per offender Polygraph Testing Leads to Better
- Understanding of Adult and Juvenile Sex Offenders (Hindman, J. & Peters, J., 2001)
- Typical number of child victims was 8 to 13 and average number of events per victim was 10
- The dark figure of sexual offending. new evidence from federal sex offenders. DeLisi, et al. 2016.

# Number of victims/crimes and crossover or "crime switching"

- 63% of offenders self-reported cross over in one or more category (Sim and Proeve, 2010).
- Polygraph studies indicated that 65% to 70% of offenders sexually abuse children and adults (Heil, 2003 & O'Connell, 1998).
- 64%-74% of "incest offenders abuse extra-familial children. (Weinrott & Saylor, 1991; O'Connell, 1998; Heil et al., 2003) and 53% of extra-familial offenders abused their own children (O'Connell, 1998).
- 30% to 60% abuse boys and girls. (Abel & Osborn, 1992 & Heil, 2003).
   40% to 60% statutory rape offenders abuse younger children (English, 2000).
- 55% to 85% of child pornography offenders have sexually abused children ((Hernandez, 2000; Seto, 2008; Bourke & Hernandez, 2008; Bourke, Fragomeli, Detar, Sullivan, Meyle & Riordan, 2014)

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#### Psychopaths: Another Type of Crossover Without Conscience (Hare, 2002) Snakes in Suits (Babick & Hare, 2007)

- 20% of sex offenders.
- Lack empathy, guilt, conscience and remorse.
- Grandiose sense of self-importance.
- A talent for reading people.
- Identify and play up to people's vulnerabilities.
- Charm people into submission or support.
- Can be highly successful or a drifter/moocher/parasitic.
- May be prone to stimulus/thrill seeking.
- Low tolerance for frustration.

# The Million Dollar Question: How Many Re-offend?

- How many do we catch in the first place?
- Which ones are you talking about?
- What do you mean by re-offend?
- In what length of time?
- Whose data/which studies should we rely on?
- How many will be caught when they re-offend?

High-risk sex offenders may not be high risk forever. (Hanson, Harris, Helmus and Thornton, 2014)

- 7740 adult sex offenders from 21 samples
- 20 year follow-up
- Recidivism rates were highest in first few years following release (22% for high risk within 5 years)
- Overall recidivism was 16% over 15 years.
  - Recidivism rate for low risk offenders was 5%
  - Recidivism rate for high risk offenders was 32%



- "worse of the worse." Included reports, arrests, referrals to CPS and convictions and self reports. Also collected data from 2 Canadian data collection sources.
- Beggs& Grace (2010) and Olver, Wong, Nicholaichuk & Gordon (2007) found sexual recidivism rates of 56% to 70% with high risk offenders over 10 years.

Treating sexual offenders: How did we get here and where are we headed? (Hanson, 2014)

- "The overall evidence for treatment effectiveness is weak at best" (Dennis, et al., 2012).
- "Knowing which type of treatment works for each which type of offender is still a dream" (Langstrom, et. Al., 2013).

#### The Effects of Sexual Offender Treatment on Recidivism: An International Meta-Analysis of Sound Quality Evaluations (Schmucker & Losel, 2015)

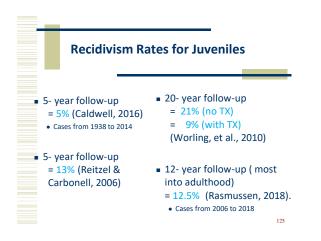
- Published in the Journal of Experimental Criminology.
- 29 studies.
- Combined sample of 10, 387 sex offenders
  - 4939 treated sex offenders
  - 5448 untreated sex offenders.
- 13.7% recidivism rate for untreated group
- 10.1% recidivism rate for treated group
- Overall different was 3.6%
- "...the evidence basis for sex offender treatment is not yet satisfactory."

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Rates of Detected Recidivism
TX versus No TX

	Sample size	Untreated	Treated
Hanson, 2002	9,454	16.8%	12.3%
Losel, 2005	22,181	17.5%	11.1% (6.4%)
Hansen, 2009	4,724	10.9%	8.3%
Schmucker, 2015	10,387	13.7%	10.1%
Gannon, 2019 (in press)	55,604 (1/3 SO)	9.5%	4.6%
		1 in 5/10	1 in 10/20



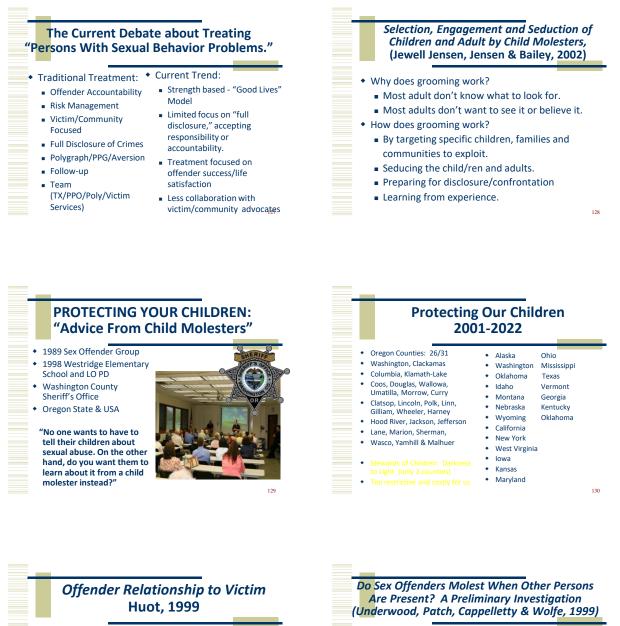
# **Effective Treatment**

#### Doesn't work

- Psychotherapy
- Addiction models
- Family systems
- Christian counseling
- Time limited counseling

#### Does work

- ٠ Correctional based
- Poly TX PPO
- "Criminal sexual behavior"
- Cognitive- behavioral PPG/Arousal control
- Risk management model
- Support group/family involvement
- Long term follow-up



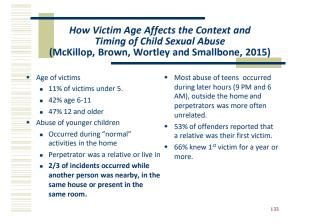
- 1652 sex offenders
  95% were child
- molesters.
- Majority of victims under 12 years old.

٠	<b>Biological parent</b>	16%
٠	Stepparent	14%
٠	Other relative	16%
	(Grand, uncle, sib)	
٠	Friend of parent	26%
•	Person in authority (clergy, teacher,	22%

- coach) • Stranger 05%
- Other 01%

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- 131 adult SOs
- 55% of the child molesters reported molesting children when another child was present
- 24% molested when another adult was present (but unaware)
- 14% molested when another adult and another child were present
- 25% molested when another child was in the same bed
- 12% molested when another adult was in the bed
   77% said offending with others
- 77% said offending with others present made it "more exciting" and gave them a sense of "mastery"
- 75% said they were being "too compulsive to inhibit desires
- 39% said they were "stupid."



#### Research on Grooming 80's to now

- How Sex Offenders "Lure" Children (Lang & Frenzel, 1988)
   What Sex Offenders Tell Us About
- Prevention Strategies (Conte, Wolf & Smith, 1989) • Modus Operandi: Accuracy in selfreported use of threats and coercion. (Kaufman et al. 1993)
- Child Sexual Abuse Prevention: What Offenders Tell Us.
   (Elliot & Brown, et al., 1995)
- Child Sexual Abuse: Offender Characteristics and Modus Operandi (Smallbone & Wortley, 2001)

#### Selection, Engagement and Seduction of Children and Adult by Child Molesters, (Jewell Jensen, Jensen & Bailey, 2002)

- A comparative study of demographic data related to intra –and extrafamilial child sexual abusers and professional perpetrators. (Sullivan & Beech, 2004)
- Modus Operandi of Sexual Offenders Working or Doing Volunteer Work with Children and Adolescents (Leclerc, et al. 2005
- Examining the modus operandi of sexual offenders against children and it's practical implication (Leclerec, et al. 2009) 134

Source	Definitions of Sexual Grooming		
Salter (1995)	"The establishment (and eventual betrayal) of affection and trust occupies a central role in the child molester's interactions with children." (p. 74)		
Howitt (1995)	"Groomingthe steps taken by pedophiles to 'entrap' their victims and is in some way analogous to adult courtship." (p. 176)		
Leberg (1997)	"The offender's plan to make the victim less likely to resist, to make others unaware of what he is doing, or even to make them likely to help him, without their knowledge, to molest a child." (p. 25		
Gallagher (1999)	"Entrapmentinvolves the use of an array of material, illicit and emotional 'inducements' to draw children into abusive situations and increases their difficulty in disclosing." (p. 359)		
McAlinden (2007)	"The process by which a would-be abuser skillfully manipulates a child into a situation where he or she can be more readily sexually abused and is simultaneously less likely to disclose." (p. 86)		
Brackenridge (2001)	"The process by which a perpetrator isolates and prepares an intended victim." (p. 35)		
Gillespie (2002)	"The process by which a child is befriended by a would-be abuser in an attempt to gain the child's confidence and trust, enabling them to get the child to acquiesce to abusive activity." (p. 411-412		
Spiegel (2003)	"The process of predisposing a boy to sexual abuse by means of subtle or blatant interactions that lead to boundary diffusion and role confusion." (p. 139)		
Craven, Brown, & Gilchrist (2006)	"A process by which a person prepares a child, significant others, and the environment for the abuse o this child. Specific goals include gaining access to the child, gaining the child's compliance, and maintaining the child's secrecy to avoid disclosure. This process serves to strengthen the offender's abusive pattern, as it may be used as a means of justifying or denying their actions." (p. 297)		
Sheldon & Howitt (2007)	"The sequence of behaviors employed by the offender in order to make the victim less resistant to the eventual sexual abuse." (p. 58-59)		
Knoll (2010)	"Process by which sex offender carefully initiate and maintain sexually abusive relationships with children. Grooming is a conscious, deliberate, and carefully orchestrated approach used by the offender. The goal of grooming is to permit a sexual encounter and keep it a sercet." [0, 374]		
McAlinden (2012)	(1) The use of a variety of manipulative and controlling techniques (2) with a vulnerable subject (3 a range of inter-personal and social settings (4) in order to establish trust or normalise sexually harmful behaviour (5) with the overall and in of facilitating explosition and/or prohibiting exposu		
Bennett &O'Donohue (2014)	"Antecedent inappropriate behavior that functions to increase the likelihood of future sexual abuse." (p. 969)		



#### Examining the modus operandi of sexual offenders against children and it's practical implication (Leclerec, et al. 2019)

- Suggests we view sex offender behavior as a "rational choice," that occurs during all criminal acts i.e.., maximizing gain while minimizing risk of apprehension
- Evidence that offenders' MO changes with age and experience to increase success.
- Suggests a broader view of MO that incorporates victim characteristics and behavior

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#### Expertise and Sexual Offending: A Preliminary Empirical Model (Bourke, Ward and Rose, 2012)

- Examined the continuum of "novice to expert offenders."
- Victim counts ranged from 1 to 100 or more.
- For most, the primary phases of "skill acquisition" and sexual interest in children occurred early in life.
- Comparisons to skill set acquisition of burglars.
- The longer an offender operated, the more "refined" his skill set, competencies and problem solving became.
- Those who became prolific offenders gained skill through an accumulation of learning, deliberate practice, reflection and subsequent strategy reformulation.

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## **Grooming Dynamics** (Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 2016)

- Identifying and targeting victim
- Gaining trust and access
- Playing a role in the child's life
- Isolating the child
- Creating secrecy around the relationship
- Initiating sexual contact
- Controlling to maintain the relationship

#### **General Goals of Grooming**

- Gain initial cooperation of victim
- Decrease the likelihood of discovery
- Increase the likelihood of ongoing, future contact/abuse/exploitation.

#### Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Child Sex Traffickers

 "Research suggests that child sex traffickers may use strategies to recruit and retain minors that mirror the tactics used by child abusers..... and there is considerable overlap between the tactics used by child sex traffickers and the sexual grooming used by child sexual abusers to engage victims and prevent detection or disclosure" (Winters, et al., 2022).

#### Victim Selection The Sexual Grooming Model of Child Sex Trafficking (Winters, et al., 2022)

- Targeting minors based on internal and external vulnerabilities that promote susceptibility.
  - Psychological, emotional and environmental and family instabilities.
  - Low self-esteem, intellectual deficits, mental health and substance abuse problems.
  - Inhospitable home environments that induce trauma or unmet basic needs and the influence of maladaptive family members and peer groups.
  - These factors interfere with the child's ability to develop stable interpersonal attachments and healthy coping strategies.

#### Gaining Access and Isolation The Sexual Grooming Model of Child Sex Trafficking (Winters, et al., 2022)

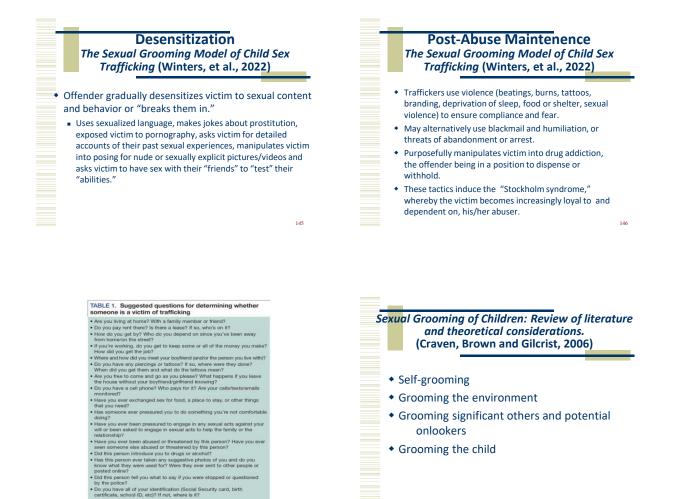
- Can involve active involvement in youth serving organizations, the manipulation of the victim's caregiver, or creating situations in which the child is separated and isolated from peers and family.
  - Can also involve the trafficker staking out homeless shelters, juvenile detention and foster care facilities and other service settings where they can establish seemingly casual contacts with at risk youth.
  - Or involve connecting with the youth through social media platforms via direct messaging.

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#### Trust Development The Sexual Grooming Model of Child Sex Trafficking (Winters, et al., 2022)

- Creates a relationship that is initially affirming and reliable, resulting in a strong sense of dependency and connectedness to the exploiter.
  - Providing youth with money, refuge and other necessities, gifts, favors, protection and support.
- Glorification of independence, rebelliousness and a "better life" that can be obtained through sex work. May confuse youth into seeing sex work as a sign of self-worth and intelligence.
- Older female victims are often used to portray a higher level of position.



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#### FBI Behavioral Analysis Unit Offender Typology – Grooming (Fifth Edition, Revision 2012)

- Identity potential target
  - Availability Vulnerability Desirability
- Gather information about needs and vulnerabilities
  - Via communication or interaction/observation with others
- Establish a connection
  - Access via relationship, activity, and/or organization (alienate or ingratiate caretakers)

#### FBI Behavioral Analysis Unit Offender Typology – Grooming

- Fill needs and vulnerabilities
  - Core grooming behaviors, influenced by offender's skill and child's reaction
- Lower inhibitions (the "pay off")
  - Introduce sexualized talk, touch, play, nudity, porn, etc.
- Preserve the process
  - Prevent disclosure, repeat victimization, encourage victim compliancy/collaboration

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#### FBI Behavioral Analysis Unit Offender Typology – Grooming

- Constellation of behaviors
- Offender supplies both emotional and tangible things, may try to fill "void" in victim's life/situation.
  - Attention, recognition, affection, kindness, romance, intimidation
  - Gifts, staples, drugs/alcohol, privileges, relax rules, allowing the forbidden, breaking down roles/boundaries that usually exist between children/adults, student/teacher, coach/player

#### FBI Behavioral Analysis Unit Offender Typology – Grooming

- Grooming is tailored to specific victims and families/agencies (via church – offender may portray self as extremely religious)
- Adolescent males
  - The 3 D's driving, drinking, dirty pictures
- Boys and girls
  - Attention, affection, assets

#### The Pedophile's Guide to Love and Pleasure: A Child-lover's Code of Conduct (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. 2010) by Phillip Greaves.

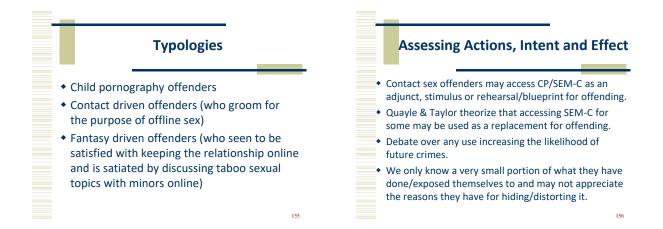
- "Pedophiles must care for and befriend their young lovers. They are concerned for the wellbeing and pleasure of their little friends, always putting the juvenile's pleasure and happiness first."
- "When Pedophiles interact with children, they do so through their own inner child and enter into an equality of personhood with their young friend."
- Some children are innately attracted to pedo/juviphilies.
- Recommend teen magazines for "handsome, fresh faces" and latex finger coits for little penises.

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#### Talking to Children About Sexual Abuse

- "Private and Special"
- "If anyone....." and it "could be anyone"
- "Touching Problems" and "Secret Touching"
- It's not a "sickness," it's more like stealing and lying.
- They use "tricks" to keep kids from telling.
- How would they "keep you from telling?
- "I won't be mad at you" and "You won't be in trouble."
- Make list of other people they can tell.
- Blend the sex abuse check-ups in with other safety talks.
- Repeat three to four times per year.

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#### Family Offenders: More or Less Dangerous?

- Chronic deception with intimate partner.
- Unique degree of access and control.
- Unique ability to undermine child's relationships, activities, and isolation.
- Unique ability to twist other people's perception of child's credibility.
- Unique ability to create greater fear of disclosure.
- Unique ability to control child's response to disclosure or detection.

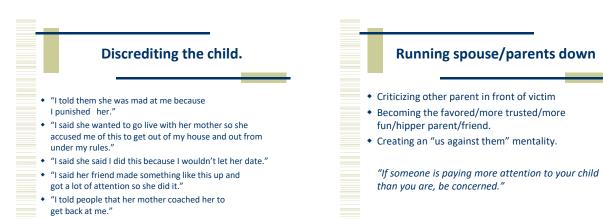
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#### Exploring Sex Offender Grooming Tanner and Brake, 2013

- Overcoming resistance
  - Normalizing the assault
  - Stepwise progression and desensitization
- Maintaining access
  - Keeping victim available
  - Social /personal position
- Minimizing disclosure
  - Bonding
  - Push/pull (emotional support and isolation from others)
  - Induce fear and guilt







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- Disabilities or other vulnerabilities.
- Indiscriminate trust of others.
- Parents who don't seem to understand normal relationship boundaries.

WHERE DO I FIND A CHILD? Single parents and moms with kids

So, where do we start from here?

This is almost ridiculously easy; find a website or a section in a magazine or paper with dating ads. Then start to search exclusive for single parent: or just pray anyone who you thin is sutable and learn if they have any kids or not. Finally sort out the best candidates for you to meet in real file on a date. When you start to date and meet these single mome, you can exercutally see who will fir you bart, as this is a long term engagement.

You can also do it in the other way: make an dating ad of yourself and emphasize in the ad that you like and appreciate children and taking care of them - in the same time as emphasizing that you appreciate the inner values of people rather than the outer. Then the e-mails might start to roll in from desperate single moms.

We want to applogine in advance for this statement: the uplier and fatter the moms. the easier it will be for you to get into that family Sorry if we offended anyone. We are not the thinnest nor prettiest people around ourselves, but this is just the plain and raw truth the goes both ways.

If you should find a partner and then realize that it did not work out like you thought it would - or the kids have grown older and you want fresh, new and mall kids again - you may separite yourself from that partner and hai/her kids, and then try again by searching for another one in the same ways 50 this is actually very easy and not that demanding. It should give you your own kids pretty fast. These dating ads are like shopping mars for child overs.



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# "Study and Befriend"

- "Everybody liked me and people were comfortable with my interactions with kids."
- "I treated them like they were adults."
- "I acted like a big kid."
- "I complimented them and bought them things."
- "I stuck up for them and helped them with their chores."
- "I never disciplined them."
- "I paid lots of attention to them and gave them lots of affection."
- "Kids liked me and adults thought I was good with kids."

# Victim Selection

- Gender and tanner stage
- Personality characteristics
- Relationship with caretakers/support system
- Protective Factors (self-esteem, assertiveness, awareness and instincts)
- Personal, physical boundaries
- Bargaining power



- Less believable
- Lower level of supervision
- Needier for attention/affection
- May have been abused "broken in" before
- Less willing to risk telling on teacher, coach, minister, favorite parent/uncle.....
- More bargaining power.....

Entrapping the Innocent: Toward A Theory of Child Sexual Predators (Olson, Daggs, Ellevold and Rogers, 2007)

- Factors offenders describe as causing children to have less supervision and/or be more vulnerable to abuse
  - Single parent home
  - Parents with substance abuse problems
  - Emotion or mental health problems
  - Marital discord or domestic violence
  - Neglectful of children in general



Children who are isolated and lack social support are more likely to engage with a person/stranger who offers acceptance.

## **Children With a History of Abuse**

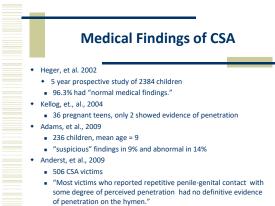
- Children who have been molested are more likely (3-6X) to be re-abused by a new offender (Finkelhor, 2007).
- Healthy adults ignore or seek help for children with sexual behavior problems.
- Offenders may sexualize children they know, or suspect, have been abused.



- The "coat in the hall closet" story.
- The "Michael Jackson" story.
- "Unfounded" versus "False"
- Divorce/custody cases.
- 2 to 12% depending on age.
- Only 4% of CSA victims have abnormal physical examinations (Heger, et. al. 2002)

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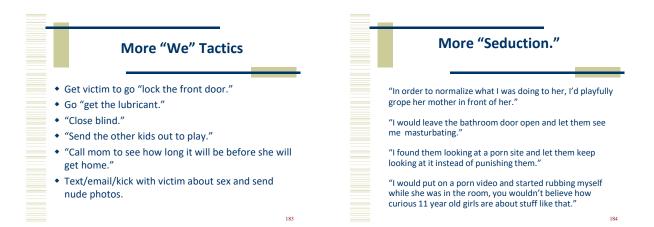




- Engagement, desensitization and sexualization.
  - Study and befriend the child.
  - Develop a peer relationship or elevate the child to an "adult status" in the relationship.
  - Promote physical contact "wrestling, hugging, tickling, kissing, massages, lap sitting and backrubs."
  - Confidence building by "over complimenting/ flattery, confiding, "sticking up for them."
  - Test child's ability to "keep secrets."
  - Expose child to sexual jokes and pornography 181

#### "I found Jesus on the way to court."

- Remorse can be faked.
- Remorse can be self-centered/self-serving.
- Angry/sad victim rejected or told on them.
- Believe victim led them on or didn't resist.
- Angry/sad they got caught and punished
- Victim was equally to blame for what happened.
- Believe they were the person most harmed.
- Don't really appreciate harm to victim.
- Angry/sad about ongoing consequences to themselves, "not a day goes by that I don't live with the consequences of what I did."



#### **Progression of Sexual Contact**

- Fondling
- French kissing, body kissing and licking, oral sex
- Digital Penetration
- Simulated or Actual Intercourse
- Orgasm
- Posing for "sexy" pictures.

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• "I told him the other students would hate him."

"I said people would blame them, and it would

Suggest "no one will believe them."

everything to come out."

hurt our family.

lose their dad."

**Keeping Children From Telling** 

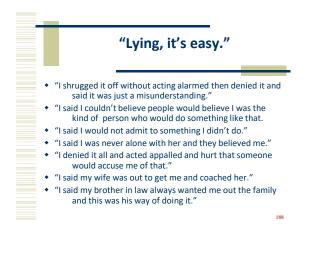
Tell them it's "not a big deal and everyone already knows."

"Rope them into doing something bad so they won't want

"I told her we would get a divorce and the other kids would

#### Seducing Adults – Exploiting our Strengths and Weaknesses.

- "My persona was upstanding, law abiding, billpaying, intelligent and kind."
- "I made myself out to be a pillar of the community"
- Verbalized "hatred" toward sex offenders.
- "I was always helpful and polite."
- I'd "set things up to make the kid look like a liar."
- If "head of the household," he may be controlling, run his wife down, interfere with her relationships with children/victims.





"I told them I'd been molested as a child."

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**Going to Court** 

- "I had my whole family believing she lied. They even wrote character letters to the Judge for me saying what an honest person I was and how they knew I would never hurt a child."
- "Most of the mothers of my victims knew about my violent side and kept their daughters from testifying."
- "I downloaded some junk about how to pass the polygraph and it worked."

#### I Knew It All Along: The Sexual Grooming Behaviors of Child Molesters and the Hindsight Bias (Winters & Jeglic, 2015)

- Without specialized training most grooming behavior is difficult to distinguish from normal adult/child interactions.
- Following detection, onlookers have an exaggerated belief that others would/should have been able to detect grooming behavior or perceive that the suspect was offending.
- Hindsight bias may be counterproductive in that it might "incite blaming of the victim's family or community for failing to act."