Positive Activities, the Tough Option

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A Catch22 SITUATION

It's rough round here

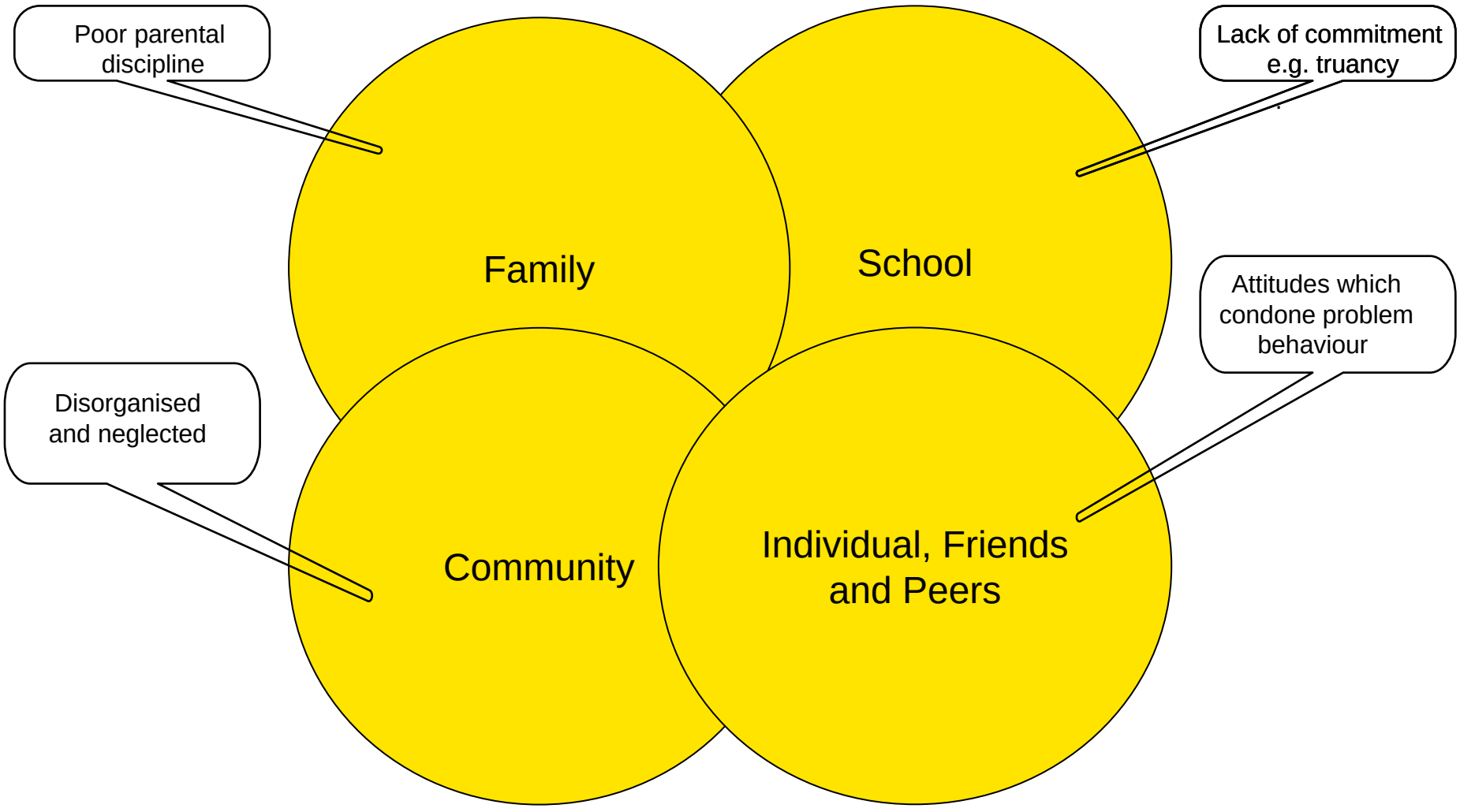
I'm scared someone's going to get hurt

Do I:

- carry a knife and risk getting caught
- risk getting stabbed myself

every young person deserves the chance to steer clear of crime

RISK FACTORS



EVERY YOUNG PERSON DESERVES THE CHANCE TO:

- learn
- earn a living
- live somewhere safe
- steer clear of crime
- give something back

PROTECTION & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- encouraging healthy behaviour
- clear standards
- social bonding and collective efficacy
- using protective processes:
  - opportunities to contribute
  - skills to contribute
  - recognising contributions

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"I feel I have done a good deed for the community… I can now talk to the elderly more confidently. Just by helping the community it makes us feel good to see them happy… the staff have faith in me, which makes me feel good.

I am well known in my area where I live because of the work I have done. I want to do this for my future."

Lizzie

COMMUNITY SPACE CHALLENGE

- 2,400 young people have been involved in year one.
- 63% said they felt more pride in their neighbourhood.
- 78% of participants who had been in trouble with the police previously said they had been in trouble less or not at all since taking part in the programme.
- More than 500 young people received accredited awards (Duke of Edinburgh Awards, Youth Achievement Awards).

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“The love of football makes us one, the love of UNITY helps bring our communities together”
Cashell, Unity

“In the time college has been working with the UNITY Project I have witnessed the level of discipline and commitment increase among the young people involved. I also see our college students interact more positively with young people from other communities.”
Joe Sargeson, South Notts College

UNITY

- 274 young people (16-25) are registered
- 145 young people attend every month
- 148 young people get access to recognised qualifications
- 112 young people completed recognised qualifications
- 37 young people progressed into paid employment

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"This project, the fourth that the Centre has been involved with, has again resulted in the young people producing some excellent ideas on reducing anti-social behaviour in our City. It's great to see them giving something back."

Graham Evans, Centre Manager, The Mander Centre

"Having worked with professional actors I now want to be an actor when I finish school."

Year 9 student, St Helena's School

PRU4YOUTH

- The Street Sounds project in Cwmbran involved 100 young people. The result was a 41% reduction in shopping centre incidents, compared with the previous year.

- Pupils from Walkden High School, Manchester, created a drama, “Off the Rails” about the effects of anti-social behaviour. The project, involving over 500 young people, has contributed to a 21.6% reduction in reported insurance claims as a result of malicious damage at Manchester Arndale.

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“Positive Futures has made me a lot of friends, introduced a possible career and taken me onto bigger and better things.”

Adrian, Positive Futures

“There are no overnight solutions to tackling gun and knife crime. But it is through the pro-active approach adopted by the Lambeth Positive Futures project that many young people are engaged in worthwhile activities.”

Vernon Coaker, Minister of State for policing crime and security

POSITIVE FUTURES

- In the year ending 31 March 2008 a total of 57,946 young people participated.

- At West Middlesbrough Positive Futures, in one month alone, 56 young people passed OCN courses: 39 passed the Personal Development Through Sport Level 1, 13 passed the Developing Self and Others Level 2, and four passed the Producing a Short Film.

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“You know what, my mentor sees me for nothing, she doesn’t get paid. I’m not going to let her down.”
Michael, Lambeth

“Marion has got me involved, encouraged me, been there for me and she's brilliant!”
Sarah, Kent 16plus

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