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Adolescents Who Sexually Abuse

Identifying and Responding to Risk and Protective Factors

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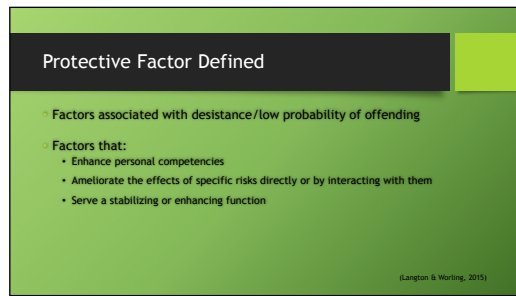
Learning Goals

- Recognize the importance of nurturing protective factors
- Identify how protective factors can be support for the youth in various domains of his/her life
- Understand the levels of Prevention

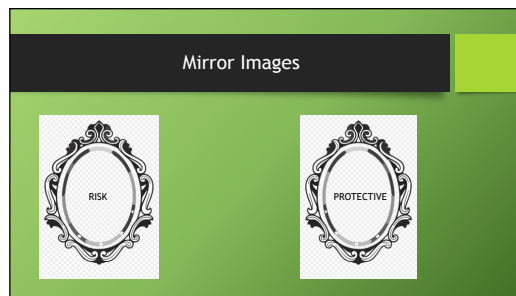
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Promotive Factors

Factors with no corresponding risk
(e.g., religiousness; sex
education/knowledge)

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Why Consider Protective Factors

- Provide predictive validity
- Helps diminish labeling
- Gives clearer picture of youth
- Identifies areas of strength/hope

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Is It Possible to Identify Protective Factors

- Yes, we can identify Protective Factors
- Paucity of research identifies Protective Factors
- What literature and research about sexual
violence Protective Factors

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Sexual Violence Risk and Protective Factors: A Systematic Review of the Literature March 24, 2017

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Risk/Protective Factor	Aggression type					Reference
	Bullying	Youth violence	Dating violence	Adult IPV	Suicide	
PROTECTIVE FACTORS						
Empathy	x		x			Espeelage et al., 2004; 2013; Yagi et al., 2013
Social support / connectedness	x	x	x	x	x	Capaldi et al., 2012; Hong & Espeelage; Joffe et al., 2017; Yagi et al., 2013; Wilkins et al., 2014
School connectedness / academic achievement	x	x	x	x	x	Capaldi et al., 2012; Hong & Espeelage, 2012; Joffe et al., 2017; Yagi et al., 2013; Wilkins et al., 2014

x = recent reviews indicate a significant relationship between the risk factor and the specific form of aggression represented by that column. Blank squares simply indicate an absence of evidence based on the recent reviews assessed for this report, and are not a definitive conclusion about the relevance of the risk or protective factor to each form of aggression.

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PREVENTION

- **What is prevention?**
 - Prevention refers to efforts intended to stop the perpetration of unhealthy, harmful, dangerous, and illegal behavior and acts, as well as victimization and re-victimization by others.
- **What are the goals of prevention?**
 - developing the attitudes, knowledge, skills, behaviors, and resources necessary to promote individual and community health, safety, and well-being.
- **Prevention: WHEN do we intervene?**
 - Primary Prevention
 - Secondary Prevention
 - Tertiary Prevention

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Protective Factors at Work