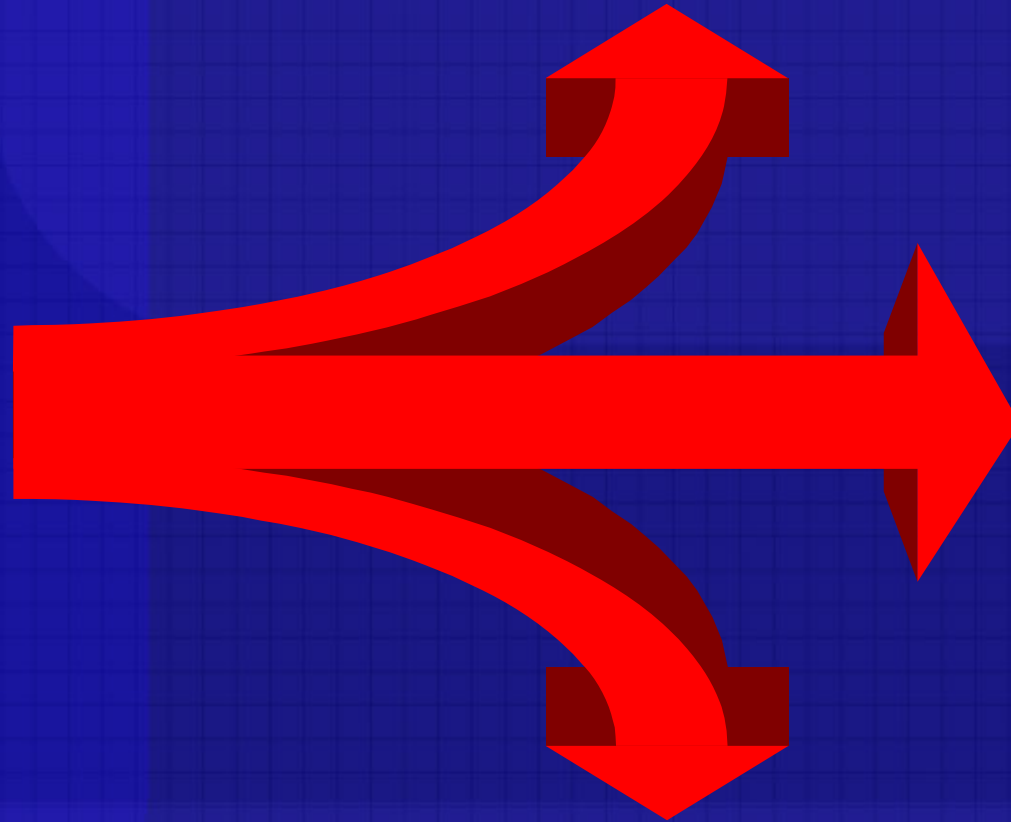


The Pathways Girls



Pathways to Desistance

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Study Goals

- Richer information about *serious* adolescent offenders
- Understand the *desistance process*
 - Individual maturation
 - Life changes
 - Systems involvement
- Improved *practice and policy* in juvenile justice
 - Risk assessment
 - Targeted interventions and sanctions

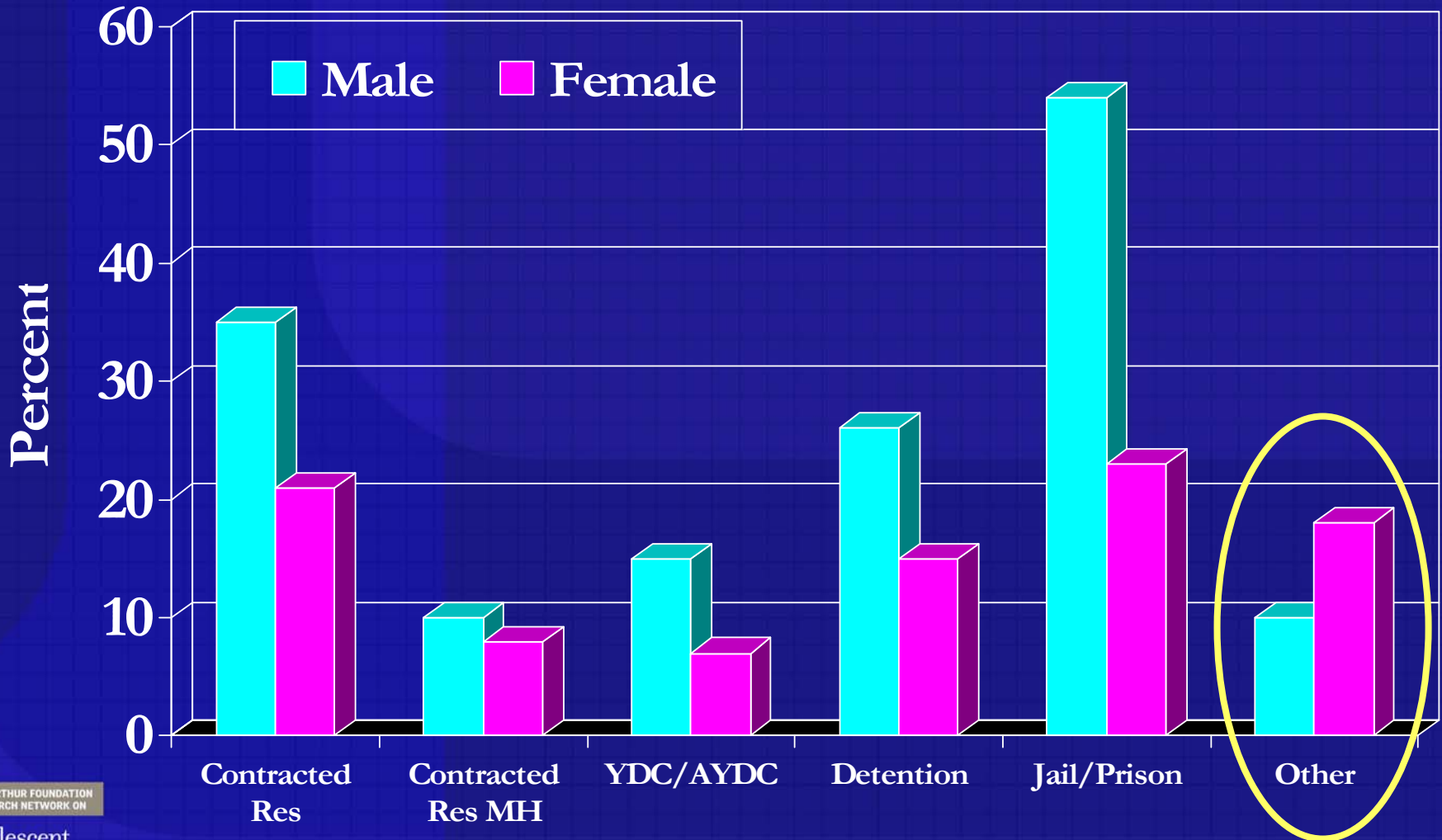
Study Design

- Two sites
 - Philadelphia and Phoenix
- Enroll serious adolescent offenders
 - 1,355 felony offenders, aged 14 -18
 - Females and adult transfer cases
- Regular interviews over eight years
 - Initial interviews
 - Time point interviews
 - Release interviews
- Other sources of information
 - Collateral interviews
 - Official records

Who are these girls?

	FEMALE	MALE
Age of first self-reported delinquency	10.4 years	9.2 years
Age at first petition to court	14.9 years	14.3 years
Number of prior petitions to court	1.3	2.3
Proportion of time spent “locked up” over 3 years	11%	37%
Sentenced as adults	7%	16%

Prevalence of Placements Over 3 Years

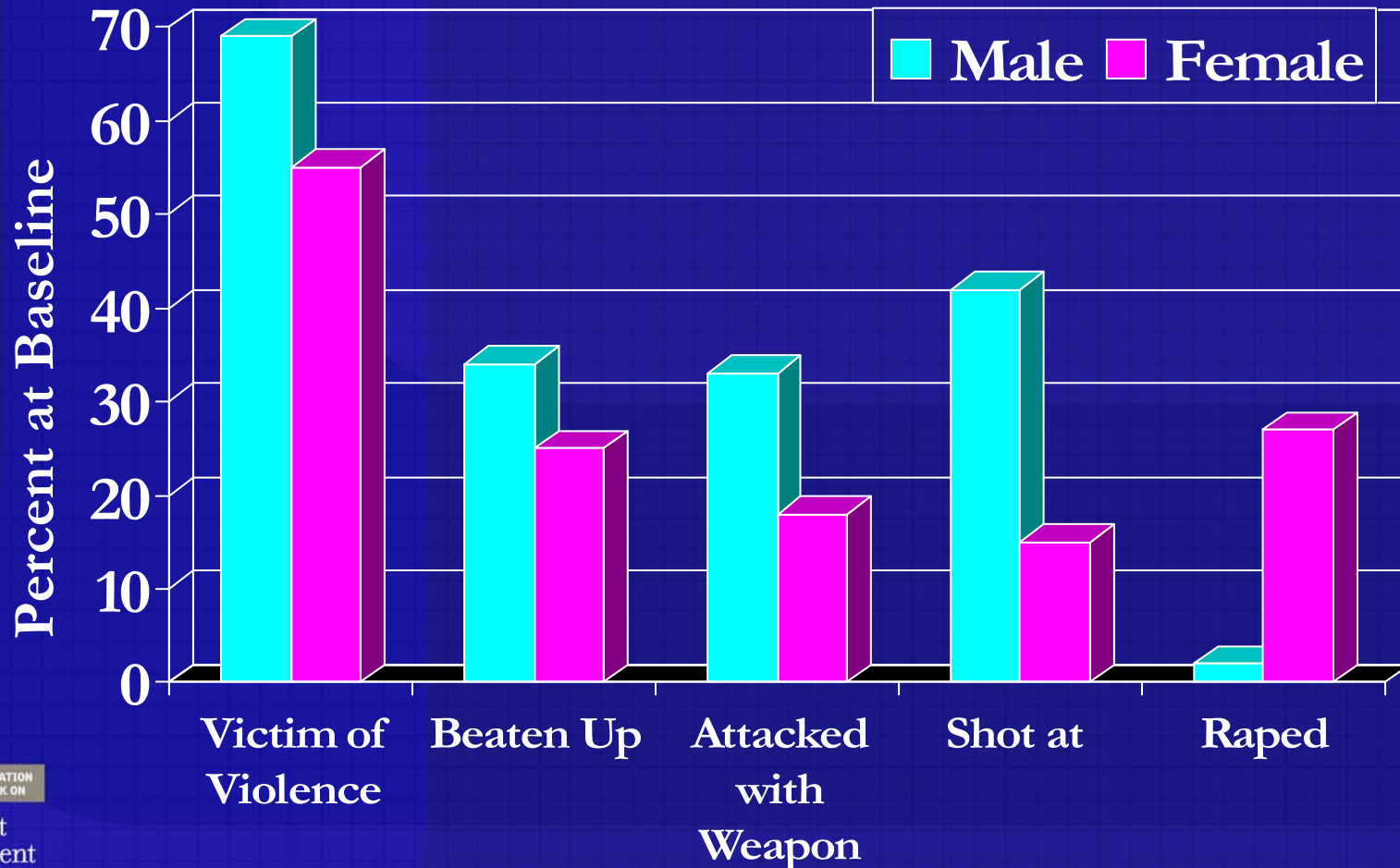


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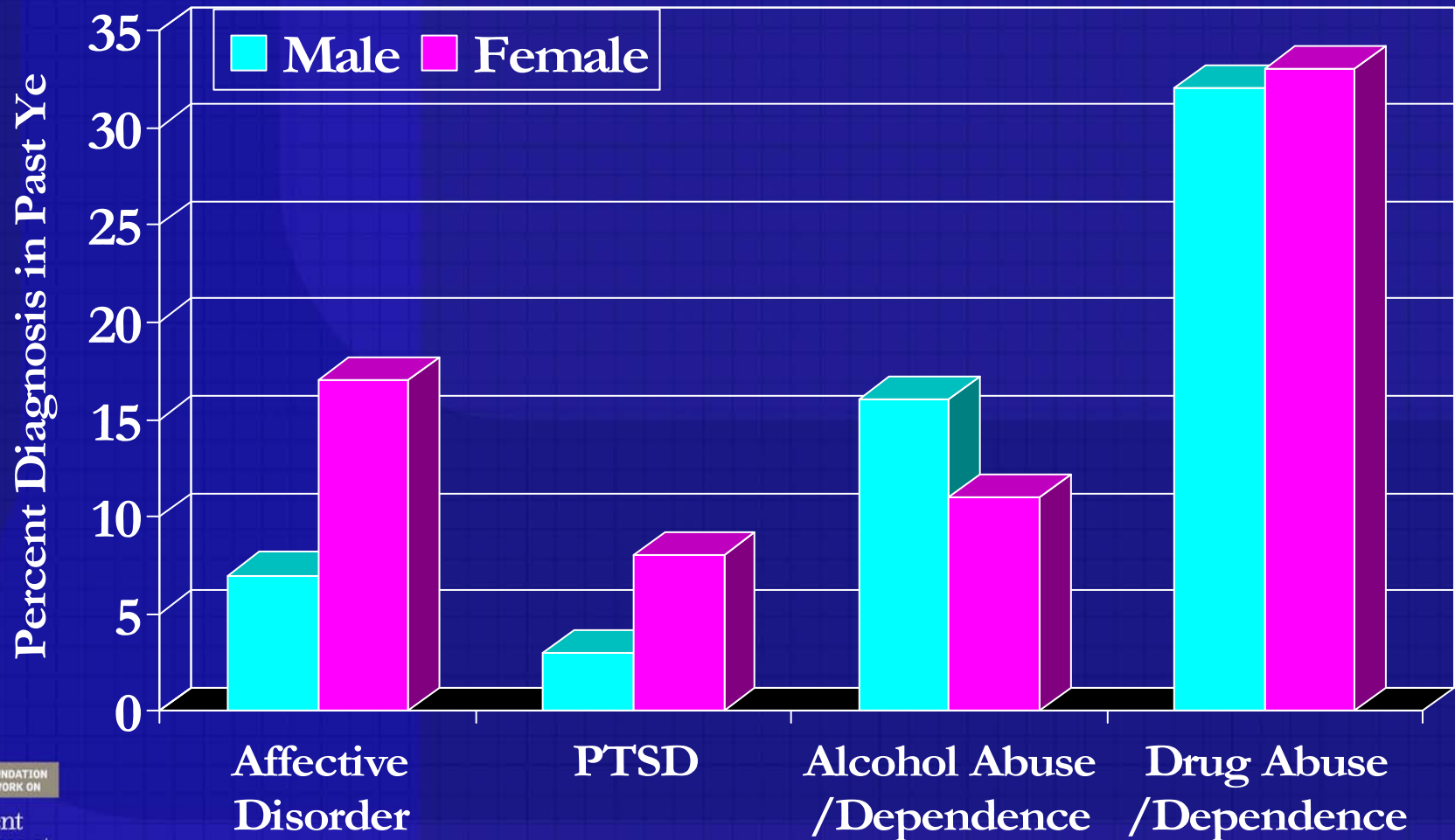
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Youths may have experienced multiple placements over the 3 year follow-up

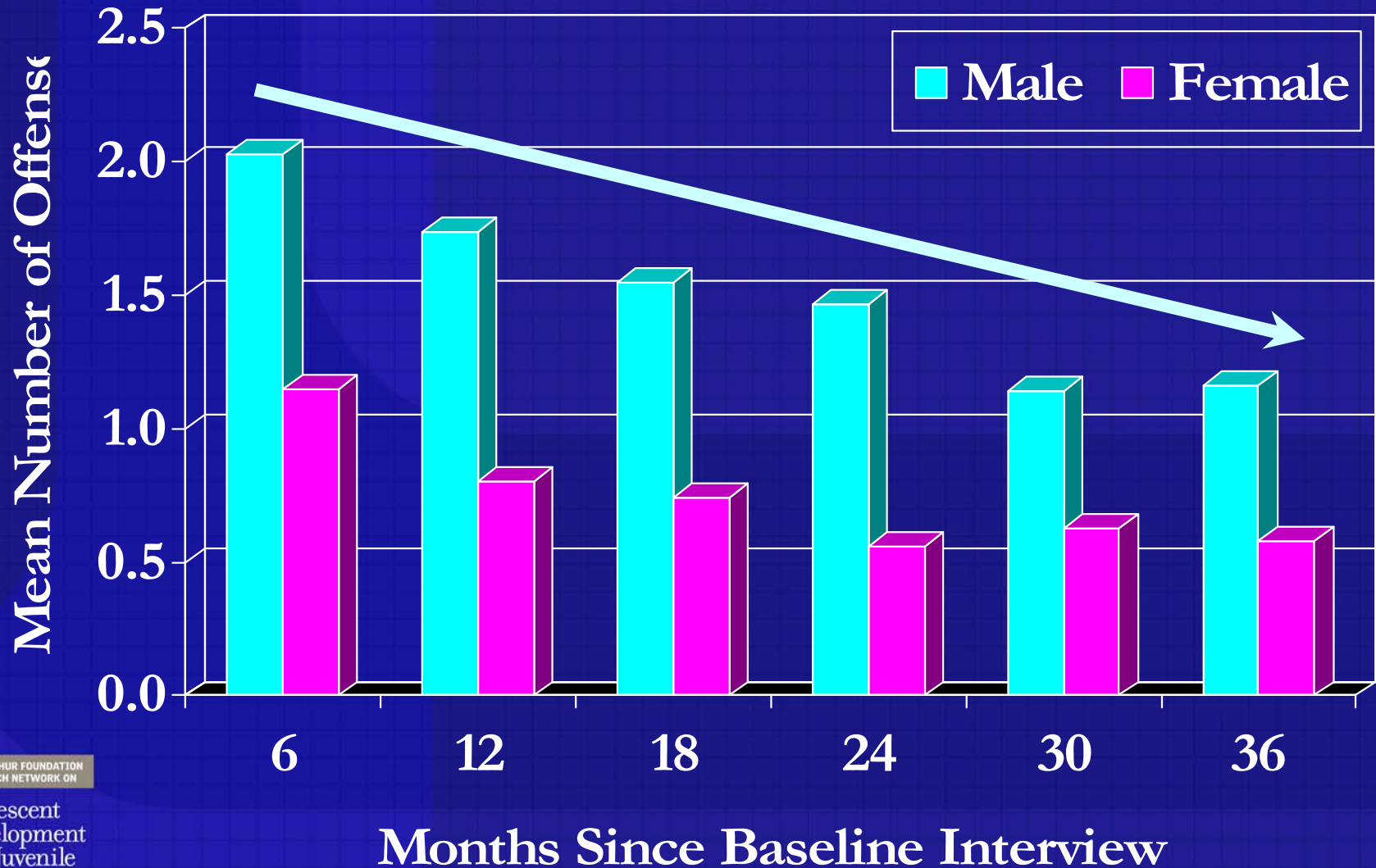
Gender Differences in History of Victimization



Gender Differences in Mental Health and Substance Abuse



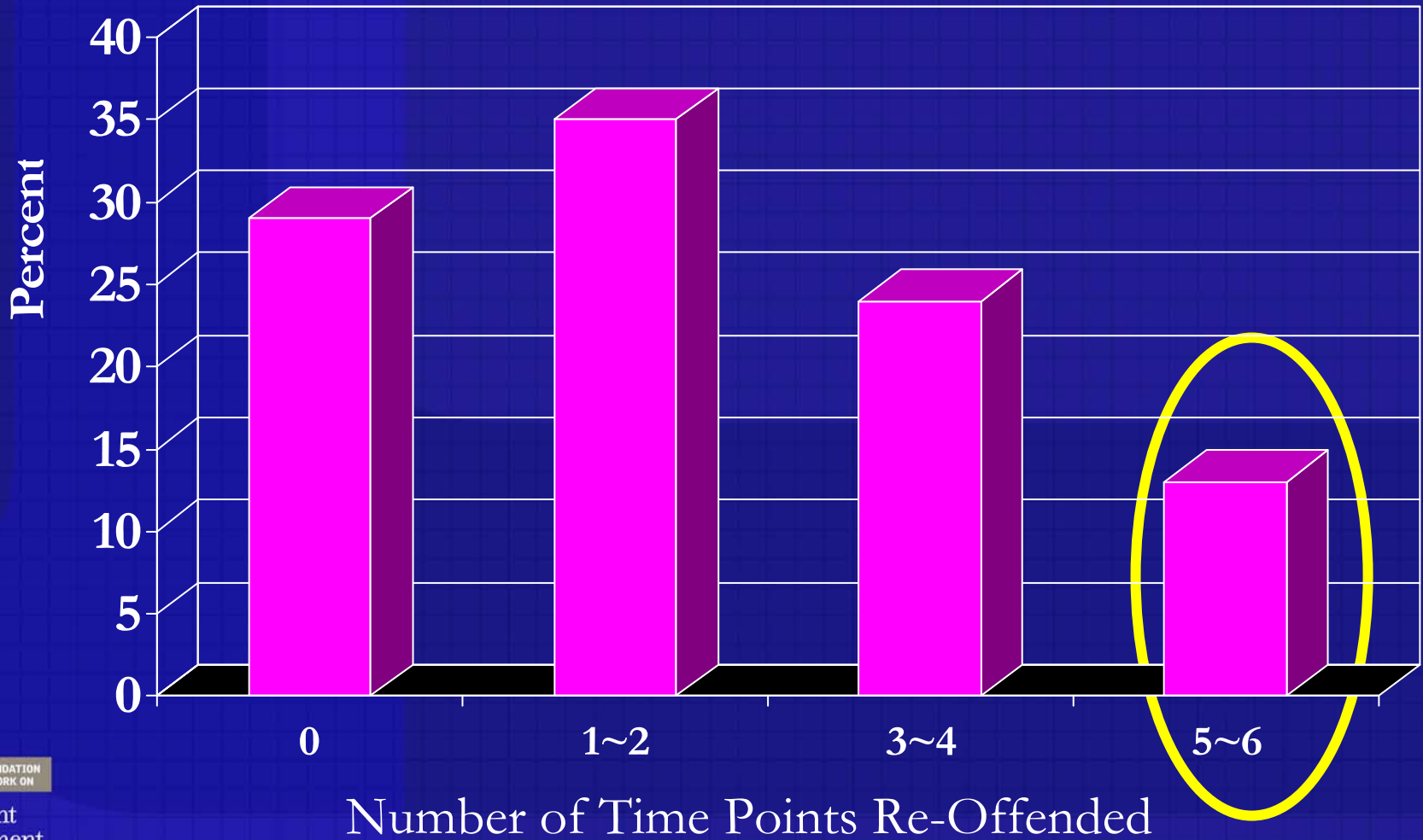
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Are there chronic female offenders?



Are Chronic Female Offenders Different From Girls Who Do Not Offend Chronically?

- There is heterogeneity among these girls.....
 - Chronic Female Offenders are more likely to be....
 - Less psychosocially immature
 - Less future oriented
 - Less responsible
 - Less able to consider others
 - More impulsive
 - More likely to be a victim of violence
 - More likely to have anxiety and a diagnosis of PTSD
 - More likely to have a drug dependence disorder