



JUDGE D. SCOTT SMITH

**Superior Court Judge
Cherokee Judicial Circuit**



THE "J" WORD

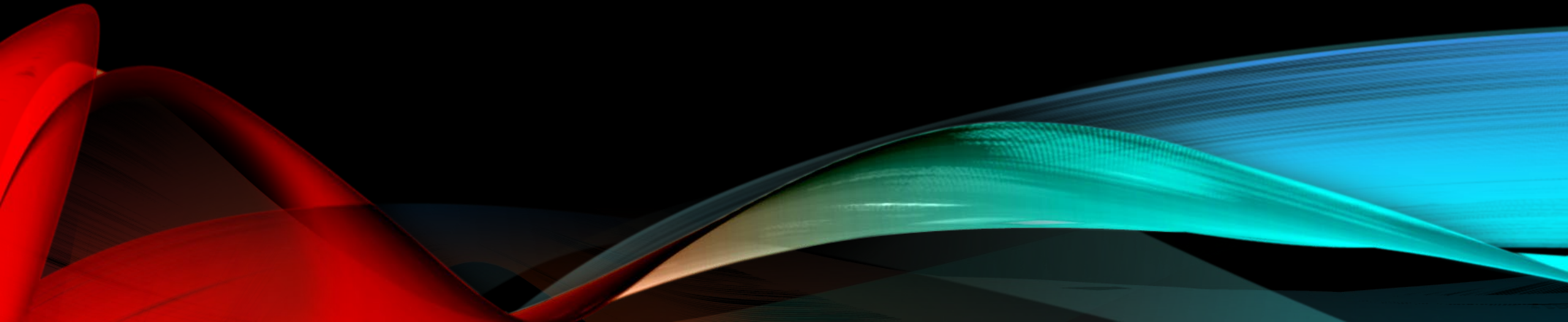
Sometimes JAIL is an appropriate response to an action or violation by participants.

In some cases, participants have never been incarcerated while sober. This can be an effective way to break criminal behaviors when in the past, their experiences in jail have been mostly associated with being on drugs at the time.

When a participant is incarcerated under new circumstances, sober but still has criminal thinking and behaviors, this can be a humbling and effective way to break certain behaviors



Ed Latessa presented last year at the conference that,
“50% of accountability court participants said they
developed an addiction and that led to criminal behavior,
BUT..... 50% also reported that they had been involved in
criminal acts and the justice system before they began to
abuse substances”



WHAT IS A HIGH RISK, HIGH NEEDS OFFENDER

HIGH RISK refers to the likelihood that an offender will not succeed on standard supervision and will continue to engage in the same pattern of behavior that got him/her into trouble in the first place


HIGH NEEDS refer to clinical disorders **HIGH RISK** refers to the likelihood that an offender will not succeed on standard supervision and will continue to engage in the same pattern of behavior that got him/her into trouble in the first place

HIGH RISK - HIGH NEEDS

HIGH RISK OFFENDERS ARE
LESS LIKELY TO SUCCEED
IN STANDARD REHABILITATION PRO
GRAMS

HIGH NEEDS
OFFENDERS ARE VULNERABLE TO
REPEATED FAILURES AND
CRIMINAL BEHAVIORS WITHOUT AD
DRESSING THESE SERIOUS DEFICITS

BY PLACING ONLY LOW RISK
/ LOW NEEDS OFFENDERS IN
DRUG COURTS, THE
INTENSIVE TREATMENT
AND COURT REQUIREMENTS
CAN SOMETIMES PRODUCE
POORER OUTCOMES AND HIGHER
RECIDIVISM



CRIMINAL – definition “ A
person who has committed a
crime”



How did these people become criminals?

Family

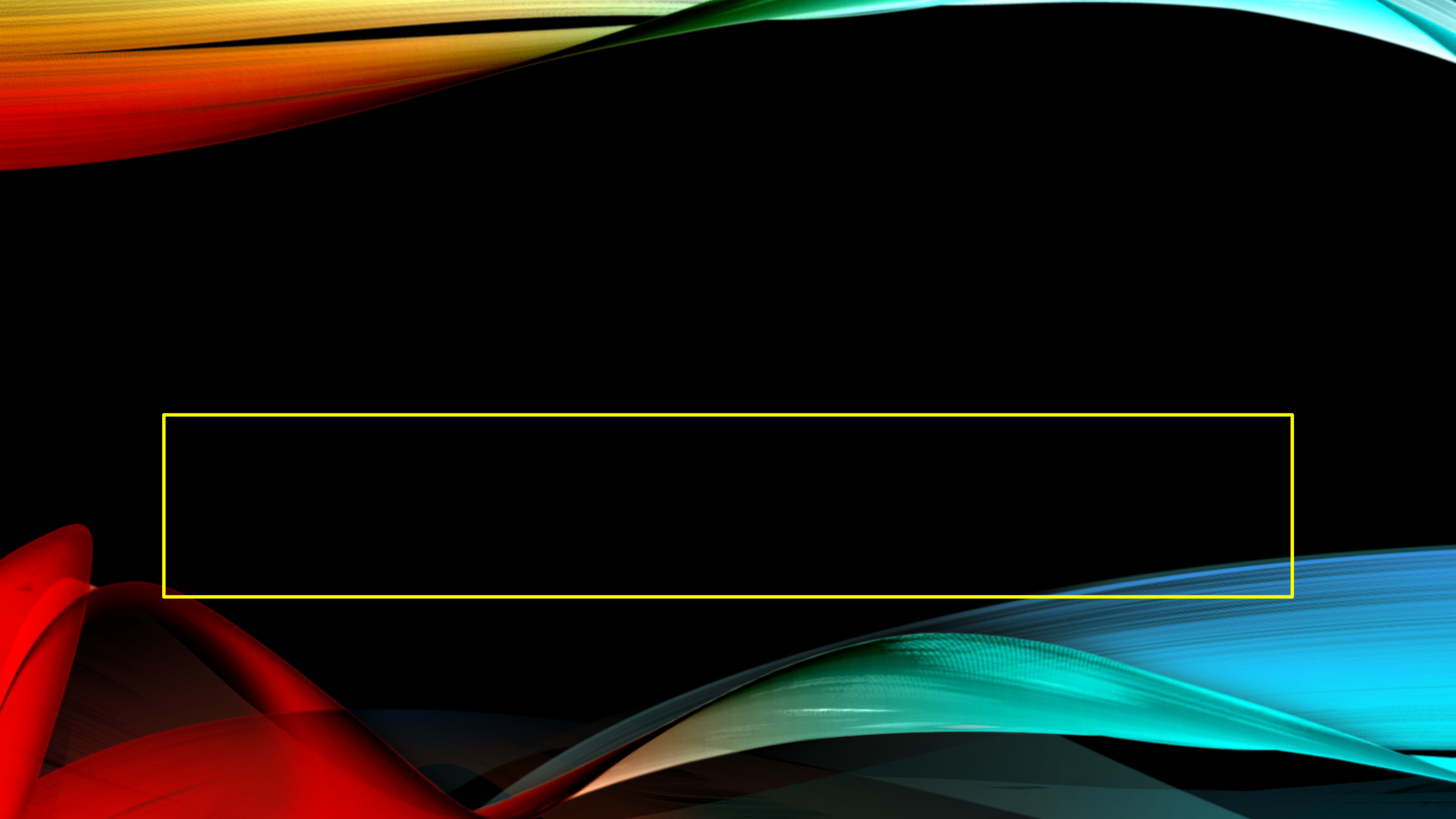
Environment (friends,
school)

Circumstances

CRIMINALS ARE STILL HUMAN BEINGS CAPABLE OF CHANGE

We have to remember that we are dealing with human beings that have made very poor choices and whether or not that stems from their life history or their criminal mindset, we still need to treat them as people who have the potential to change who they are and what they want out of life







**WE HAVE TO “UNDO”
THE HABITS OF THE PAST**

STEP 1

TEACH THE RIGHT WAYS TO DO THINGS

BE ON TIME

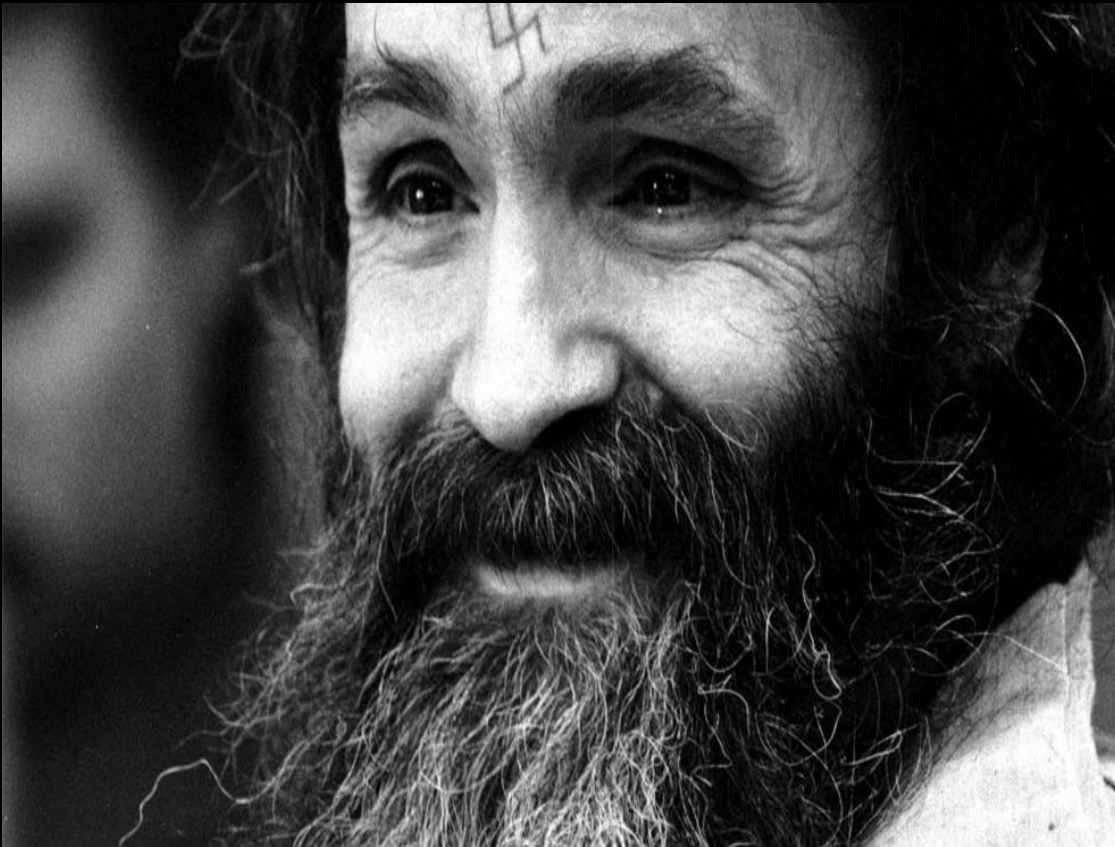
BE PRODUCTIVE (JOB)

BE RESPONSIBLE (FINANCIALLY, FAMILY)

STEP 2

MAINTAIN THE RIGHT DECISIONS AND BEHAVIOR
SURVEILLANCE IS THE KEY
WHO ARE THEY SEEING
HOW ARE THEY LIVING (RED FLAGS)

SURVEILLANCE IS A CRUCIAL PART OF MAKING
SURE THEY ARE NOT INVOLVED IN OLD HABITS.
PEOPLE, PLACES AND THINGS



STEP 3

TEACH THEM THAT THEY CAN LIVE AS A HAPPY PERSON WHILE STILL BEING SOBER

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY ACTIVITIES WITH EACH OTHER

FORCE THEM TO HAVE FUN

MAKE THEM SET GOALS (PROXIMAL / DISTAL)

HEALTHY FUN

Encourage participants to be active and enjoy life in healthy, sober activities. They need to replace old habits with new ones.



PLAN EVENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES





TREATMENT FOR ADDICTION IS HUGE, BUT IT
IS NOT THE ENTIRE STORY

WE HAVE TO CHANGE AN ENTIRE LIFE
PROCESS BECAUSE UP UNTIL NOW, THEIR
LIFE HAS BEEN ALL ABOUT USING