



Double Deviance: Young Drug Users in Criminal Justice Systems

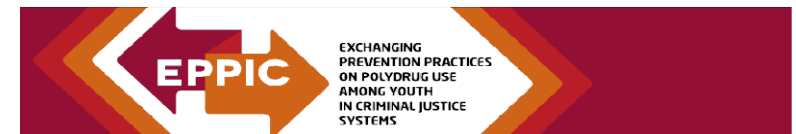
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Empirical input:

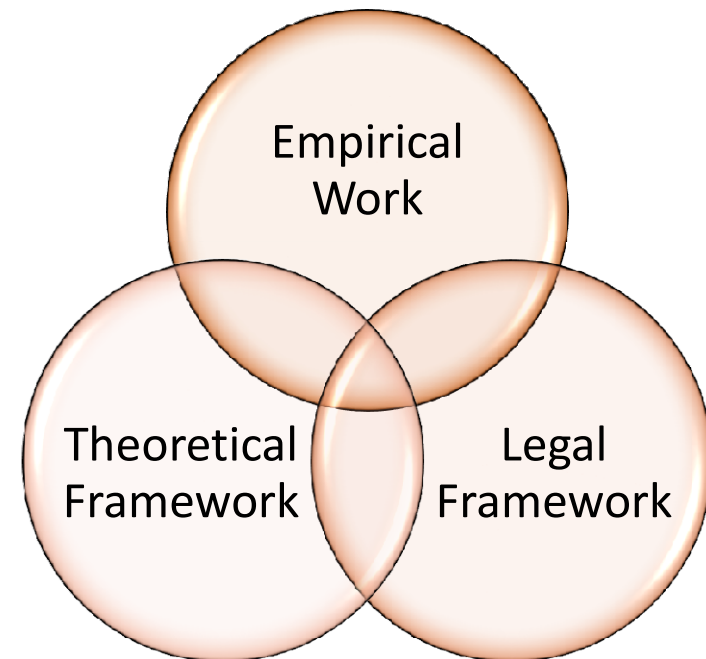
- Interviews with service providers
- Interviews with clients – young drug users in the CJS

Theoretical framework:

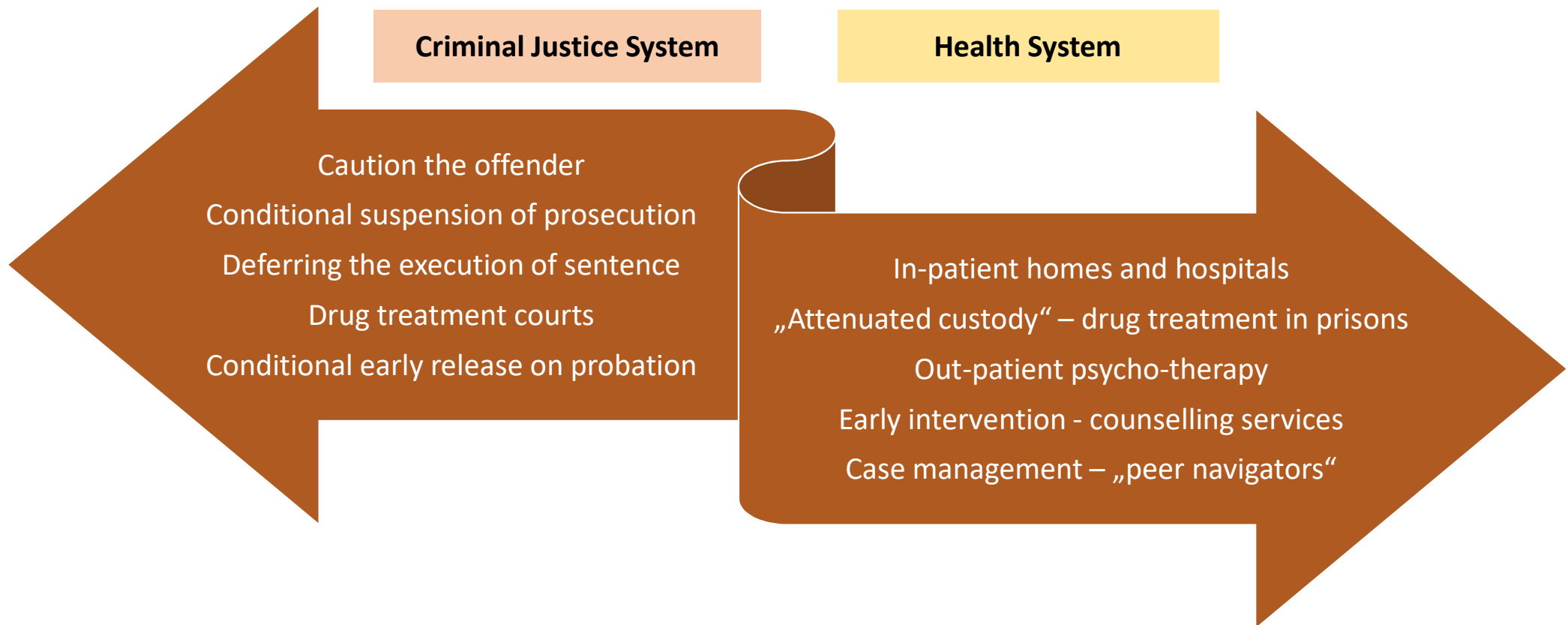
- Systems theory – role theory
- Structural functionalism

Legal framework:

- Diversion to treatment instead of punishment – Alternatives to conviction or punishment



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Treatment and target group

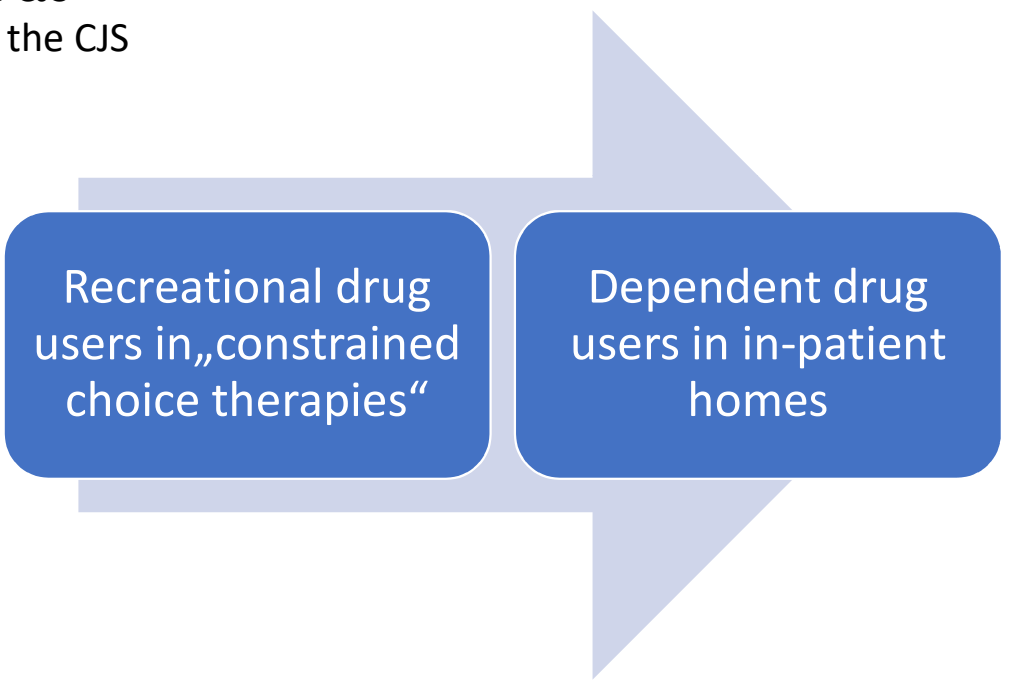
“Young drug users who have come in contact with the CJS”

- The situation of *dependent drug users* in the CJS
- The situation of „*recreational*“ *drug users* in the CJS

Risk factors

- Biological
- Psychological
- Family risk factors
- Peers factors
- School factors
- Neighbourhood and community factors
- Gender and risk factors

Clustering and accumulation



Recreational drug users in „constrained choice therapies“

Dependent drug users in in-patient homes

Aetiological explanations in youth delinquency

- Biological predisposition
- Developmental psychology
- Learning theories
 - Classical conditioning (Pavlov)
 - Instrumental (operant) conditioning +/- reinforcement (Thorndike and Skinner)
 - Model-learning (Bandura)
 - Social learning (E. Sutherland: “differential association”)
- Strain Theories - Robert Agnew: “Pressured Into Crime: An Overview of General Strain Theory”.
- Social disorder and opportunity structures (Chicago School of Sociology, human ecology)
- Labeling Theory and stigmatising

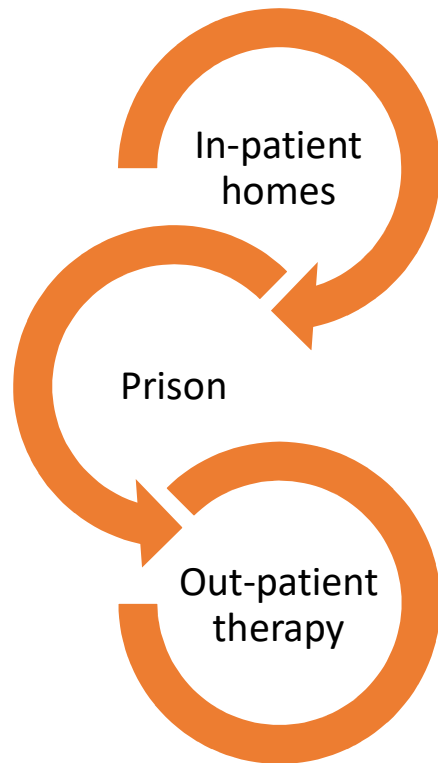
Risk factors

- Propensity – Impulsivity, lack of self-control
- Early childhood experiences, traumata, fears, phobia
- Peer-Group (power, status, courage)
- Lack of social control (family, school, job)
- Status frustration, “broken homes”
- Poverty: Neighbourhood, housing conditions, unemployment
- Criminalisation, secondary deviance, self-fulfilling Prophecy

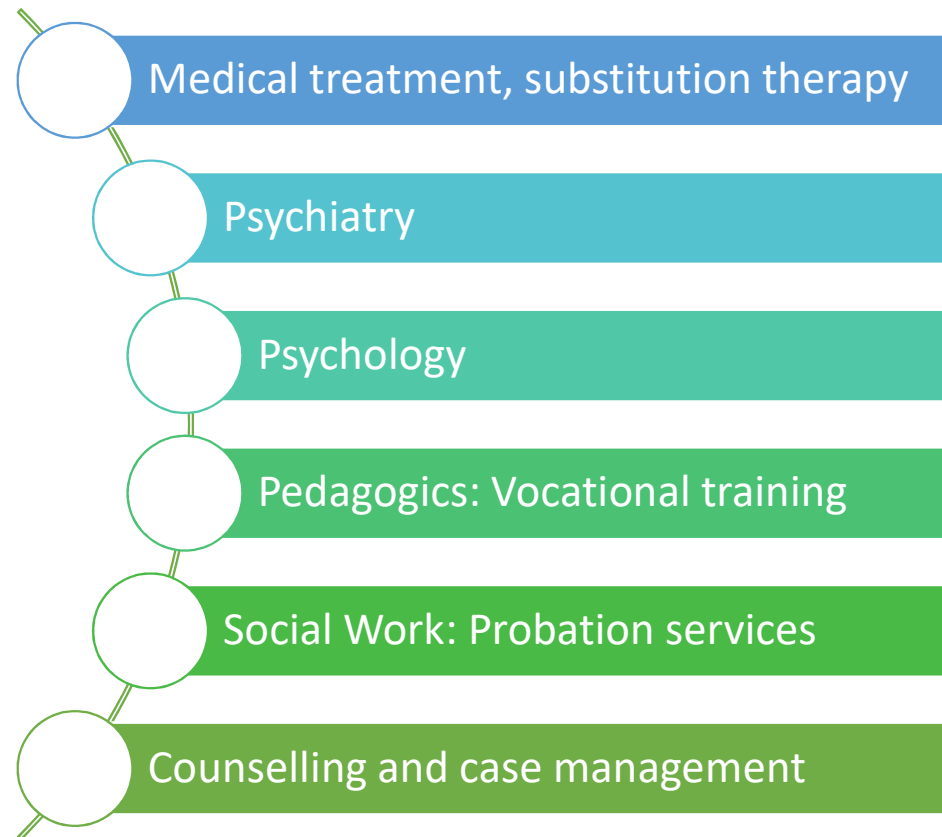
Two social systems of double deviance



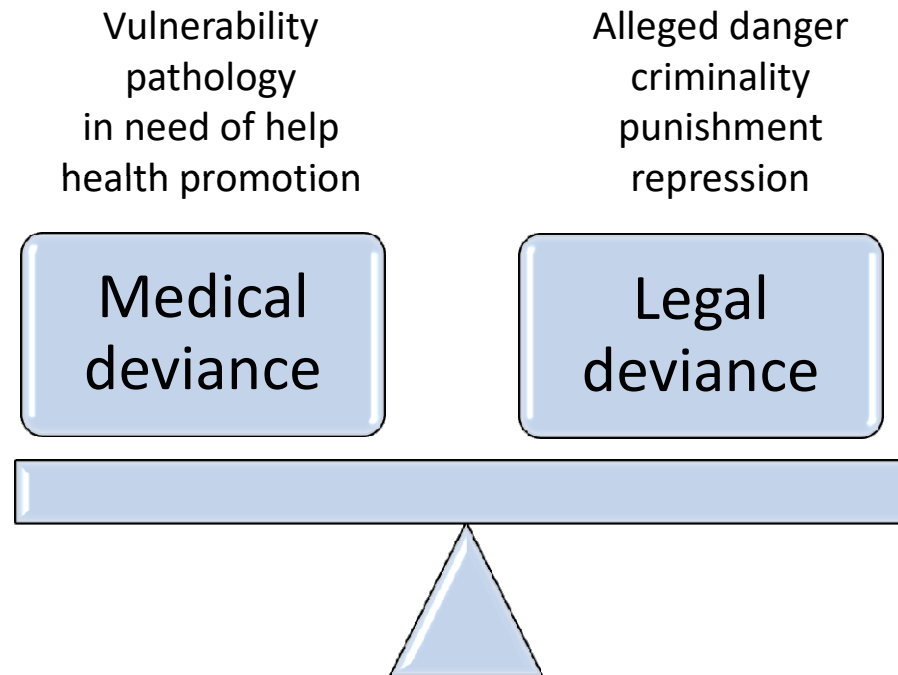
Institutional Context



Elements of Intervention



Balancing double deviance



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