Project assessment and risk management in Catalonian prisons

Centre for Legal Studies and Specialized Training, Department of Justice, Catalonia



The beginning

- 2008: social alarm
- Interdepartmental Commission: Comissió Mena
- Recommendations
- RisCanvi



Partners

For the General Directorate of the Prison Services:

- Area of Planning and Strategic Projects
- Project Coordinator
- Validation Team
- SOS Team

For the University of Barcelona: Group for Advanced Studies on Violence, GEAV

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Catalonia

7.5 million population

10,850 inmates in prison + 821 under conditional release

14 prisons with a range from 200 to 1900 inmates

91 assessment and treatment teams

Duties:

- Assessment about risk and needs
- Classification and other decisions
- Planning Individualized Intervention

• Treatment

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Intervention Model

Treatment model risk-need-responsivity, Andrews & Bonta (2006)

- Principle of risk
- Principle of need
- Responsivity principle



Premises of the project

SUSTAINABILITY

SHARED MANAGEMENT

QUALIFICATION

MONITORING



Remarcable values of RisCanvi

- Based on empiric evidences
- Adapted to the organization
- Efficiency
- Sensitive to specific populations
- Universal and continuous assessment
- Continuous improvement and quality control



Screening version

10 Risk Factors

Tutor

Answers: Yes / No presence

Results: 2 risk levels: Low / High

If "High" \rightarrow Full scale



Screning version

- 1. Age of the first criminal activity / violent
- 2. History of violence
- 3. Prison behavior problems
- 4. Escapes, breaks or infractions
- 5. Problems with drug and / or alcohol
- 6. Limited response to psychological and / or psychiatric treatment
- 7. Attempts or self-harm behaviors
- 8. Lack of financial resources
- 9. Lack of family and social support
- 10.Hostile or pro-criminal values



43 Risk Factors

Multidisciplinary treatment team

Answers: Yes / ? / No

Results: 3 risk levels: Low / Medium / High



- 1. Criminal / penal factors
- Violence offence
- Age
- Intoxication while performing main crime
- Victims with injuries
- Years of sentence
- Length of continuous prison time
- History of violence
- First criminal activity or violent
- Diversity or increase of frequency / severity
- Conflicts with other inmates
- Breaches of sentence
- Escapes or breaks
- Regression of degree
- Breaks of exit permissions



- 2. Personal / social and family factors
- Adjustment difficulties during childhood
- Distance between his residence and the prison
- Educational level
- Problems related to employment
- Lack of financial resources
- Absence of viable plans for the future
- Criminal history in the family of origin
- Socialization problems in family of origin
- Lack of family and social support
- Delincuencial friends
- Membership of social groups at risk
- Criminal prominent role
- Victim of violence (only applicable for women)

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- 3. Clinical / personality factors
- Abuse or drug dependence
- Abuse or alcohol dependence
- Serious mental disorder
- Promiscuous sexual behavior or paraphilia
- Limited response to psychological and / or psychiatric treatment
- Personality disorder associated with anger, impulsivity or violence
- Poor stress coping
- Attempts or self-harm behaviors
- Antisocial values
- Low mental capacity and intelligence
- Recklessness
- Impulsivity
- Hostility

Irresponsibility

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4 prediction criteria

- Violent behavior risk
- Self-aggression risk
- Institutional violence risk
- Broken sentencing risk

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Tipus de Risc	Valoració	Motiu Correcció		Correcció	Usuari	Data
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🕕 Viol. intra-instituicional	Mig		D.			
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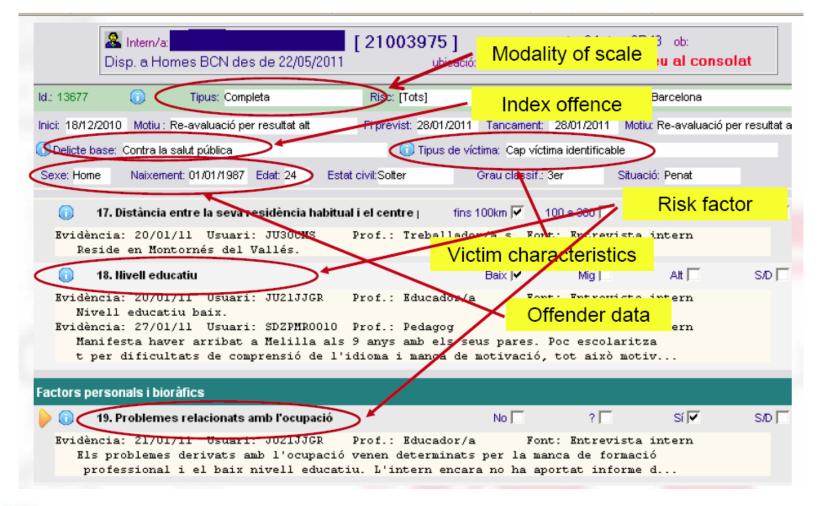


Special groups of evaluation

Type of group	Age	Sex	Type of crime	Victims	Evaluation tool
VIOFAM	all	all	Against people	Familiar, non partner	HCR-20
VIOPAR	all	Male	Against people	Partner or ex-partner	SARA
AGRESEX	all	Male	Sexual	Known non familiar Unknown	SVR-20
VIOCRON	>30	Male	all	all	HCR-20
VIOTRAS	all	all	Against people	all	HCR-20 SVR-20
PSICOPAT	<30	Male	whatever	all	PCL

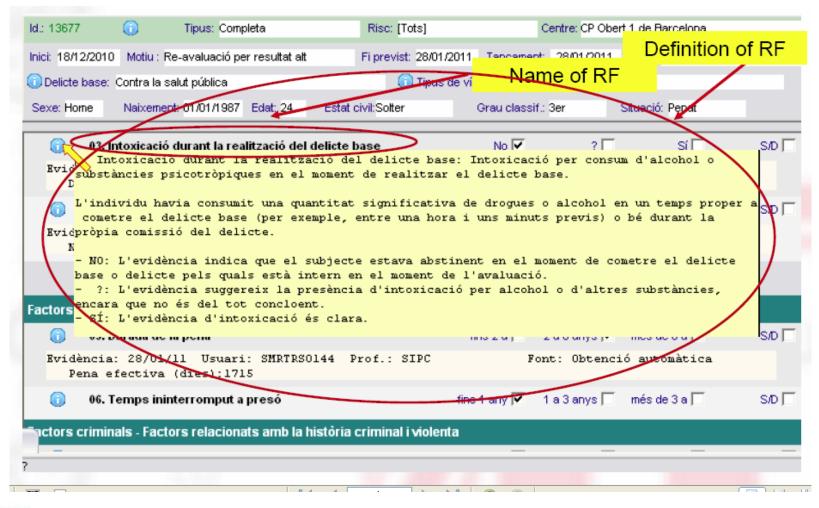


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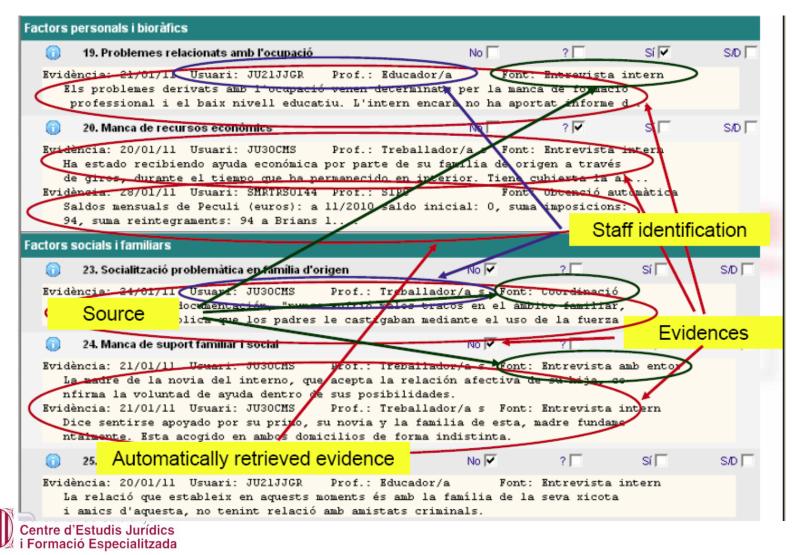
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e-RisCanvi: RisK Factors

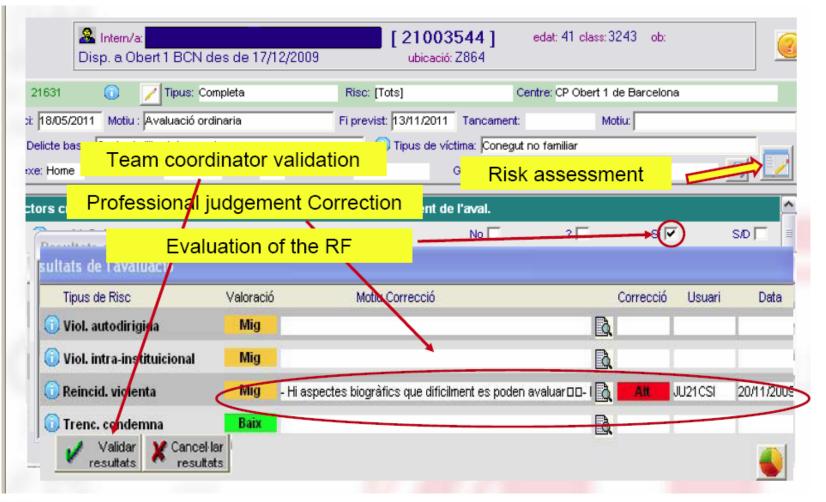


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e-RisCanvi: evidences



e-RisCanvi: risk assessment

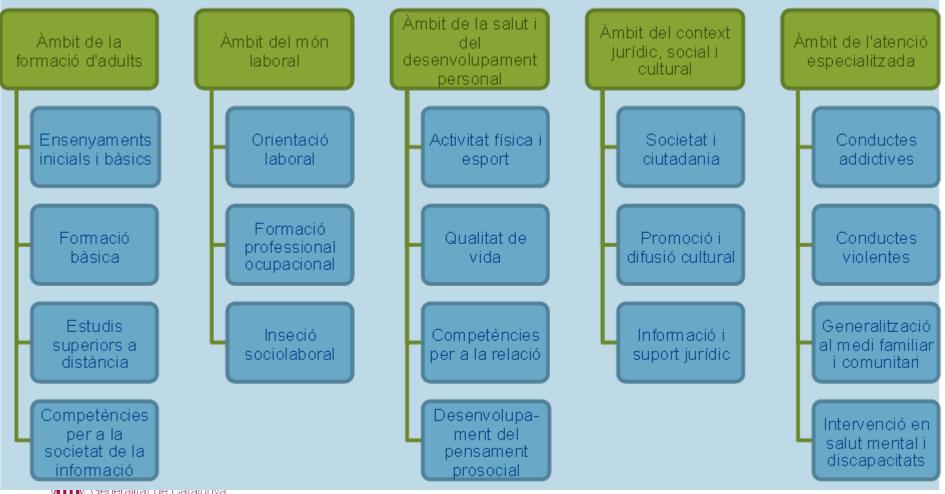


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Individual treatment programme

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Activitats/Intervencions				Activitats previstes				
Activitats: Tallers, alcohol, FI3, vido				Conductes addictives - Alcoholisme				
		Criteris de Modificació						
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Intervention



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Specialized intervention



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Strategic training

Training activities	hours	courses	students
2009			
Training of trainers RisCanvi	38	1	15
Evaluation - Implementation RisCanvi	30	3	57
Risk Management - RisCanvi Project	24	12	302
RisCanvi Project - Interview Techniques	24	11	342
Total	680		716
2010			
Evaluation - Implementation RisCanvi	30	2	37
Risk Management - RisCanvi Project	24	16	333
RisCanvi Project - Interview Techniques	24	12	261
Total	732		631



Strategic training

Training activities	hours	courses	students
2011			
RisCanvi, on line	20	1	14
Conference for validators assessment RisCanvi Project	5	2	98
Assessment tools diagnosis - SVR20	16	4	66
Assessment tools diagnosis - PCLR	24	1	15
Assessment tools diagnosis - HCR20	16	4	99
Assessment tools diagnosis - SARA	20	1	72
Total	202		364
2012			
RisCanvi, on line	20	1	45
Assessment tools diagnosis - SARA	20	1	46
Risk Management - Validation of Individual treatment programs	20	3	47
Risk Management - Planning Individual treatment programs	20	6	127
	220		265

Strategic training

Training activities		courses	students
2013			
RisCanvi, on line	20	1	22
Upgrade Workshop - Validation of Individual treatment programs	10	2	37
Assessment tools diagnosis - SARA	20	1	27
Assessment tools diagnosis - PCLR	24	2	50
Total	108		136
TOTAL	1.942		2.112



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