

# Child Sex Offenders

## Types & Recidivism Rates

# Types of Child Molesters

# 1. Deviant Arousal Pattern

Sexually attracted to children

Otherwise responsible

E.g., teachers, priests, youth leaders,  
doctors, businessmen, etc.

## 2. Antisocial Motivation

Criminals

Variety of other crimes

Want sex; violate anybody's rights

### 3. Loneliness

Relate poorly to adults

Intimidated by women

Children accepting, nonjudgmental,  
open-hearted

# Child Molesters

1. Deviant Arousal Pattern
2. Anti-social Attitudes & Beliefs  
(Includes Psychopaths)
3. Emotional Loneliness

# High Risk Sex Offenders

# Continuum of Risk

Low Risk

High Risk



51% - 62%

7% - 12%



# Hanson Meta-Analysis Recidivism

Follow-up = 4 - 5 Years

■ New Sex Offense      13%

(Hanson & Bussiere, 1998)

# Rapid Risk Assessment for Sexual Offense Recidivism (RRASOR)

- Prior Sexual Offense
- Victim Gender
- Relationship to Victim
- Age at Release

(Hanson, 1997)

# RRASOR

## Scores & Recidivism Rates

Score	5 Years	10 Years
0	4.4	6.5
1	7.6	11.2
2	14.2	21.1
3	24.8	36.9
4	32.7	48.6
5	49.8	73.1

(Hanson, 1997)

# How Many Are High Risk?

Risk Level	RRASOR		Static99
	Hanson	Nicholaichuk	Hanson
■ Low	51%	54.5%	62%
■ Medium	41%	35.6%	27%
■ High	7.3%	9.8%	12%

(Nicholaichuk et al., 1998; Hanson, 1997; Hanson et al., 1999)

# Known Offenses Vs Reconviction

Study

Arrests

Doren (1998)

27%-47% +

Song & Lieb (1995)

50% +

# Known Sexual Assaults Vs. Criminal Charges

2.4 times

(Marshall et al., 1990)

# Known Offenses Vs Caught Recidivism

5 years Follow-Up

Caught

Average

Marshall

13%

17% - 19%

31%

# RRASOR

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# Most Offenses by High Risk Offenders

70% Offenses by 5% of Offenders

(Gene Abel)

# Three Possibilities

- Caught Offenders

Low Risk: 1 offense; no repeats

High Risk: Many offenses; Many repeats

- Never Caught

# Number of Adjudications & Recidivism

## Adolescent Sex Offenders 3 year Follow-Up

No.	N	Sex Recidivism
1	452	6.2%
2	118	26.3%
3	37	35.1%
4 +	29	41.4

(Epperson, 2005)

# ATSA Collaborative Study

## Recidivism Data

	Treated	Untreated	Odds Ratio
Only current programs			
Sexual	9.9%	17.4%	.60
General	32.3%	51.3%	.57

# Psychopathy: Treatment

# Psychopathy & Treatment

Non  
Psychopaths

Treated 22%

Untreated 39%

(Harris, Rice et al., 1994)

# Psychopathy & Treatment

## Psychopaths

Treated	77%
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Untreated	55%
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(Harris, Rice et al., 1994)



# Characteristics of Studies

117 Studies

N = 442,471

(Smith, 2002)

# Impact of Incarceration on Recidivism

N = 268,806

68% American Studies

No Change in Recidivism  
or Slight Increase in Recidivism

(Smith, 2002)

# Incarceration: More or Less

N = 107,165

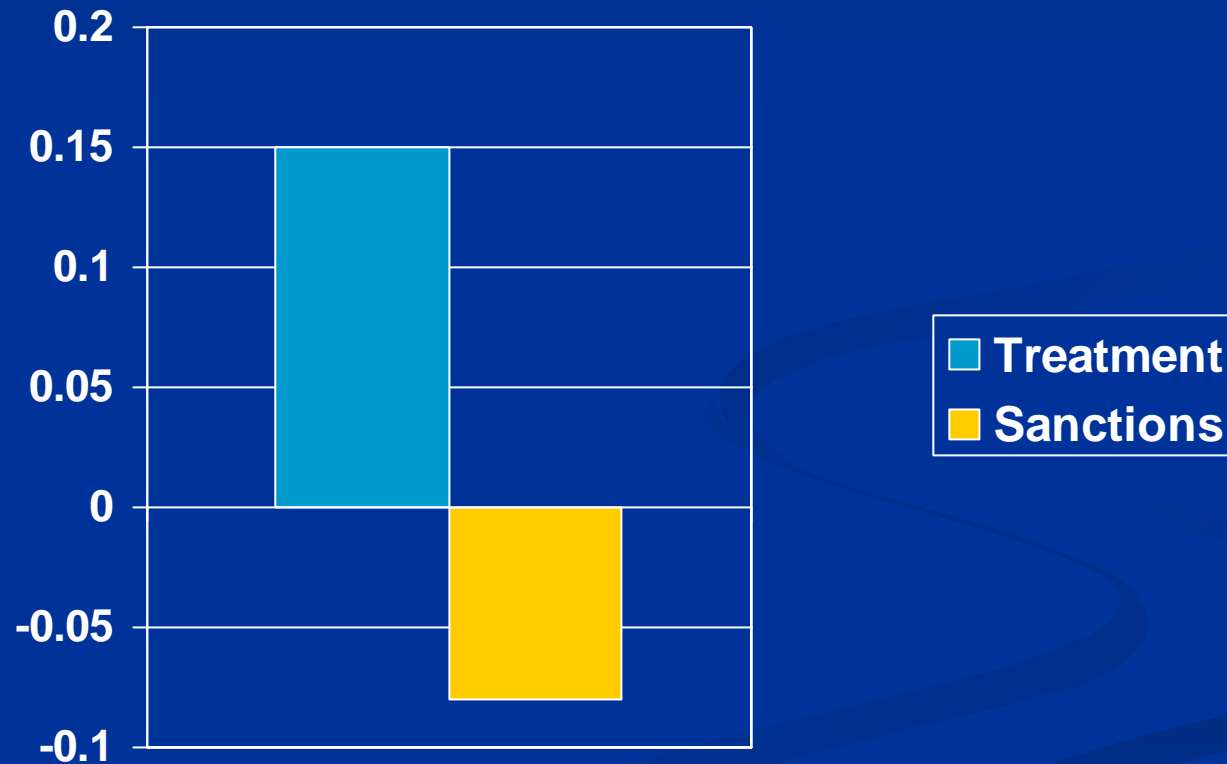
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Lengthier Sentences

Slight Increase in Recidivism

(Smith, 2002)

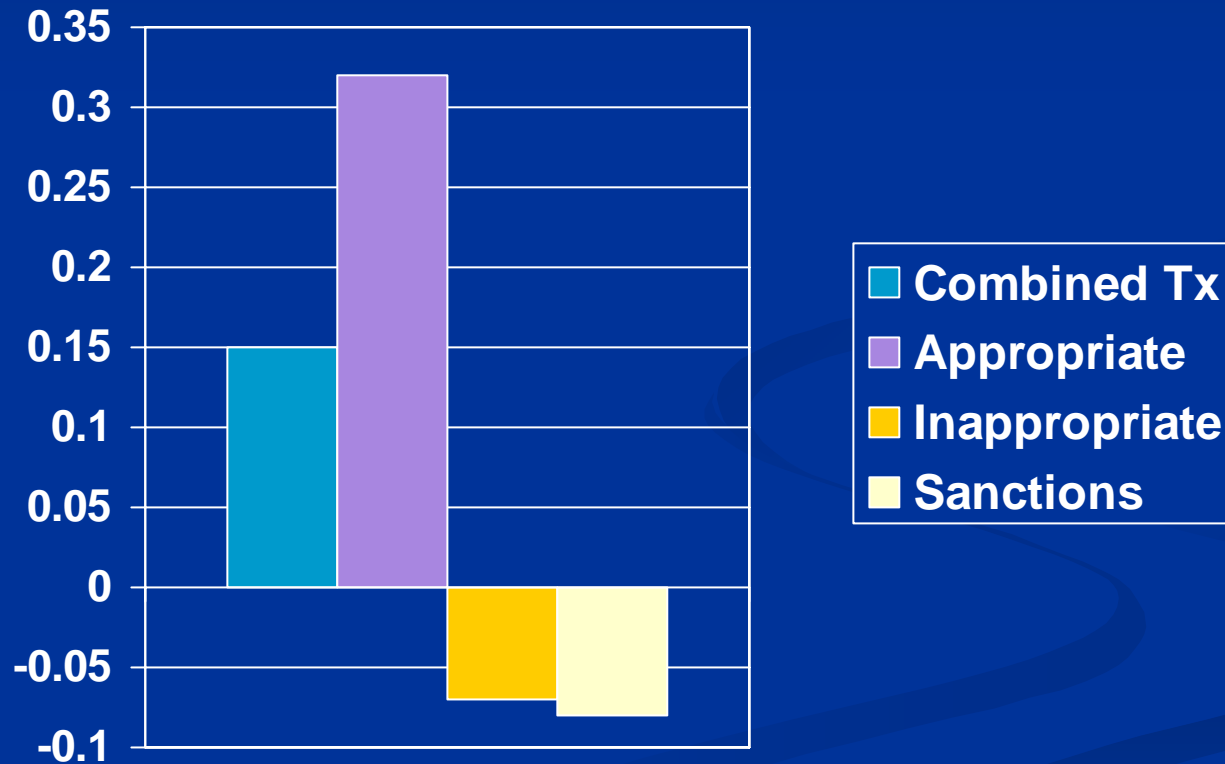
# Impact of Treatment Vs. Sanctions (Andrews, 1998)



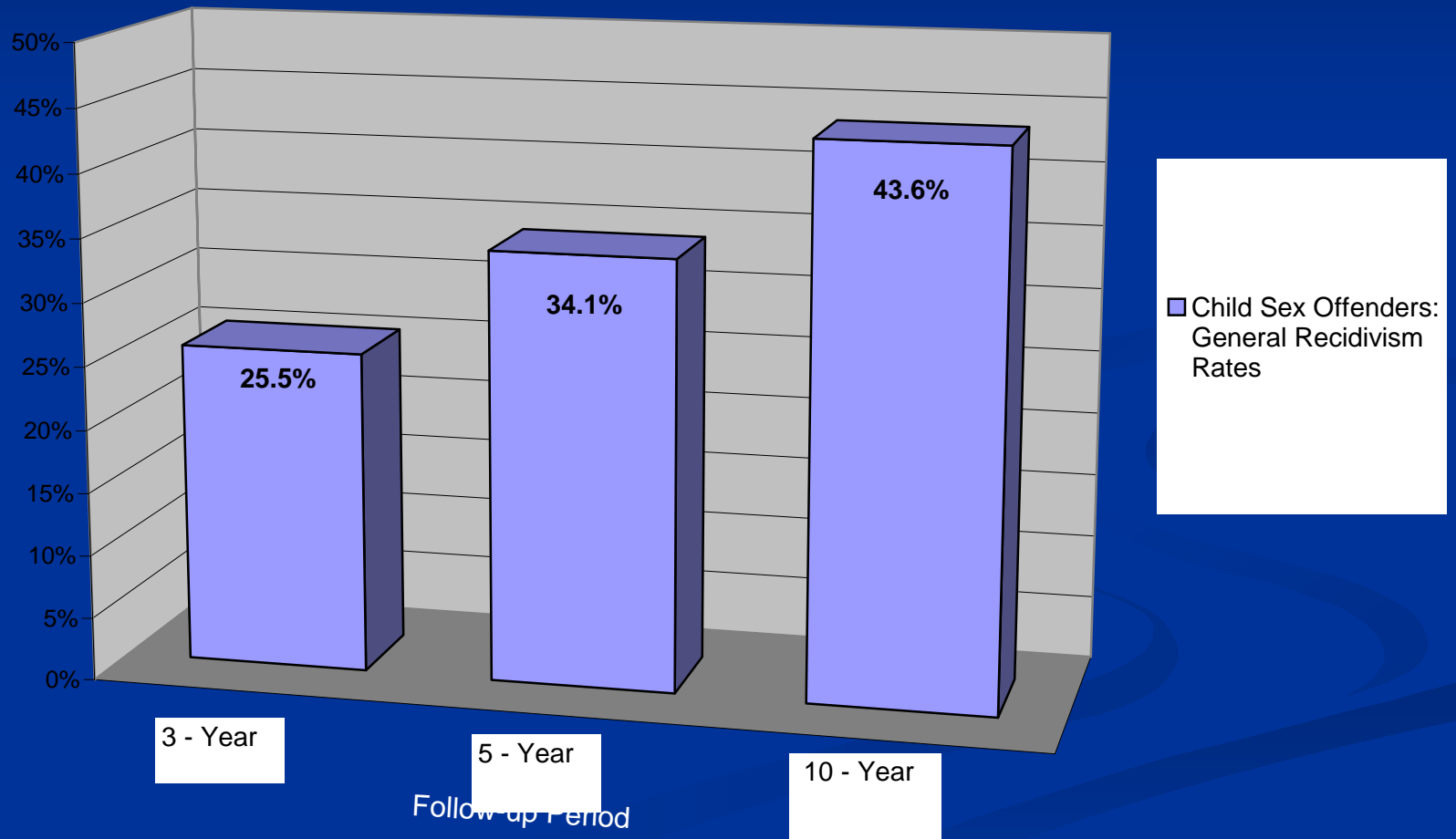
“All meta-analyses on offender treatment  
have a positive mean effect size.”

(Losel, 1995)

# Impact of Appropriate Vs. Inappropriate Treatment (Andrews, 1998)



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