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# ***Developing Tribal Resources for Supervising and Intervening with Native American Domestic Violence Offenders***

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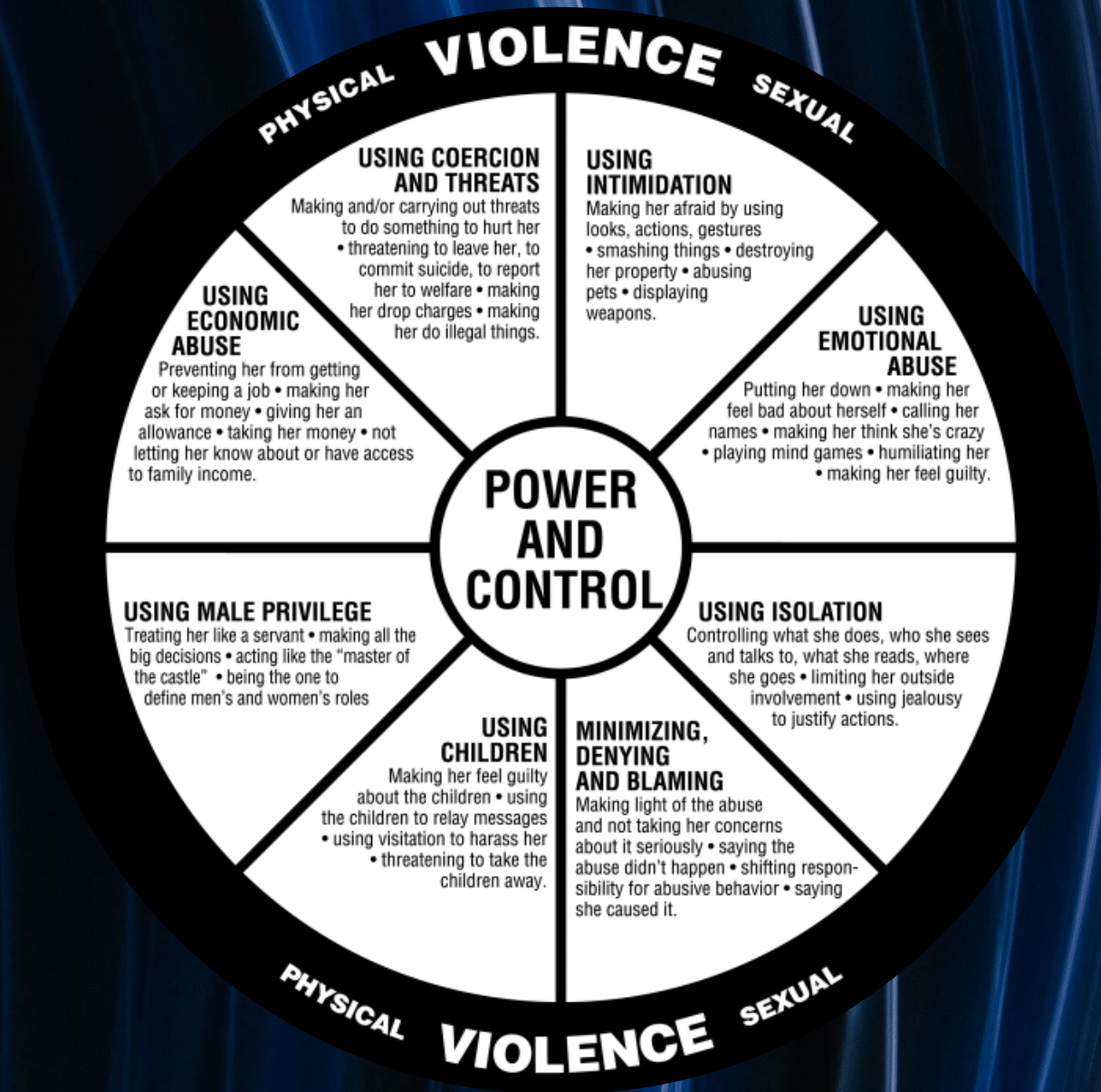
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# Learning Objectives

- ✓ Learn about domestic violence offender characteristics and dynamics.
- ✓ Identify best practice strategies to supervise and treat this population.
- ✓ Understand how the use of risk assessment and identification of risk factors can assist with the development of probation strategies and contact standards for this population.



# Power and Control Wheel



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# Domestic Violence Statistics

- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of domestic violence
- 1 in 5 homicides in the US involves domestic violence
- More than 50% of female homicide victims were as a result of domestic violence

*CDC, 2017*

- 1 in 15 children are exposed to domestic violence, and 90% witness the violence directly

*NCADVD, 2023*

# Native American Domestic Violence Statistics

- 4 of 5 Native American adults have experienced some form of violence, including domestic violence
- Equates to 3 million Native Americans experiencing violence
- 50% of Native Americans indicate the need for health or legal services, but only 38% of them were able to get services

*NIJ, 2023*

# Strangulation and Homicide

- Use correct terminology: strangulation, not choking
- 3-10% of DV cases include strangulation

*Sorenson et al., 2014*

- Non-fatal strangulation more likely to lead to attempted or completed homicide than DV not involving strangulation

*Glass et al., 2007*

- Significant risk factor: Assess for safety



# Domestic Violence Dynamics



# Generalists Vs. Specialists

*Piquero, et al., 2006*

“Regarding specialization, the official record data indicates that few SARP domestic violence offenders have been specializing exclusively in violence. We were certainly able to identify many offenders with violence in their official criminal histories, but the overwhelming majority of these individuals also committed nonviolent offenses.”

*Richards et al., 2014*

“The results from this study indicated that more than half of the participants in the sample were rearrested for domestic violence (51.5%) and/or nondomestic violence (55.6%) over the 10-year follow-up period. This is consistent with prior research demonstrating that individuals who are arrested for domestic violence are often repeat offenders (Piquero et al., 2006).”

***Domestic violence offenders do not tend to specialize in domestic violence.***



# Domestic Violence Offender Recidivism

- 15% committed a new crime of violence within a 27-month follow-up period
- 33% committed a new crime of any type within a 25-month follow-up period

*Yu et al., 2023*

# Three Principles

*Andrews & Bonta 2010*



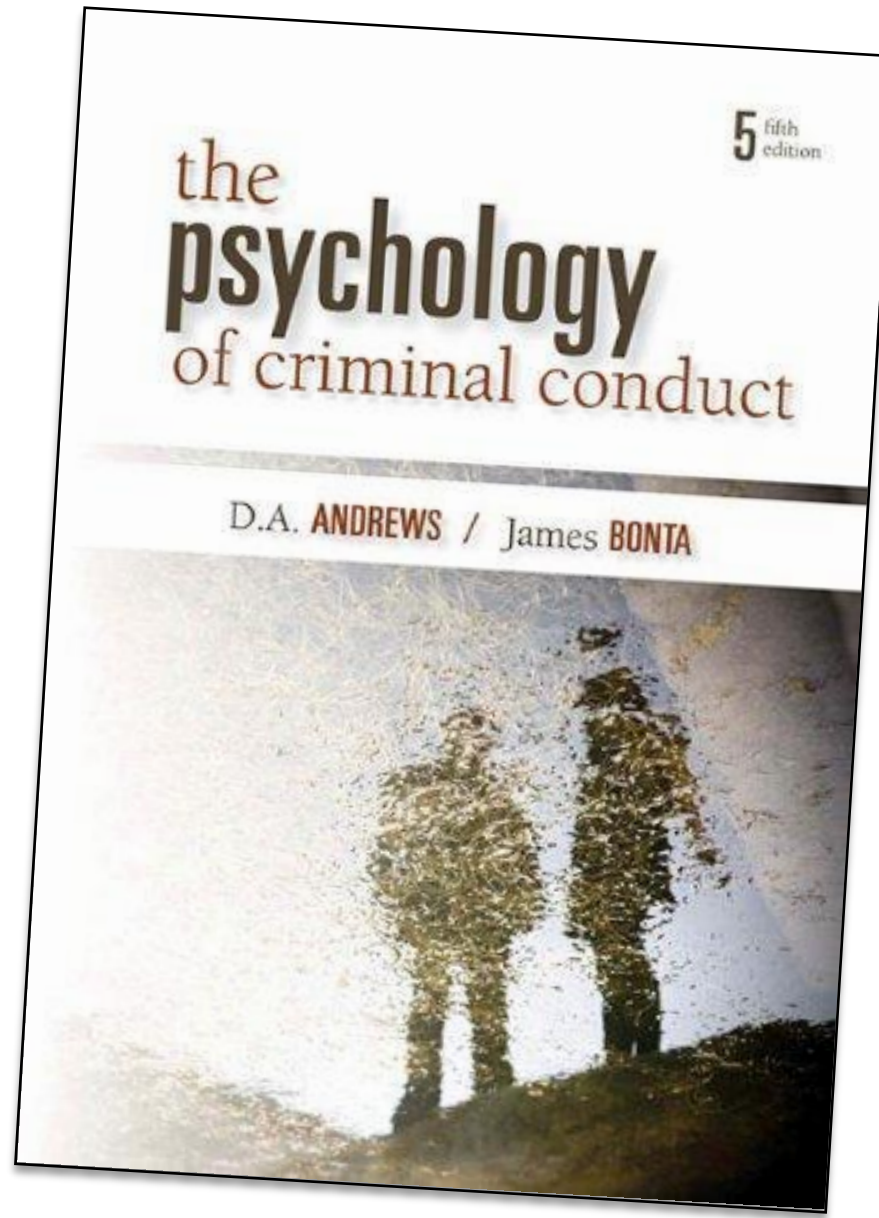
Risk



Need



Responsivity



# Principles of RNR Model

*Andrews & Bonta 2010*



## Risk Principle

**WHO** to target  
for intervention



## Need Principle

**WHAT** to target  
for intervention



## Responsivity Principle

**HOW** to target  
for intervention



# Intimate Partner Violence Risk Assessments Validity

Title	Type	Validity (AUC)
Domestic Violence Risk and Needs Assessment (DVRNA)	Actuarial	0.63
Spousal Assault Risk Assessment (SARA)	SPJ	0.52-0.65
Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment (ODARA) / Domestic Violence Risk Appraisal Guide (DVRAG)	Actuarial	0.64-0.70
Domestic Violence Screening Instrument (DVSI), DVSI-R	Actuarial	~0.61
Danger Assessment Tool (DA)	SPJ	0.59 – 0.92
Kingston Screening Instrument for Domestic Violence	Actuarial	0.537

# Colorado Domestic Violence Risk and Needs Assessment

*5th Edition*

# DVRNA Overview

- Purpose:
  - Classify offenders by risk
  - Justify change in level of treatment
- Validity: Face and content validity with all domains based on research. Predictive validity pending report completion.
- Criminogenic Needs: 8 of the 14 factors are dynamic

# DVRNA Structure

DOMAIN	RISK ITEMS	CRITICAL / SIGNIF ITEMS
A. Prior DV Incidents	5	1 critical, 4 significant
B. Drug/Alcohol Abuse	3	3 significant
C. Mental Health Issues	7	7 significant
D. Suicide/Homicide Concern	3	1 critical
E. Weapons Concerns	3	2 critical
F. Non-DV Criminal Hx.	6	2 critical
G. Obsession Victim	2	
H. Safety Concerns	7	
I. Violence Toward Family	3	
J. Attitudes Support DV	2	
K. Prior DV Tx	1	
L. Victim Separated <6mths	1	
M. Unemployed	1	
N. Pro-criminal Influences	2	Both required
<b>14 Risk Domains</b>	<b>46 Items</b>	<b>6 Critical &amp; 14 Significant</b>

# Intimate Partner Assessment of Lethality (Jacquelyn Campbell, 2008)

## *The Danger Assessment*

- Approximately, 67%-80% of intimate partner homicides involve physical abuse of the female by the male before the murder.
- Both the abuser's access to a firearm and abuser's use of illicit drugs were strongly associated with domestic violence homicide.
- Increase in severity and frequency of abuse over time increases the likelihood of domestic violence homicide.



# Domestic Violence Criminogenic Needs

**Antisocial  
Attitudes,  
Beliefs &  
Values**

**Antisocial  
Behavior  
Patterns**

**Antisocial  
Peers &  
Associates**

**Antisocial  
Personality &  
Temperament  
Factors**

**Family/Marital  
Stressors**

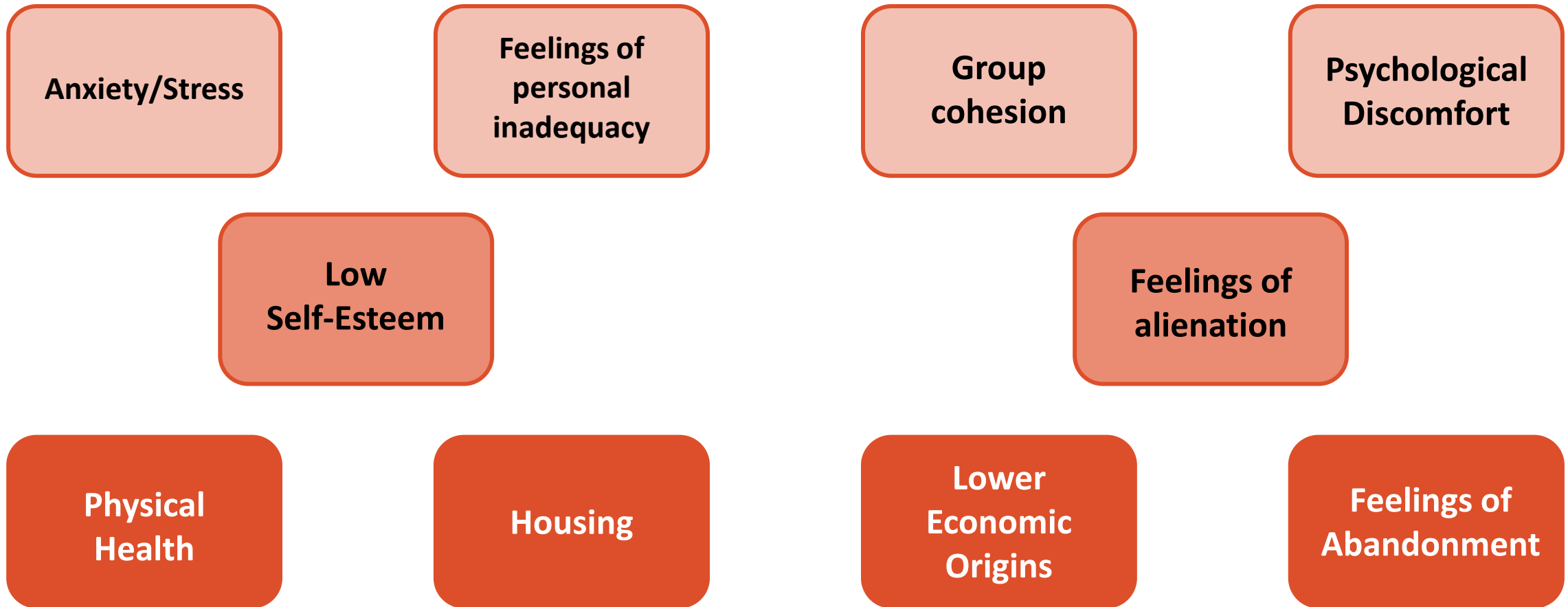
**Substance  
Abuse**

**Education/  
Employment**

**Leisure  
Activities**

# Domestic Violence Non-Criminogenic Needs

Source: [https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Examples-of-offenders-criminogenic-and-non-criminogenic-needs\\_tbl1\\_247500366](https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Examples-of-offenders-criminogenic-and-non-criminogenic-needs_tbl1_247500366)



# Batterer Intervention Programs

*Reference: Boal & Mankowski, 2014b*

- Proliferation of Batterer Intervention Programs (BIPs)
- Estimated 5 million men enrolled in BIPs annually today
- Estimated 3,000 programs in the United States





# Ineffective Treatment

- Anger management
- Couples counseling
- Family counseling
- General mental health treatment



# Effective Offender Management Strategies

- Incorporate a victim-centered approach
- Include victim's needs in the planning process.
- Maintain the offender's role in taking accountability for their actions.
- Don't jeopardize the safety of victims, offenders or community members by promoting a false sense of security or an overreaction to possible risks.



# Establishing a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)

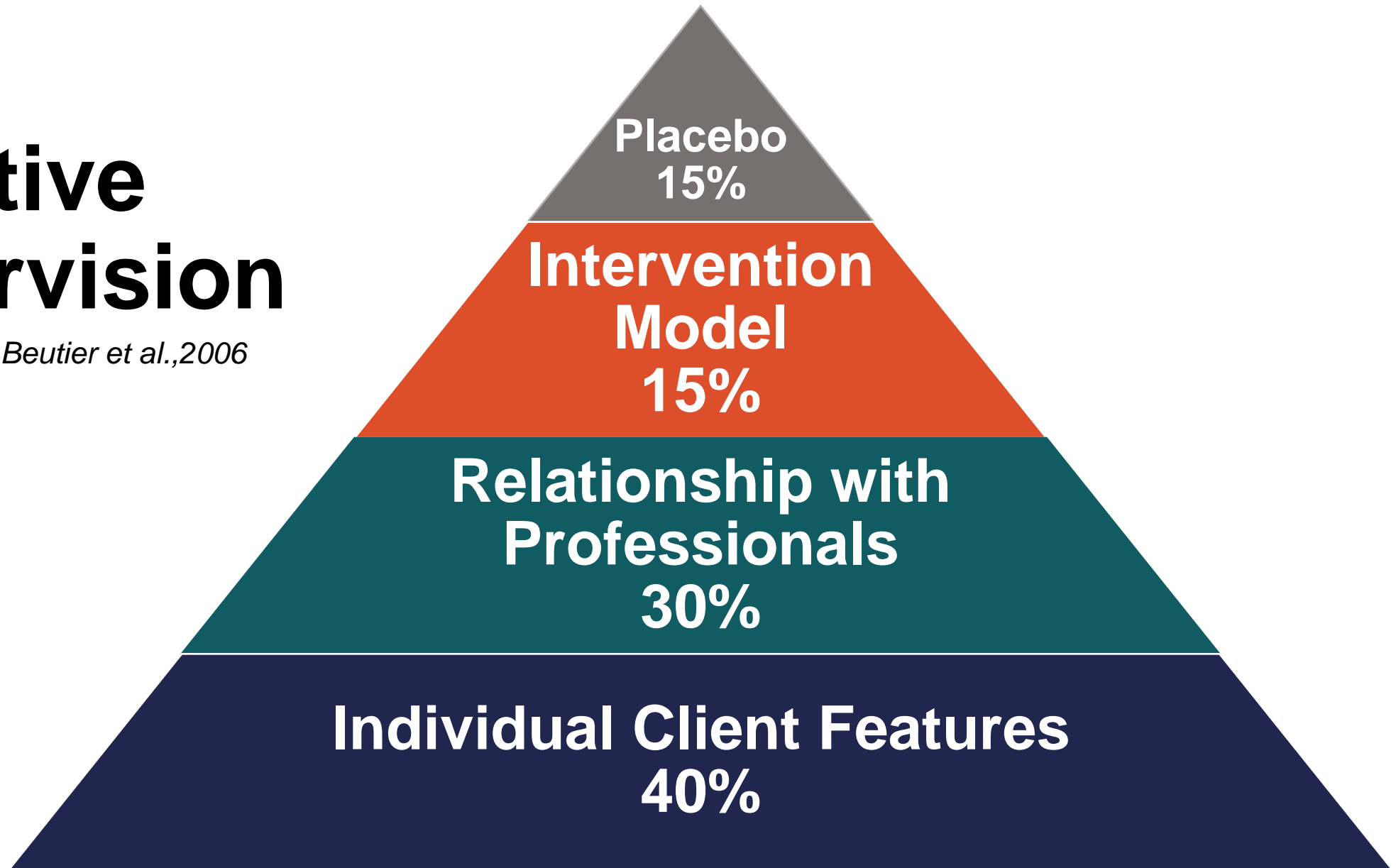
- There may be existing teams you can connect through
- Tribes have many existing MDTs, learn what they are – do any already have a similar purpose?
- Types of MDTs
  - Sexual Assault Response Teams
  - Fatality Review Teams
  - Community reentry programs
- Purpose of establishing an MDT

# Supervision Strategies

- Identify and target risk factors
- Coping strategies and safety plan
- Determine risk level
- Determine intervention level (for treatment and supervision)
- Identify treatment resources and support participation in treatment

# Effective Supervision

*Lambert, 2006 & Beutier et al., 2006*





# Incorporation of Native American Culture

## **Traditional healing practices:**

Sweat lodge ceremonies, prayers, smudging

## **Cultural festivals:**

Powwows that celebrate culture through dance, music, food

## **Culture preservation:**

Language, storytelling, history, cultural or spiritual advisors

## **Traditional art:**

Crafts, beadwork, quillwork, basket weaving, poetry, art, song, drumming

## **Restorative justice:**

Peacemaking talking circle, healing to wellness, elder's panel

# Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Healing to Reentry Program



*Concho Boarding School Mural by Steven Grounds*



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