



The Butterfly Longitudinal (Re-) integration Research Project in Cambodia:

Relationships and Violence: Participants Views and Experiences and Practitioner reactions to Butterfly Recommendations.

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Background

- Started: 2010, partnering with 14 assistance programs.
- Sample: 128 (80% female, 20% male, aged from 7 -36 years old)
- Mixed methods- comprehensive- 3 times/years
- Through listening to the 'voice' of survivors
- Through their 'voice': inform programming, policy, wider debates locally, regionally and globally.

Family Connection

“I *think a lot* about my family....I *always think* does my family have something to eat....?what are they doing?what they are thinking about.” -2012

“I really miss and love my mother and I want to go home. I want to live with her again. I love my siblings too and I miss them.” -2011

Child Protection

- “My mother went to prison for trafficking me. When she was released she threatened me and told me she needed me back home. I was afraid she would hurt me again. The *shelter investigated* and found out *she is not my real mother*. She had taken me as a baby.....” -2013
- “My mother and I afraid since I reintegrated home because the perpetrator still lives near our house. My case is not finished and I feel afraid of this man.” -2013



Desiring a confidant

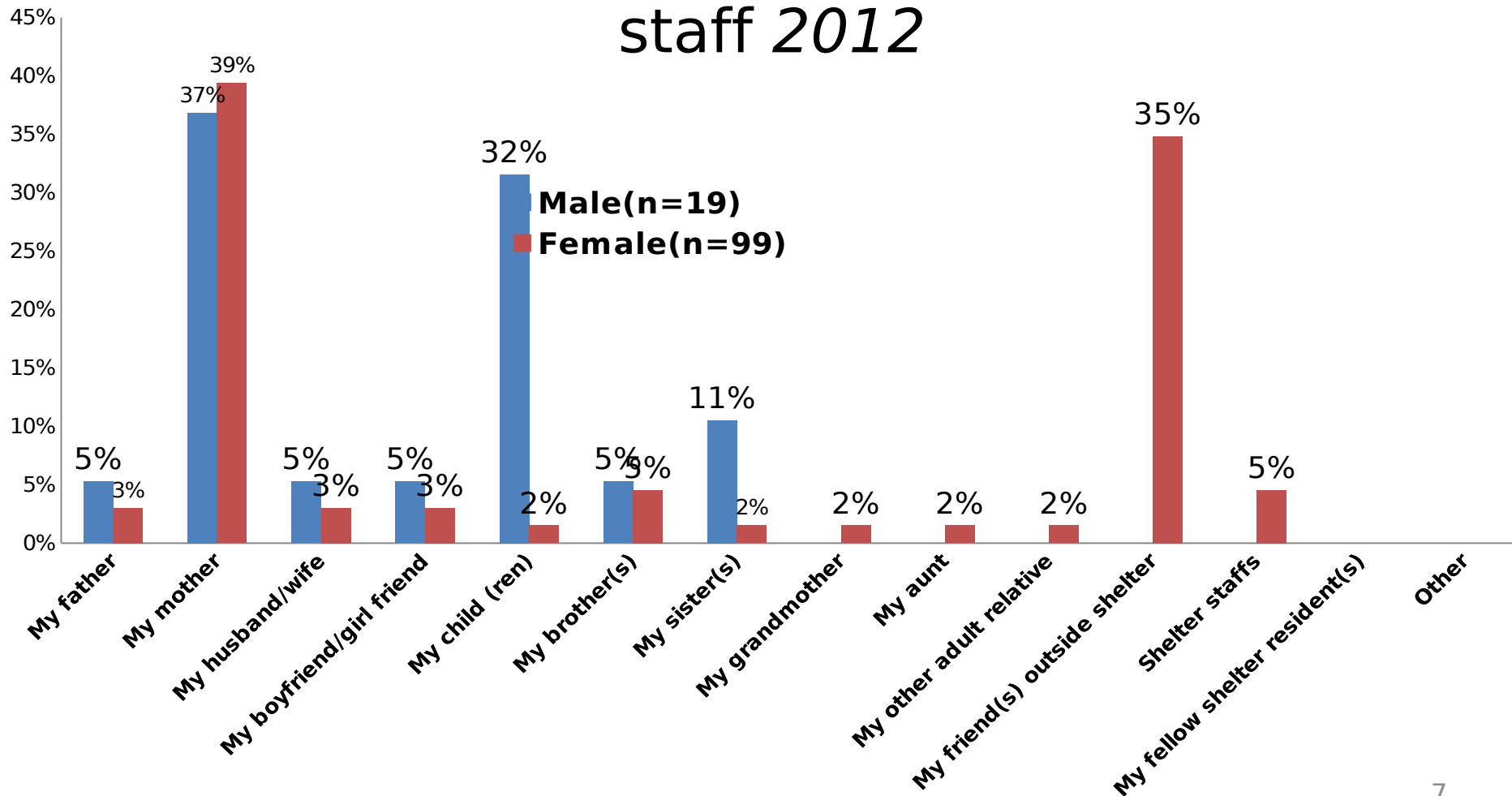
“When I return to the community I will have no chance to discuss my problems. But in the shelter I had counseling.” 2012

Disclosure: “who” to trust?

“I worry about who I can really trust. If I tell her my secret about my past sex work she may tell others If others know, they will gossip and push me away. So far I don't know who I can really trust.”-2012

Who you trusted the most in past year?

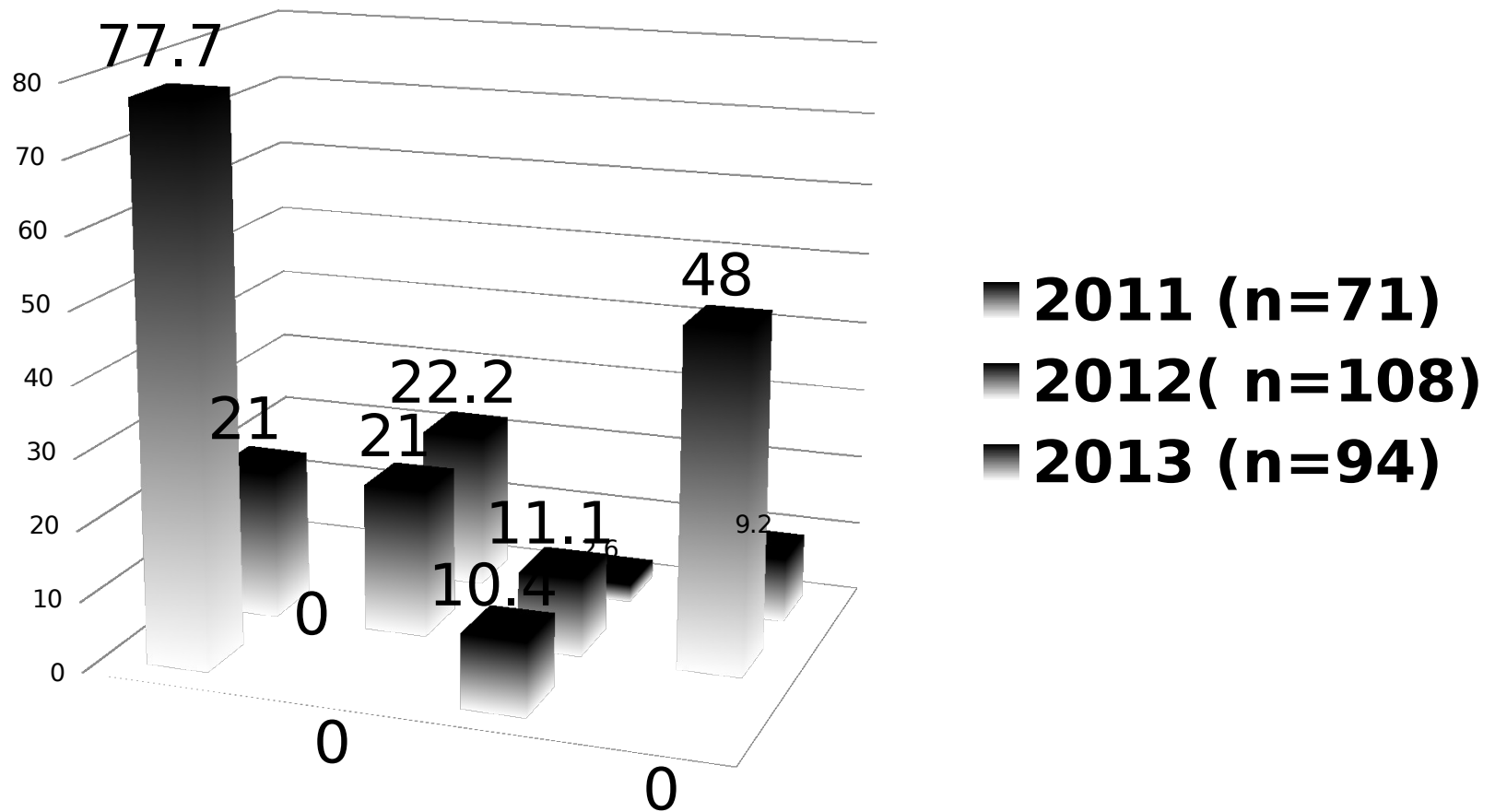
Family highest followed by shelter staff 2012



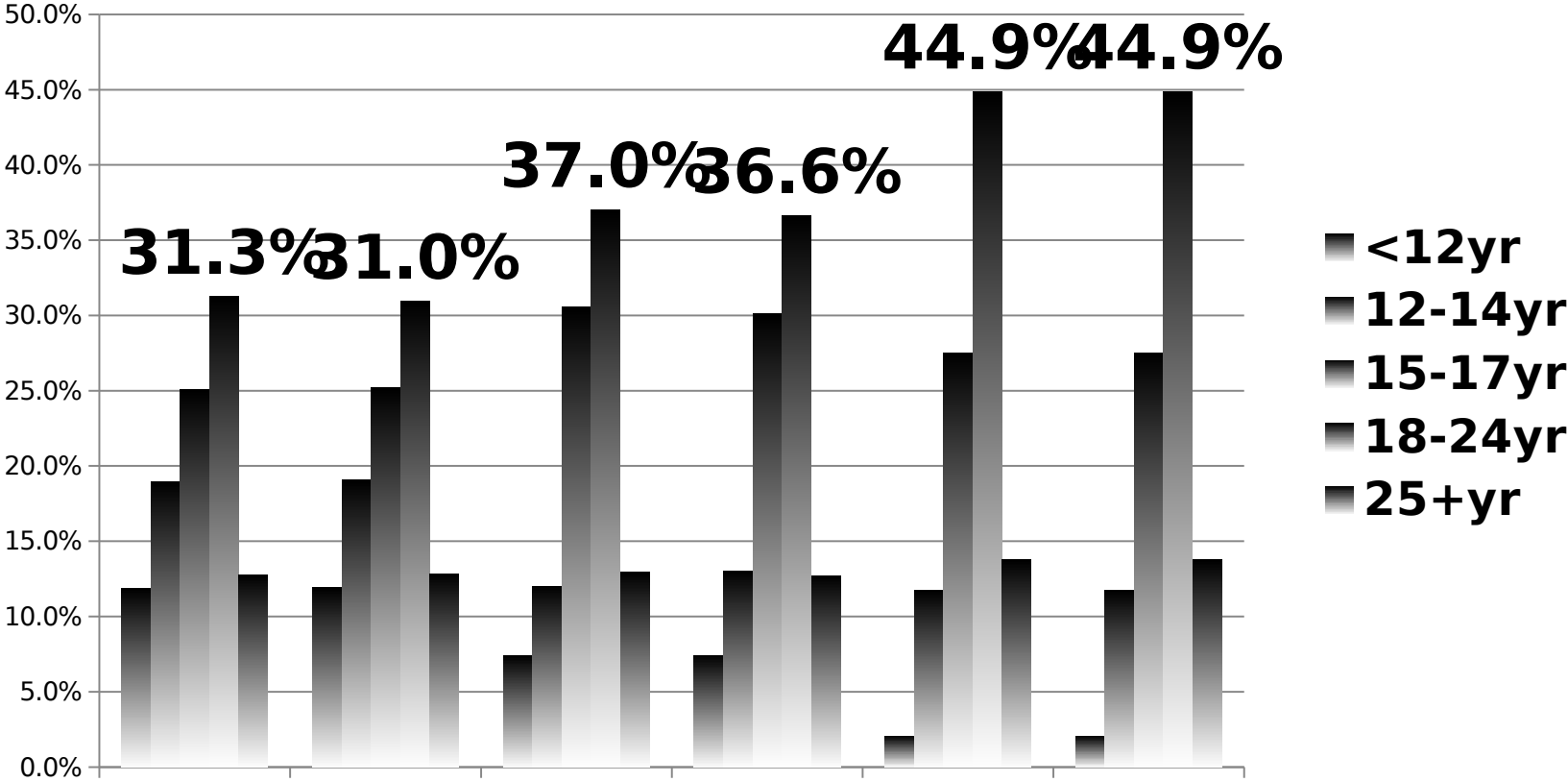
Stigma

- “The rich girls at my school gossip and look down on me. They shame me to others because I live in the shelter and I am poor.....The teachers tried to defend me but the rich families are too powerful” -2013
- “Some teachers treat me rudely, maybe because I am poor or because they think about my past story.” -2012

Experiences of violence (shelters vs. community)



Experiences of violence by age



Sexual harassment in shelters and workplace

- “I feel sad because one girl seems to like me sexually and I don’t feel the same way. The other girls know my problem with her but they do not help make her stop pressuring me.”
2011
- “I quit my chef job because the boss would not stop sexually harassing me. I did not tell the shelter the truth about why I quit because I did not think anyone would believe me.”
2013

Take home messages for programming-reintegration of survivors

- (Re-) integration should start on “day one” and include the family and community.
- Coalitions can more effectively lobby governments.
- Coalitions can develop toolkits and resources- learn from each other, avoid reinventing what is already available, contextualize etc.
- Interventions need to balance cases by case with strong protocols and assessment procedures to promote family connection and maintain child protection.
- Deal with sexual harassment in residential centers through raising awareness and training.

Recommendation to AP

- Where possible residential programs should promote family attachments through organizing increased contact, communication and visitation between residents and family members, while at the same time ensuring child protection as indicated.
- Training staff and clients about what sexual harassment entails, how to disclose, in order to promote and ensure a safe environment in the residential programs.

Recommendation (con')

- Lobby the Government as a coalition to enforce sexual harassment policies in the work place.
- Practitioners generally felt this recommendation needed to be more specific-Practitioners, 8-2013
- “Would be helpful to start with very specific advocacy. For example advocating for government to consider entertainment establishments as hazardous work environments and thus minors not allowed to work.” Practitioners, 8-2013

How?

Programmers' responses

- Reintegration planning from -“day one”
- Cases by case/strong protocols/assessment/child protection/security.
- Use family visits/contact: increase soft skills of family and community
- Practitioners want the Chab Dai organizations to work together to develop toolkits addressing stigma.

Thank you!

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