Dr. Talia Etgar introduced herself and explained the type of work she was conducting in Israel. Dr. Etgar is the Director and a Therapist at a Centre in Israel (part of Elem). She works with young people who display sexually abusive behaviour.
ELEM - youth in distress

Treatment center

- Prevention programs
- Assessment & Treatment of youth & families
- Training
- raising public awareness and professional awareness about this issue.
- Hot line
The Centre is the only one in Israel treating this population all ages (0-18), and in all frameworks

- Under the age of 12 - The center & it’s branches.
- Above the age of 12 (up to 18) for those who are not under criminal process.
- Operating the therapeutic group of Youth probation & Youth protective authority.
- Special project in youth prison.
They give advice to anyone who might be concerned about the behaviour of a youth and they use the traffic light system in terms of what action needs to be advised/taken.
In this lecture:

- Different roles – different treatment?
- Group Dynamic in group rape
- Pros and cons - same group rape - same therapy group.
- Females' group rape
Talia explained that in her work youngsters are seen who have taken different roles within a group rape, however she does not see this as meaning that different treatment is necessarily needed.

- No difference in treatment
- The role is an expression of behavior patterns in life.
- Behavior patterns will immerge
Basic assumption

- Individual - Comprehensive perception of the client

They perceive the youngster as a whole person and as unique. They therefore take an individual approach to treatment but they also use treatment groups.
Group Dynamic in group rape its importance in a therapy group

- Subgroup
- common interest denying and minimizing their part in the offense
- conspiracy of silence and secrecy
- Loyalty
Pros and cons same rape same therapy group

Cons

Reasons Related to the Group Process
- Sub group
- Secrecy
Reasons Related to Characteristics of Sex Offenders

- interest in reducing the intensity of the offense
- prevent him from revealing true feelings
- placing the blame and responsibility on others is greater,
- can coordinate their positions
In her work, members of the same group who together committed a rape are treated together. This can facilitate identifying behaviour patterns that go beyond the rape. She gave the example of where youngsters have pointed things out to one another about the rape and their behaviour outside of this.

Having the same members within the same therapy group can however create a subgroup within the therapy group which is unhelpful since the youngsters can share a common interest in remaining silent, minimising behaviour and severity, and using denial. There are also issues of loyalty in expressing thoughts and feelings about the rape.

In her work, the same group members do not join the therapy group at the same time. They only take on other group members once the first member has admitted his crimes and has therefore become integrated into the therapy group. Hearing positive feedback about engaging in the intervention from the engaged member can help encourage the other group members to join in when it is their time.

Talia selects the group member who appears the most cooperative and ready to engage as the first to join the therapy group. They have to want to do the therapy before they join the therapeutic group. If there is more than one at this stage, the leader is often chosen as the first.
Pros

Reasons Related to Characteristics of Adolescent Sex Offenders

- Denial
- Minimization
- Manipulation
Reasons Related to Group Dynamics

- Importance of the peer group
- The subject of friends
- Confrontations in diagnosis and therapy
- Attempts to take “The Other’s Cycle”
In her work Talia explained she is most likely to come across female perpetrators of group rape as members of a mixed male-female group. It is rare to see all female groups in Israel but they do exist.
Women in these groups tend to have roles such as helper, procurer, restrainer, or look-out.
I believe that there is still hope
So we should not give up
I believe that with some love
The future will be better

(translation – Goldhirsh)