Learning to use the Structured Assessment of Protective Factors (SAPROF)

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The SAPROF has recently been developed as an instrument for the structured assessment of protective factors for violence risk. Following the SPJ model, the SAPROF was designed as a positive addition to other SPJ risk assessment tools, such as the HCR-20, creating a more balanced assessment of risk for future (sexual) violence. The SAPROF aims to contribute to an increasingly accurate and well-rounded assessment of risk for future violent behaviour. Moreover, the dynamic positive approach of protective factors aims to create new opportunities for effective and achievable treatment interventions.

The dynamic factors of the SAPROF can be helpful in formulating treatment goals, evaluating treatment progress and stimulating positive risk communication. Previous retrospective research results with the SAPROF in Dutch samples of violent and sexually violent offenders showed good interrater reliability and good predictive validity for non-recidivism. Moreover, SAPROF scores showed significant improvements during treatment.

This workshop will focus on the additional value of protective factors for clinical practice. Participants will be introduced to the SAPROF and will be trained in using the SAPROF in combination with the HCR-20 or related instruments. Advantages for risk assessment and risk management will be discussed and new research results with the SAPROF will be presented.

Features and Learning Outcomes:
- Learn about protective factors
- Learn about the SAPROF
- Practice working with the SAPROF
- Learn about research results with the SAPROF
- Learn about using structured professional guidelines in clinical practice

Target Group
This inter-disciplinary workshop is designed to acquaint professionals with the dynamic assessment of multiple overlapping risks.
- Practitioners (e.g. nurses, social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists) and administrators with a working familiarity of structured professional risk assessment schemes e.g. HCR-20, RSVP.
- Experienced practitioners who are expected to lead or contribute significantly to the implementation of risk management systems.

Delegates will receive a comprehensive delegate pack and the SAPROF manual

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