

Bringing balance to risk assessments: How to score the Structured Assessment of PROtective factors for violence risk – Sexual Offence version (SAPROF-SO)

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Gwenda Miriam Willis, Ph.D.

Learner Objectives:

1. Participants will be able to describe the utility of assessing protective factors alongside risk factors
2. Participants will be able to identify promising protective factors against sexual recidivism
3. Participants will be provided with an overview the development of the SAPROF-SO and describe scoring instructions for each item
4. Participants will score a practice case
5. Participants will be provided with the current clinical utility of the SAPROF-SO, highlighting its alignment with strengths-based, holistic approaches to forensic/correctional rehabilitation and treatment planning
6. Following a post-workshop calibration case, participants will demonstrate competence scoring the SAPROF-SO items

About Your Trainers

David Thornton, Ph.D., is a psychologist in private practice based in Wisconsin and holds a part time position as a professor in the department of clinical psychology at the University of Bergen in Norway. He is licensed to practice as a psychologist in Wisconsin and Minnesota in the United States, and also in the United Kingdom. He was research director for Wisconsin's program for sexually violent persons for three years and previously was the treatment director for that program for over a decade. He has published on evidence-based standards for effective correctional programs and on the importance of therapist style in the provision of treatment designed to reduce sexual recidivism. He has been involved in the development of static actuarial instruments to assess sexual recidivism risk, contributing to the development of such scales as Static-99, Static-2002, Static-99R, Static-2002R and Risk Matrix 2000. He has been involved in the development of psychological risk assessment, creating the Structured Risk Assessment (SRA) framework. David Thornton has published three books, over 15 chapters in edited books, and over 80 papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

Sharon Kelley, Psy.D. is employed as an SVP evaluator with the Sand Ridge Evaluation Unit in Madison, Wisconsin. She is currently the chapter president of the Wisconsin Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (WiATSA) and the Editor of The Forum Newsletter. She is a licensed psychologist in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and California. Both within her practical work and research projects, she is interested in empirically based risk assessments and understanding evaluator decision making. She is a co-developer of the SAPROF-SO, which is an actuarially based measure of protective factors specifically designed for individuals who have been charged with sex offenses. She has authored and co-authored over ten journal publications and one book chapter. Her current research projects include the rate of undetected sexual offending, validating the SAPROF-SO, and sexual risk assessment of individuals with major mental illness.

Gwenda Willis, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor in Clinical Psychology at the University of Auckland, New Zealand and Registered Clinical Psychologist. Her research and clinical interests focus on strengths-based approaches to psychological assessment and treatment in forensic/correctional settings, trauma-informed care and sexual abuse prevention. Dr Willis currently holds a Rutherford Discovery Fellowship, leading a programme of research into protective factors that mitigate risk for sexual recidivism. She is a Fellow of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) and Editorial Board member for *Sexual Abuse, Journal of Sexual Aggression* and *Sexual Offending Theory, Research and Prevention*.

Who Should Attend

Mental Health Professionals, Evaluators, Attorneys, Supervisory Agents working with individuals who have problematic sexual behaviors.

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