

Down The Rabbit Hole

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Who & What

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Luke Smith

- Working with Youturn for the past 5 years.
- Working with youth who are either involved with *or* at risk of Gang Involvement

(On Point Program)

Mariella Greatbanks

- Working with Youturn for the past 3 years.
- Working with youth who are either involved in *or* at risk of Human Trafficking

(Next Chapter Program)

Who & What

Youturn Youth Support Services:

- Located in Eastern Ontario
- Serving youth currently involved in or at risk of criminal involvement
- Serves youth 12-25 (program depending)
- Intensive one-on-one community-based Counselling

The Youth We Work With

- **Our clients:**

71 % Male

29% female

11% parents

67% school suspensions

51% learning problems

24% history of victimization

58% mental health issues

6% gang involved

4% involved with the sex trade

- **Our clients offences breakdown:**

- 34% Violent offences

- 30% dispositional

- Average # of charges = 3.7

- **Outcomes:**

- 73% Decreased their risk for criminal Involvement

- • At discharge from CST, 91% of clients showed a decreased risk to reoffend

Trends and Challenges

Ottawa Snapshot

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Human Trafficking

Steadily Increasing since 2009

70% of victims are female < 25 yr.

Types: Labour, Organ, and Sexual

Youth Gangs

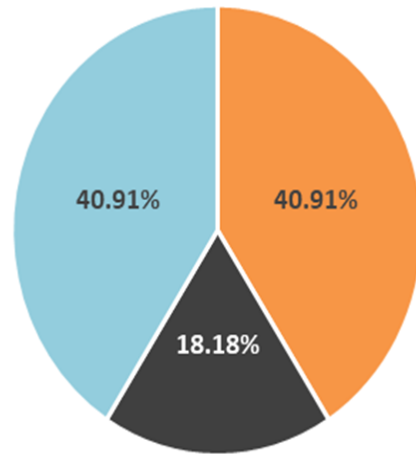
Gang related shootings and homicides on the rise.

8% jump in violent crimes compared to 2018

 Red Flags

Ottawa Snapshot

Human Trafficking



- Active and open file with child protection
- History of involvement with child protection
- No involvement with child protection

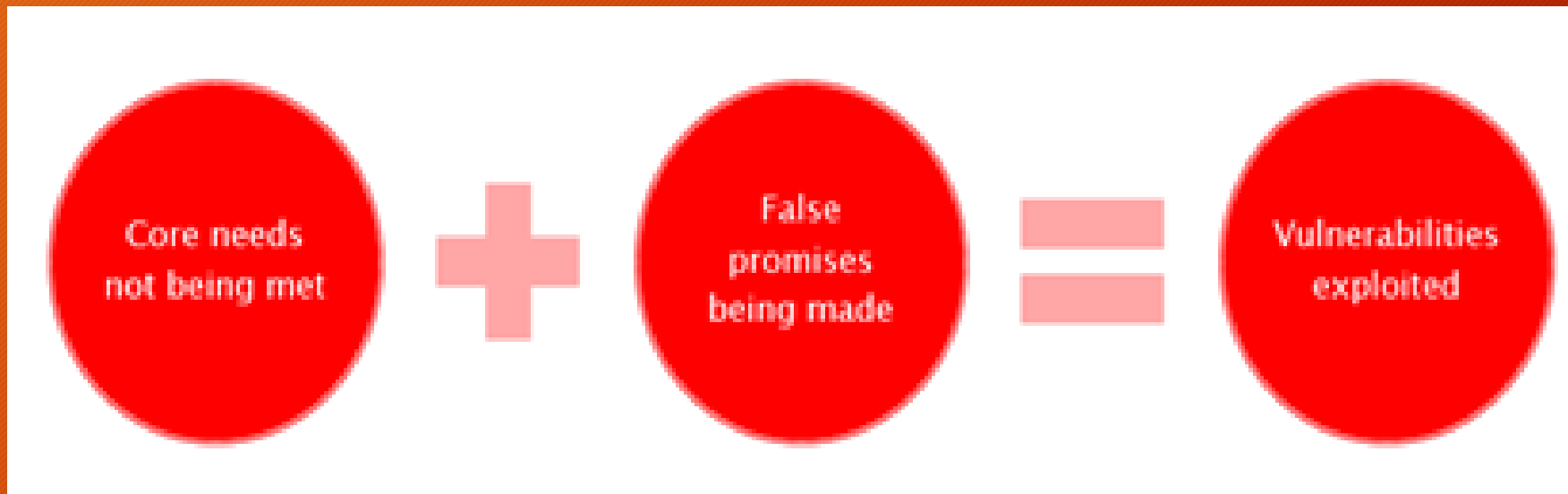
Youth Gangs

47% identified as having a family member with prior gang involvement.

73% identified as having some friends who are gang members.

Ottawa Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking as an Equation



Ottawa Youth Gangs

TYPE OF GANG	GANG CHARACTERISTICS
LEVEL ONE	Fluid membership; Neighbourhood or friendship-based.; Short-lived (less than a year); Disorganized; No hierarchy; Low-level opportunistic criminality; Rarely involved in serious violence.
LEVEL TWO	In existence for at least one year; Evidence of planned criminality; Often has a name, symbols, etc.; Disorganized -- no defined hierarchy; Violence is both utilitarian and expressive.
LEVEL THREE	Evidence of organization and planned criminality; Attempts to control a specific criminal market; Violence for both utilitarian and expressive purposes; Evidence of a gang code.
LEVEL FOUR	Has a long history; Highly organized; Specific roles for individual gang members; Licit as well as illicit activities; Violence rarely used for expressive purposes; highly developed gang code.

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Ottawa Youth Gangs

LAYER OF ANALYSIS	RISK FACTORS
1. Individual level	Impulsivity; Low self-control; Poor mental health; Pro-crime values; Low self-esteem; Low social capital; Social alienation; Perceptions of Injustice;
2. Family level	Childhood abuse and neglect; Inadequate nutrition/healthcare; Poor parental supervision; Harsh and/or inconsistent discipline; Poor family mentoring; Fatherlessness; Family criminality.
3. Community level	Local poverty/inequality; Inadequate housing; Poor employment and educational opportunities; Peer deviance; Street culture; Criminal opportunities; Low levels of civic engagement; Extent and nature of social and recreational programming.
4. Structural Level	Economic and social structure; Distribution of wealth; Extent of social safety net; Rate and nature of social/economic change; Institutional racism.
5. Historical Roots	Colonialism; Racism; Slavery; Class/Caste systems.

Why Join a Gang?

- To generate income
- Protection/Physical Safety
- Sense of Belonging and Acceptance
- Status, Self-Worth
- Social support/Peer Group
- ‘Glamorization’ of gang membership/lifestyle
- Defiance against ‘the norm’

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- How We Work

Service Models

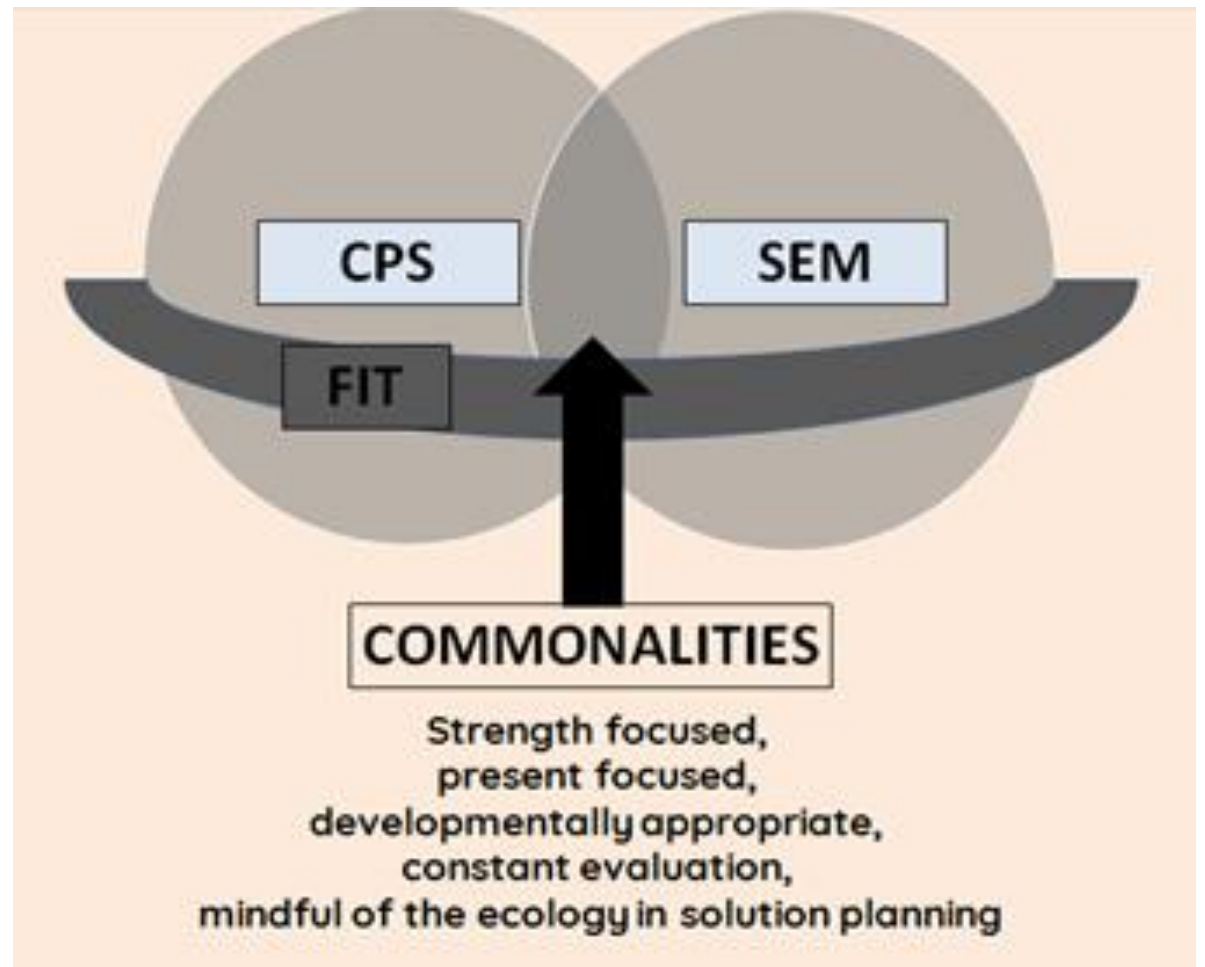
Service Models

3 Main Clinical Models:

- Socio-Ecological Model (SEM)
- Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS)
- Feedback Informed Treatment (FIT)

All 3 models are different in nature providing multiple avenues which work together to increase success.

Service Models



Service Models & Engagement

How we engage hard to serve youth: *The Youturn Difference*

- Client-centered programming
- Individualized service delivery
- Community based & Mobile
- 24 hr. On-call support
- Highly flexible & dedicated staff
- Extension of service to caregivers

Service Models & Engagement

Feedback Informed Treatment (FIT)

What's in it for me?

Decreases dropout rates by as much as half (1/2)

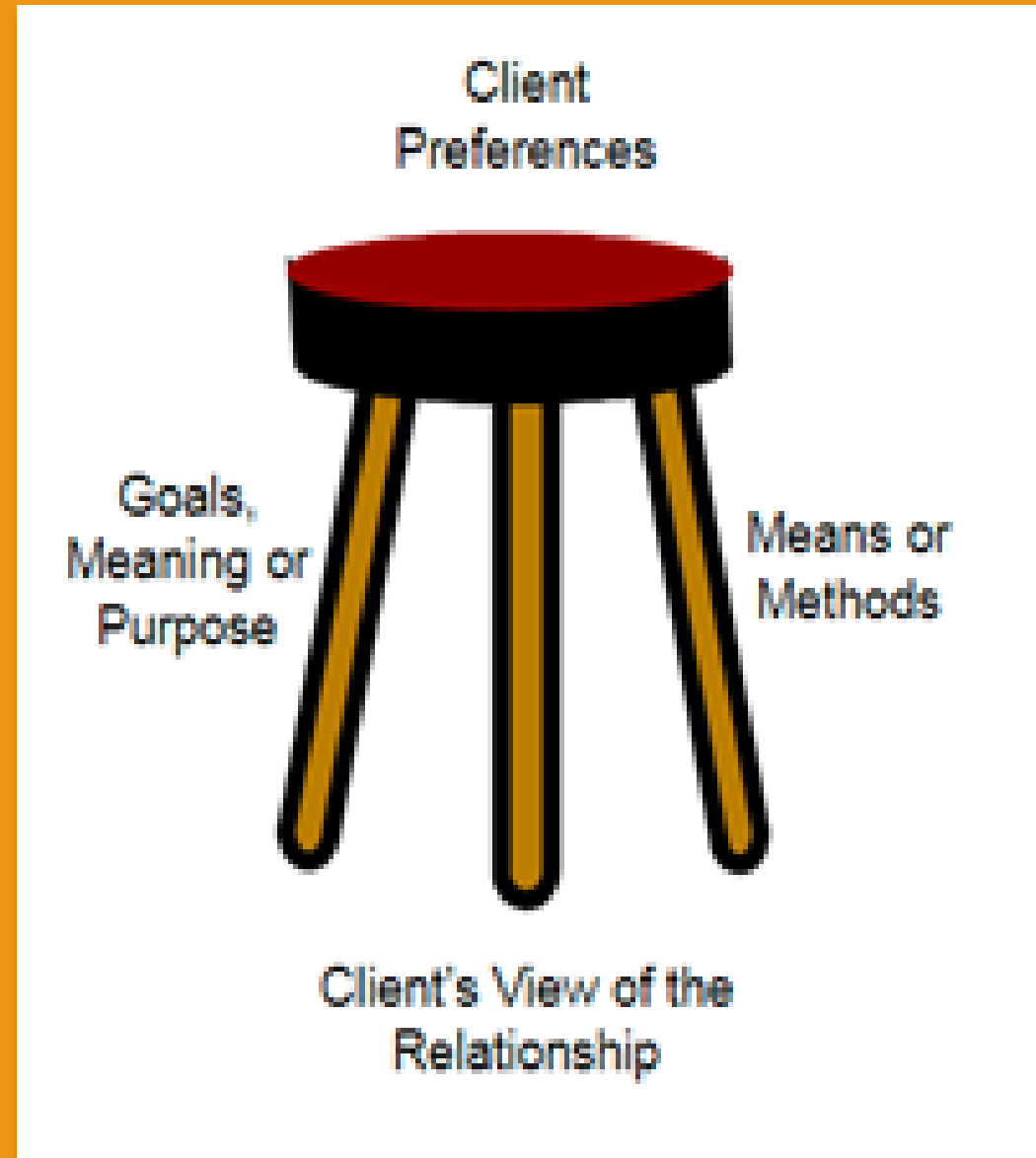
Decreases deterioration by 33%

Reduces hospitalizations and shortens length of stay by 66%

Significantly reduces cost of care compared to non-feedback groups

Service Models & Engagement

How to align ourselves as practitioners with the clients we work with...



Service Models & Engagement

Outcome Rating Scale (ORS)

Name _____ Age (Yrs): _____ Gender _____
Session # _____ Date: _____
Who is filling out this form? Please check one: Self _____ Other _____
(If other, what is your relationship to this person?) _____

Looking back over the last week, including today, help us understand how you have been feeling by rating how well you have been doing in the following areas of your life. Where marks to the left represent low levels and marks to the right indicate high levels. If you are filling out this form for another person, please fill out according to how you think he or she is doing.

Individually
(Personal well-being)

Interpersonally
(Family, close relationships)

Socially
(Work, school, friendships)

Overall
(General sense of well-being)

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← ORS

SRS →

Session Rating Scale (SRS V.3.0)

Name _____ Age (Yrs): _____
ID# _____ Gender: _____
Session # _____ Date: _____

Please rate today's session by placing a mark on the line between the descriptors that best fit your experience.

Relationship

I did not feel heard, understood, and respected _____ I felt heard, understood, and respected

Goals and Topics

We did not work on or talk about what I wanted to work on and talk about _____ We worked on and talked about what I wanted to work on and talk about

Approach or Method

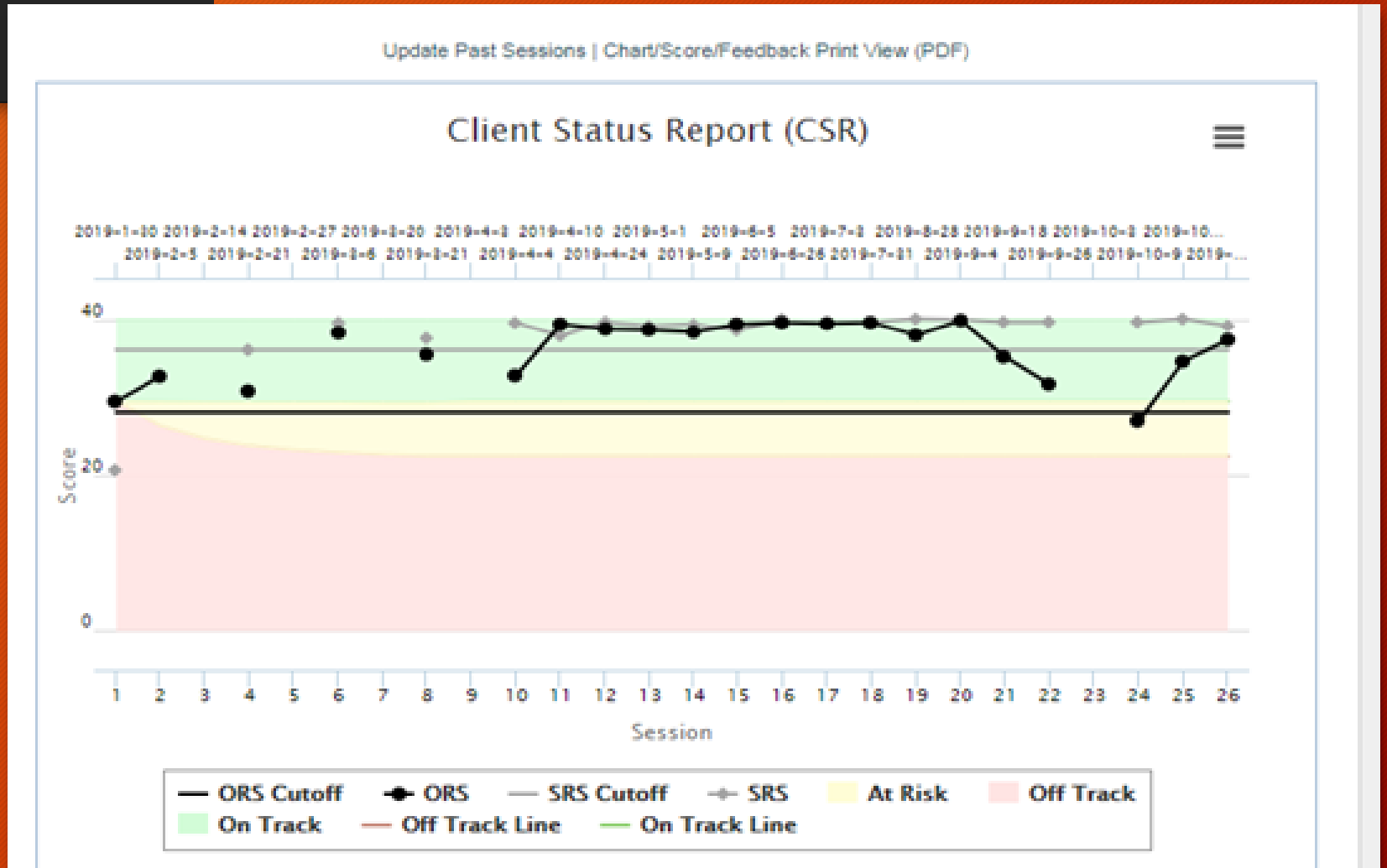
The therapist's approach is not a good fit for me _____ The therapist's approach is a good fit for me

Overall

There was something missing in the session today _____ Overall, today's session was right for me

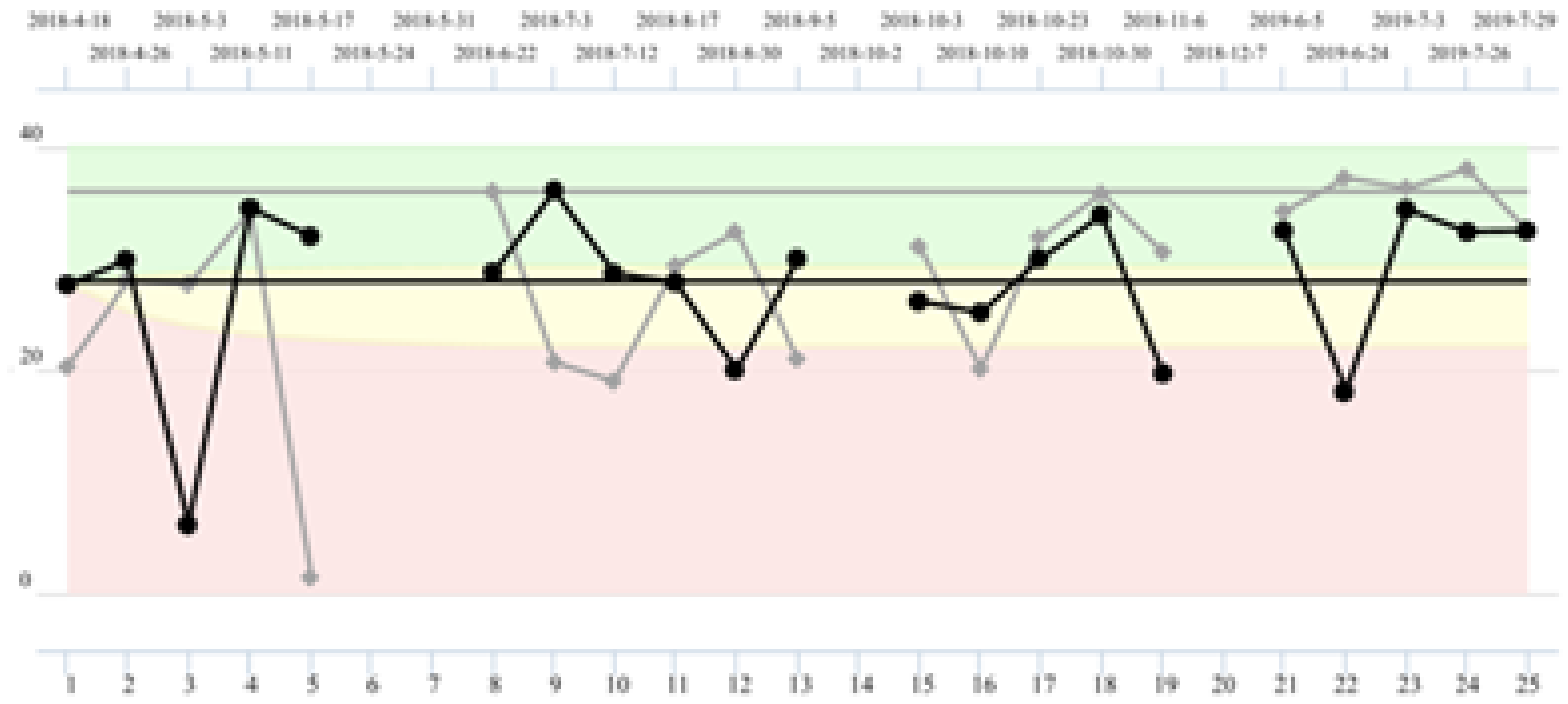
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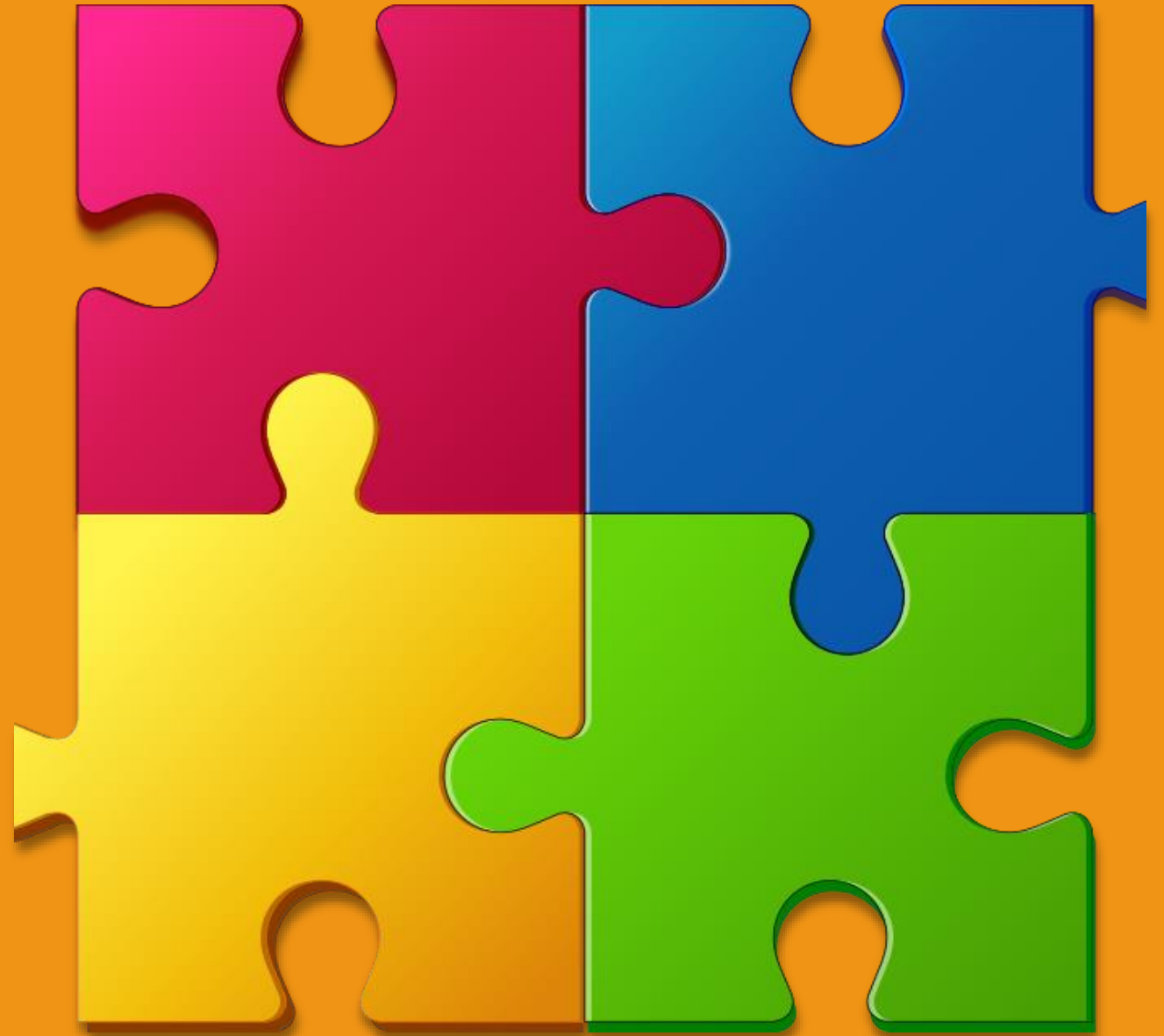


Service Models & Engagement

Client Status Report (CSR)



Solved
the Puzzles
Yet?





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