

Transitional and post-release support for substance misusing offenders

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Who we are

RAPt

THE REHABILITATION FOR ADDICTED PRISONERS TRUST

stopping addiction. stopping crime.

- ▶ Research & Development team at RAPt
 - ▶ Evaluate effectiveness of interventions
 - ▶ Service development
- ▶ RAPt works to help people with drug and alcohol dependence, both in prison and the community, overcome the grip of addiction and lead positive lives free from drugs and crime
- ▶ We work in partnership with Blue Sky, who provide work placements and employment for ex-offenders



The people we work with

RAPt programme participants 2010-2014 (N=3,006)

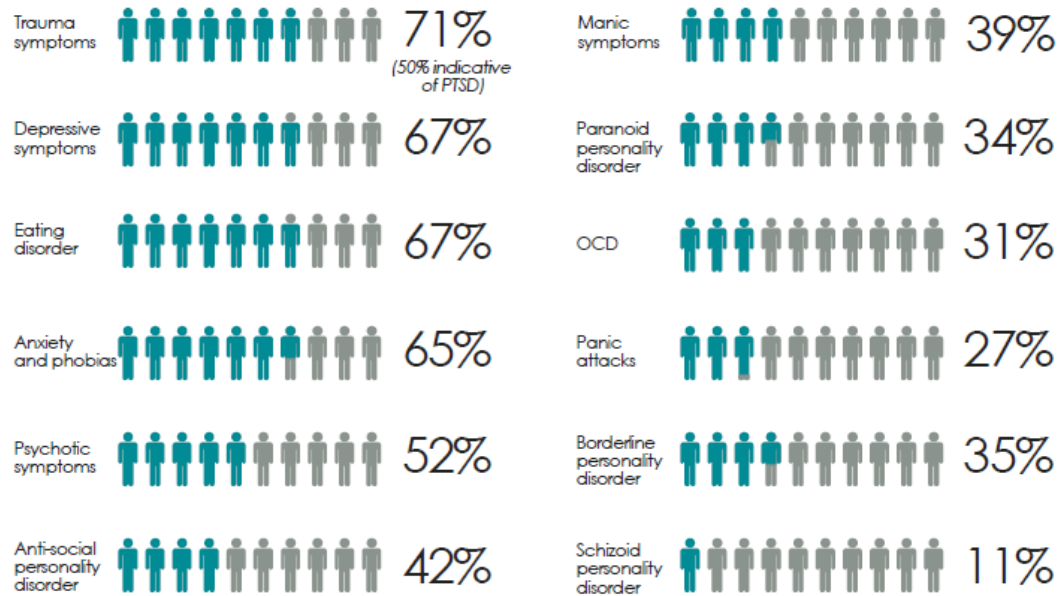
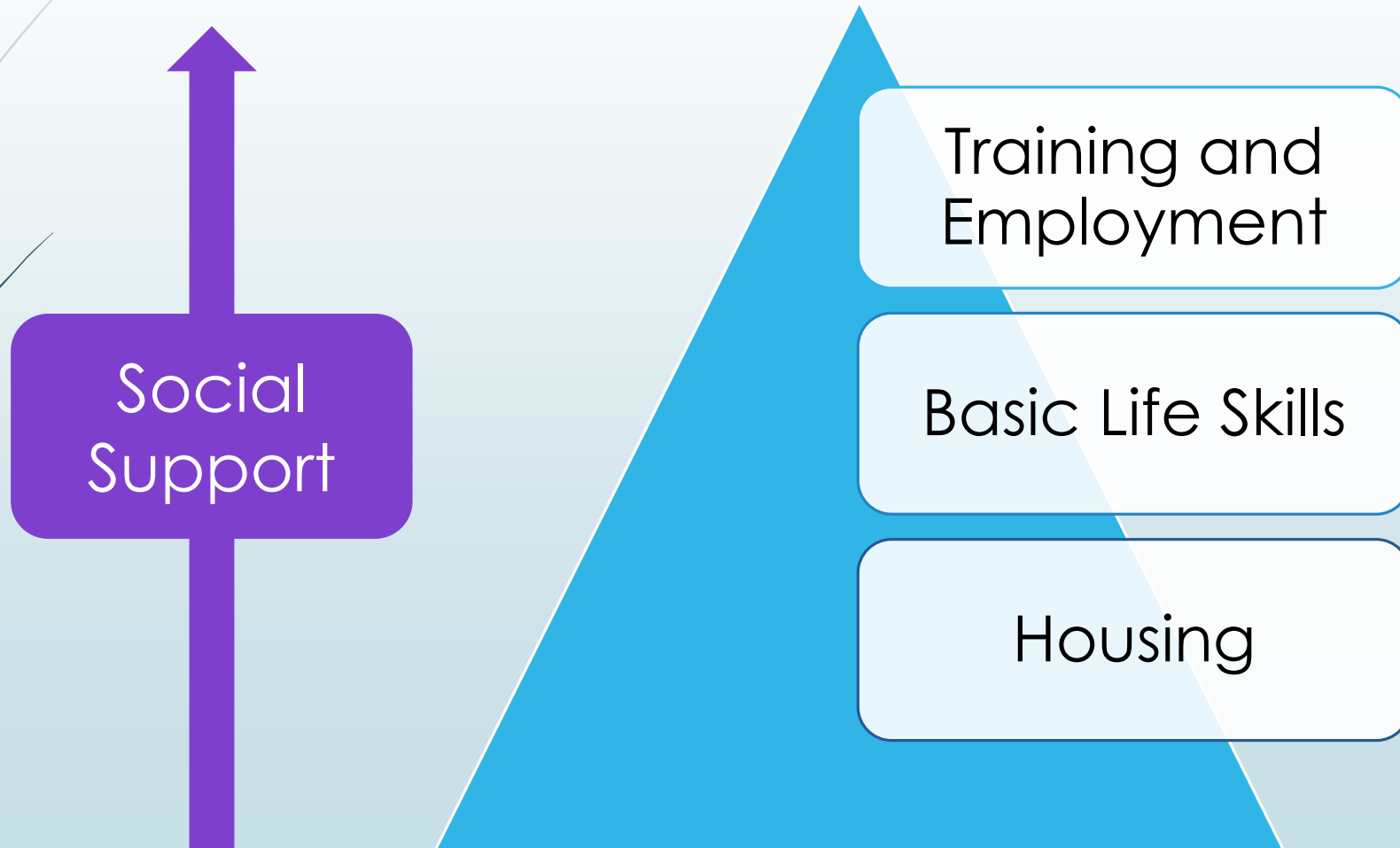


Table 2: Mental health screening based on the Comprehensive Addiction and Psychological Evaluation (CAAPE), Hoffman, 2000.

Our service users' release needs

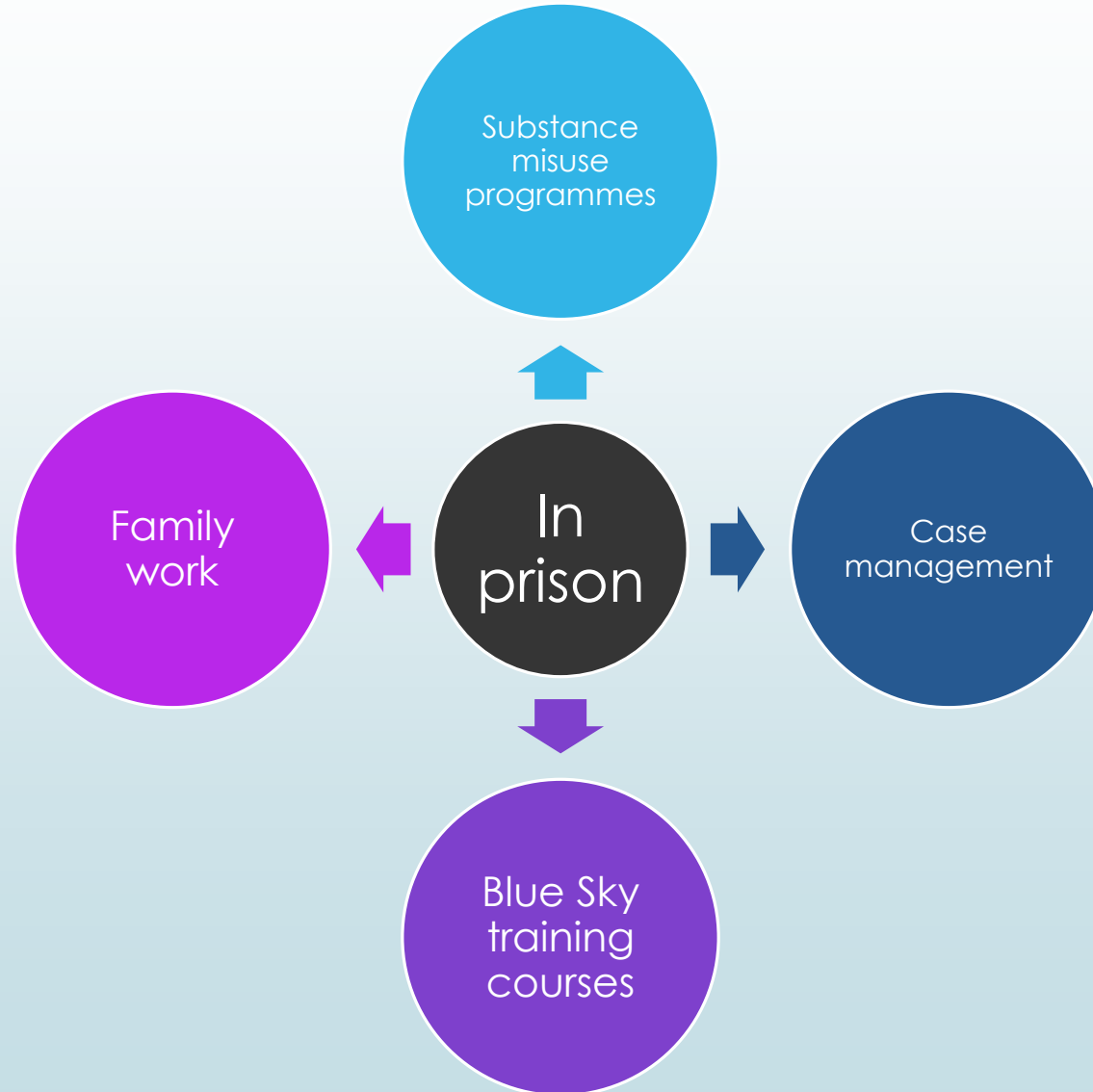


Stats bingo

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What we do – in prison



What we do – Meet & Greet

- ▶ Transitional workers meet service users before release
- ▶ Meet at the gate
- ▶ Escort service user to appointments

It was a test to see if all I've heard about 'keep coming back, it works and we'll be here waiting for you' was true, coz if it didn't, I don't know what would have happened if he didn't actually meet me, I might have got a little bit despondent but actually he did and I went to my meeting, fellowship and etc. and recovery from there

What we do – upon release

Residential
rehab

Housing
support

Volunteering



Recovery
Hub

What we do – apprenticeships

- ▶ RAPt apprenticeship scheme
 - ▶ Reduces unemployment
 - ▶ Reduces amount of benefits claimed

RAPt has helped me secure a future for my children and the chance to be a positive role model to them, while being in a job I love that helps others

It has given me a greater skill base and a deeper level of confidence, not just as a substance misuse worker but in all aspects of working with vulnerable people...this has enhanced me as a person

What we do - employment

- ▶ Brief description of Blue Sky offer
- ▶ Reduction in reoffending (get figure from JDL)

1,300 ex-offenders employed

40% leave Blue Sky to permanent jobs elsewhere

23% reduction in reoffending



A service user's experience



Testimonials

RAPt were always there on the end of the phone to listen and to encourage me on my journey

Keeping away from that first drink and keeping in touch with people at RAPt I am today free and sober

You know, when you're coming out and you're waiting in the holding cell and fellas are going off to the pub and fellas are going here, there and everywhere and I was like 'no, I'm waiting for Martin – he's taking me up to Hull'. And, thank god he did do that coz I wouldn't be sitting here now, I'd be pissed up somewhere

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Thank you

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