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Substance Abuse Program Office Prevention Unit

Adult Focused Substance Abuse Prevention Initiative

**Mission: Protect the Vulnerable, Promote Strong and Economically Self-Sufficient Families,
and Advance Personal and Family Recovery and Resiliency.**



Why Adult Focused Prevention?

Guiding Principle 2004

Florida Prevention System

Addressing prevention issues for adults, as well as youth, is essential for a sustained prevention effect across the lifespan & throughout communities.

Prevention needs evolve with the maturation process

SAMH leadership has a strong interest in adult-focused prevention



Status of Adult-Focused Prevention

- **Coalition Capacity Survey:** low community capacity for assessing and responding to prevention issues of adults
- **State Priorities for Adults:** chronic, heavy, & binge drinking, prescription drug abuse and illegal drug use (methamphetamine & cocaine)
- **Evidence-Based Programs and Practices:** lack of evidence-based prevention programming and practices for adult populations (U of M, Lit. Review).



Adult Consumption

- ❖ Adult Binge Drinking (18-26)
- ❖ Adult Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drug Abuse (26-55)
- ❖ Prescription & Alcohol Abuse (55+)



Consequences of Adult Use Public Safety

- ☹ Alcohol Related DUIs
- ☹ Auto Crashes & Fatalities
- ☹ Violence & Crime
- ☹ Homelessness



Consequences of Adult Use Financial Costs

- 👎 College & University Drop Out Rates
- 👎 Long Term Care Admissions
- 👎 Increasing Health Care Costs
- 👎 Workforce/Employment Costs
- 👎 Child Welfare System/Foster Care
- 👎 Criminal Justice
- 👎 Homelessness (Co-occurring disorders)



Adult-Focused Prevention Logic Model

(based on the FL Outcome-Based Prevention Process)

- ❖ **Consequences & Consumption**
- **Long-Term Outcomes**
- ❖ **Intervening Variables**
– **Intermediate Outcomes**
- ❖ **Action Plans – Process objectives**
- ❖ **Progress Tracking & Plan Refinement**



Research Theory

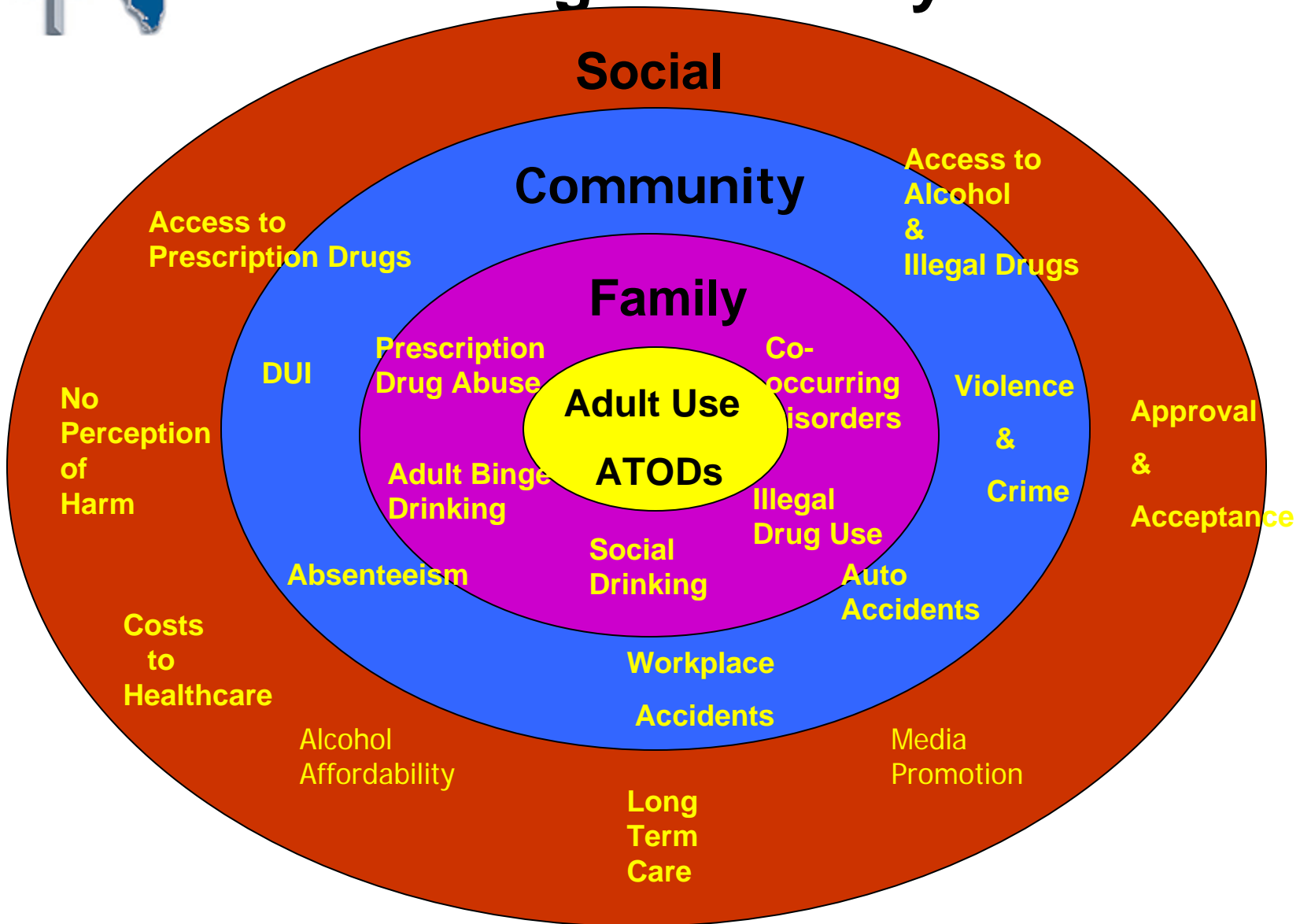
Two Family Research Theories provide the Framework for Adult Focused Prevention

€ Ecological Theory

€ Life Span Development Theory



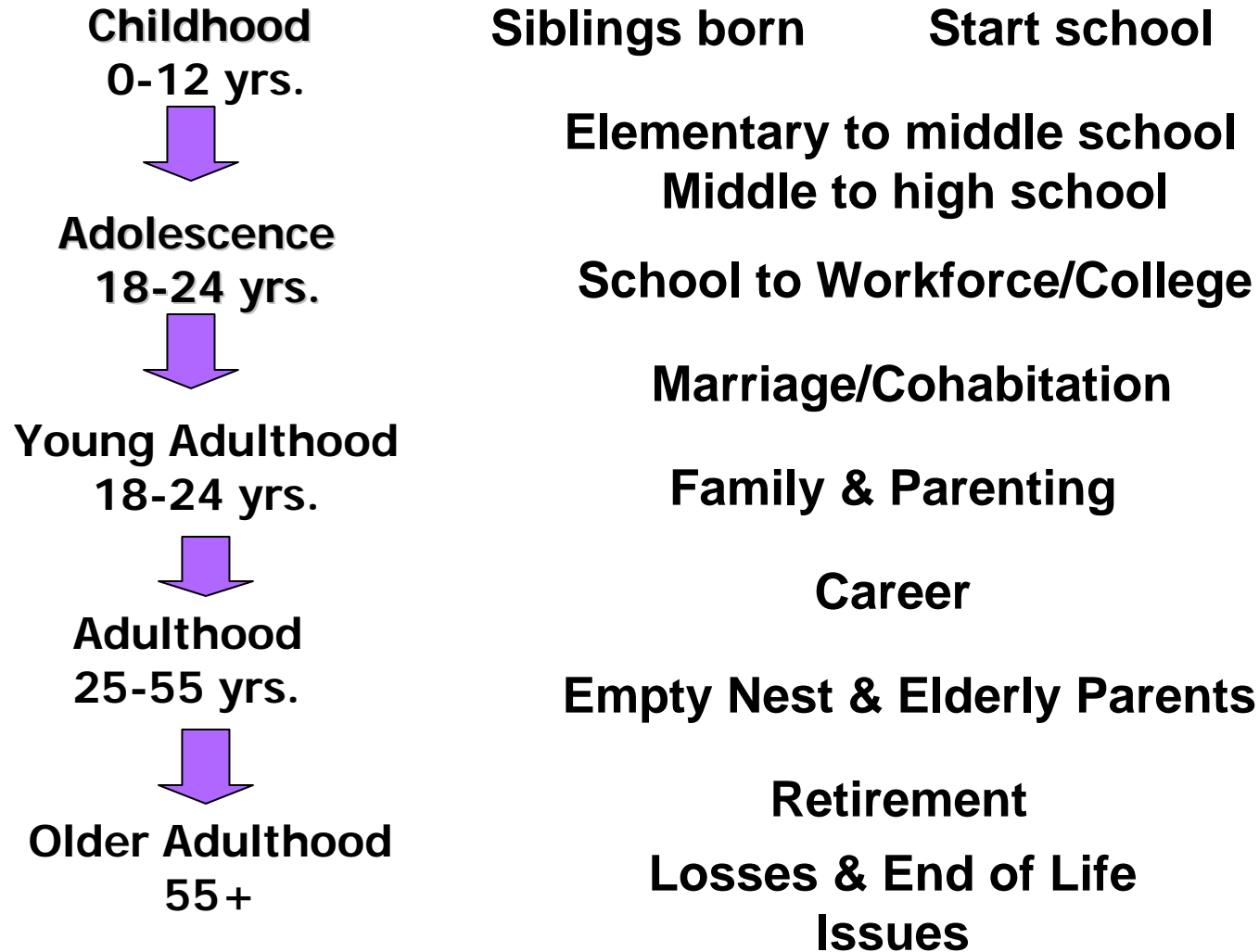
Conceptual Framework Ecological Theory





Conceptual Framework

Life Span Developmental Theory





Status of Adult Focused Prevention

Performance-Based Prevention System

In 2007,

- 23,728 adults were served in
- 74 Adult Prevention Programs
- 9 of which are Evidence Based.



Status of Adult-Focused Prevention

Evidence Based Model Programs in Florida

- Alcohol EDU for colleges
- Team Awareness (Workplace)
- WOW (Wellness Outreach at Work)



AFP Issue Development & Support

- Literature Review & Needs Assessment
- Prevention Conference Workshop
- Model Program Specific Training
- Program Specific Technical Assistance



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