

WRCPC Agenda

May 12, 2017

Waterloo Region Museum

10 Huron Rd., Kitchener

Classroom A

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (8:30 a.m. networking)

Chair: Courtney Didier

Recorder: M. Allen

| Agenda Item: | Time: | Att(s): |
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| 1. Welcome and Introductions | 10 min | |
| 2. Approval of Agenda | | |
| 3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest | | |
| 4. Approval of the April 21, 2017 Minutes | | ✓ |
| 4.1 Business Arising | | |
| 5. Approval of the Smart Update (Consent Agenda) | | ✓ |
| 6. Guadalajara Crime Prevention: Introductions and Dialogue (Skype) | 25 min | |

| Purpose/Outcome | Key Sectors |
|---|--------------------|
| Upon request from the UN Habitat III WRCPC and the City of Guadalajara Crime Prevention division have been exchanging information about issues and solutions of mutual interest. Staff from Guadalajara will be attending the meeting of WRCPC via skype to present briefly about their work and to observe and/or participate in a meeting of Council as a multi-sector initiative (Centre of Responsibility). | All |

7. Sector Representation: What is it? - Courtney Didier and Christiane Sadeler

 7.1 Defining Sector Roles: Courtney Didier - for discussion **20 min**

 7.2 A Sector Story: Peter Rubenschuh - for information **5 min**

| Purpose/Outcome | Key Sectors |
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| In 2013 at the conclusion of the last first Smart on Crime plan WRCPC approved a reorganization that led to the establishment of the Friends of Crime Preventions initiative (to more closely align with principles of a social movement for prevention) and the change from organization representation to sector representation. Now that some time has lapsed WRCPC will review the notion of sector representation and a member of Council will share a sector story that illustrates the principle of ambassadorship. | All |

8. Advances in Our Strategic Plan:

60 min

- 8.1 Sector Observations: - Roundtable
- 8.2 Highlights for Regional Council

| Purpose/Outcome | Key Sectors |
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| <p>The Smart on Crime Plan (2014-2018) is over half way through its planning cycle. Staff will briefly remind members of WRPCPC of the plan goals and actions that have been taken over and above the planned activities. WRPCPC members will share observations that fall within the directions and key approaches of the plan.</p> <p>On June 14, 2017 WRPCPC Chair will be presenting to Regional Council an annual update of the work of WRPCPC. Members of Council will be asked to share what they wish to have highlighted during that presentation.</p> | All |

9. Nominations Update – Courtney Didier

5 min

| Purpose/Outcome | Key Sectors |
|---|--------------------|
| A few outstanding nomination items have been concluded and Courtney will report on these. | All |

10. Knowledge Sharing:

10.1 Hillbilly Elegy – Jane Mitchell

10 min

| Purpose/Outcome | Key Sectors |
|---|--------------------|
| Knowledge exchange is a key approach in the WRPCPC world. This will be a regular item on the agenda where members of WRPCPC can report on a book, movie, seminar etc. that will be of interest to their fellow members. | All |

11. Other Business

12. Adjournment

13. Next Meeting: June 9, 2017 Waterloo Region Museum

WRCPC Minutes

April 21, 2017

Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region

700 Heritage Rd. Kitchener, ON

Large Boardroom, 2nd floor

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (8:30 a.m. networking)

Present: Karen Spencer, Andrew Jackson, Barry Cull, Barry McClinchey, Bill Wilson, Carolyn Albrecht, Chris Cowie, Courtney Didier, Denise Squire, Douglas Bartholomew-Saunders, Felix Munger, Helen Jowett, Irene O'Toole, James Gormley, Jennifer Mains, Joe-Ann McComb, John Shewchuk, Jonathan English, Kathy Payette, Kelly Anthony, Liana Nolan, Cheryl Flamenco-Steiner, Mark Pancer, Michael Beazely, Michelle Sutherland, Pari Karem, Richard Eibach, Rohan Thompson, Sarah Shafiq, Shayne Turner, Tom Galloway, Trisha Robinson

Regrets: Alison Scott, Angela Vanderheyden, Bryan Larkin, Mike Haffner, Cathy Harrington, Carolyn Schoenfeldt, Doug Thiel, Jane Mitchell, Liz Vitek, Mark Poland, Karey Katzsch, Peter Rubenschuh, Sharon Ward-Zeller, Peter Ringrose

Staff and Students: Carlos Luis Zatarain (student), Christiane Sadeler, Daniel Bader (student), David Siladi, Dianne Heise, Juanita Metzger, Michael Parkinson

Chair: Shayne Turner

Recorder: M. Parkinson

1. Welcome and Introductions: Shayne welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked people to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Barry Cull and seconded by Courtney Didier. Carried

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

4. Approval of the March 10, 2017 Minutes:

Moved by Richard Eibach and seconded by Mark Pancer. Carried

4.1 Updates:

Dr. Nolan noted that Public Health will be presenting a report about the Overdose Monitoring, Alert and Response System (OMARS) at the Community Services Committee and suggested that staff share the report with members of WRCPC. [Post meeting addendum: the report was shared after the meeting.]

Felix Munger will be presenting a report on the Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention (CMNCP) at the same meeting of the Community Services Committee.

WRCPC members were reminded that on June 14, 2017 at 7 p.m. Shayne Turner, WRCPC Chair, will provide the annual update to Regional Council. Council members are encouraged to attend.

The Justice Dinner has been set for November 16, 2017 and will be hosted in partnership with CJI to commemorate restorative justice as part of the Canada 150 celebrations. Ted Wachtel is the guest speaker and Chris Cowie shared some information about Mr. Wachtel.

4.2 Business Arising:

Canadian Municipal Network on Crime Prevention (CMNCP):

Christiane provided an update about the face to face CMNCP meeting that was held in the Region of Waterloo on March 30th and 31st, 2017. It was attended by over 40 delegates from across the country. Felix Munger is in the process of pulling all of the materials together from the conference as part of the development of the next chapter of the CMNCP and to assist in animating other communities with a focus on root causes. Exchanges, training and online capacity are also in the works.

Shayne noted the energy and enthusiasm across the country for crime prevention through social development was visible at the meetings and that there was clearly much respect if not admiration for the Waterloo Region model. Felix agreed that WRCPC is admired and embodies what many municipal staff and councilors across Canada aspire to. He also suggested that many other crime prevention initiatives would not exist without WRCPC's assistance provided over the years. It was important during the two days for guests from outside of Waterloo region to see what is happening locally.

This opportunity and the reception hosted by Chair Seiling were much appreciated.

Christiane Sadeler is giving the opening address and facilitating a workshop at a conference in Calgary hosted by the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association. The focus of her presentation will be on collaboration its benefits and challenges.

Courtney Didier and Jonathan English attended the Conestoga College student celebration on behalf of WRCPC.

Barry McClinchey and Andrew Jackson represented WRCPC at the Kitchener Mayor's inaugural meeting where WRCPC had a display.

Christiane shared that these kinds of contributions from the WRCPC sector representatives are most welcome and accurately reflect the collaborative nature of the WRCPC. In time she would like to see WRCPC members more actively take on training opportunities and conference presentations to augment the small staff team.

Tom Galloway shared that the face to face meeting with the Winnipeg Crime Prevention group was excellent and that he would be willing to assist again as required. WRCPC is very fortunate to have the support of Regional Council. Not all communities have this kind of support. Tom also shared that he appreciates the hard work of staff of the WRCPC. The more everyone contributes to crime prevention through social development the better it is for everyone, including WRCPC.

Legislation and Regulation of Cannabis Working Group:

Shayne Turner informed members of WRCPC that the legislation and regulation of Cannabis has been tabled. There still needs to be some clarity and distinction between governments especially as to who is responsible for what. It remains to be seen if the provincial systems will be harmonized across the country.

The Cannabis working group meeting is in the process of being set.

Liana Nolan announced that on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. the Honourable A. Anne McLellan, P.C., O.C., A.O.E. will be speaking at the 40th anniversary of UW Health Sciences about the Legalization and

Regulation of Cannabis in Canada. Staff will send out a notice the WRPCPC about this event and how to register.

5. Nominating Committee Update:

Courtney Didier, Chair of Nominating Committee provided an update and brought forward recommendations for approval by the WRPCPC:

Motion to approve David DeSantis as the representative for the Education (JK-12) sector moved by Courtney Didier and seconded by Kathy Payette. Carried

Motion to approve moving Michael Beazely, currently representing Post Secondary Education sector on WRPCPC to a proposed new sector called the Strategic Alignment.

Representation of this sector is on a temporary basis for a maximum of 2 years. The representation will be dependent on WRPCPC's priority issues. Michael Beazely is presently the Chair of the Waterloo Region Integrated Drugs Strategy (WRIDS) and WRIDS currently remains a high priority for the WRPCPC.

Moved by Courtney Didier and seconded by Kelly Anthony. Carried.

Motion to approve moving Kelly Anthony from the Community at Large sector to the Post Secondary Education sector to replace Michael Beazely. Seconded by Felix Munger. Carried.

The now vacant Community at Large position will be left open until the next round of sector slate review starting in the Fall of 2017.

Efforts still continue to try and fill the Mental Health (Adult) sector.

A formal request is in the process of being formulated to the WWLIHN asking if there is interest in an ex-officio membership with the WRPCPC.

It was announced that Doug Thiel is retiring from the WRPCPC. Chief Bryan Larkin has been asked to suggest a new Local Police Sector representative.

6. Response to Ontario Opioid Announcement:

At the previous meeting a response to the Ontario Opioid Overdose strategy developed by a small committee of WRCPCC was tabled. That report was subsequently circulated for further input from WRCPCC members. Three comments were received and have been incorporated into the report. The comments were supportive and overall did not lead to any substantive changes.

Jennifer Mains asked whether everyone was familiar with the [Prescription For Life](#) document that was widely endorsed across Ontario, including WRCPCC and WRIDS endorsements. Michael Parkinson provided a brief overview.

Motion to approve the position document as presented by Michael Beazely. Seconded by Barry Cull. Carried.

7. What is this thing called “Prevention”?

Christiane Sadeler provided some backdrop as to why this discussion was important. The impetus came partly out of CMNCP conversations that highlight how confused the concept of prevention can be in the area of crime prevention. Crime prevention through social development is overall not well understood therefore the capacity to implement it is jeopardized. Therefore staff felt it was increasingly important to arrive at some level of a shared understanding of ‘prevention’.

The overall goal is to further advance the rationale for moving upstream and disentangle prevention from diversion. The film Upstream was shown and had previously introduced the need for clarity on prevention at the WRCPCC retreat. Link at: www.upstream.net

Staff shared that the more you dive into the literature and evidence, the more complex it becomes.

David presented an overview of various models of prevention and where they align or contradict each other. The slide deck is attached.

Some comments/questions included:

Question: Does this model mean everyone has a threshold for crime?

Answer: The literature is very limited in this regard. Risk means that there is an increased or decreased chance of crime happening. It is not a zero sum game.

Some persons or communities can have all the risk factors present and still no crime happens while in situations of lower risk the outcome is victimization. The inclusion of resiliency is an important consideration in this context.

Comment: The idea of a shared understanding is problematic and WRCPC may not need one. The model can't explain crimes against First Nations?

Response: Shared understanding doesn't mean everyone needs to agree but more that we need to know where the concept of crime prevention through social development is coming from.

Comment: Quite a few members of WRCPC are immersed in prevention research and knowledge base including larger contextual variables. The question we want to become clearer on is if there a risk point at which someone comes in conflict with the law. Mostly the research would suggest that it is entirely about context not the individual.

Comment: Crime is a social construct based in moral values. For example why are drugs criminalized? They are illegal because there is a set of values (often not outspoken) which led to passing of laws. As a result many suffer from the criminalization more than the drug use.

Response: Countries develop laws based in moral decisions and the crime prevention tasks is to find ways to not have people incarcerated as a result of those decisions whether we agree with them or not.

Comment: Many prevention models are individualist not societal models. In the book: Indigenous Determinants of Health authors argue that colonialism still exists.

Comment: There may not be a shared understanding of prevention that we can arrive at but the point is that we need to hear what people think prevention is before we can successfully intervene with that understanding.

Response: The distribution of net risk implies that the best return on investment is shifting the population mean, i.e. universal prevention for the entire population. Traditionally crime prevention has focused on "at risk populations" and "at risk geographies". While those efforts often lead to more immediate outcomes, overall the promotion of well-being is the longer terms sustainable prevention approach that can most advance decreases in crime, victimization and fear of crime. Examples of universal approaches are the removal of lead from paint, gasoline, etc. or accessible and affordable child care where all children receive developmentally appropriate supports.

Comment: Selected prevention needs to be rooted in the understanding that there are different types of risks. Some we can do something about (e.g. poverty); some are not open to social changes (e.g. gender).

Comment: Mostly social services are forced to put resources into high risk interventions and yet we know that more funding should flow toward prevention. Ultimately we have to invest in both at the same time!

Comment: The concept of risk is problematic. If we do not find a model with belonging and spirit imbedded the concept of prevention as it stands will not apply to Indigenous persons. We lose something if we rely on actuarial risk models, if we do not capture the notion of belonging.

Comment: There are different ways of talking about relationships but overall they are a key protective factor, likely #1 for youth with mental health issues. And part of well functioning relationships is respect and the ability to listen.

Comment: The WRPC is more about prevention than about crime.

Comment: There is a lot of collective knowledge around the table, let's challenge ourselves as individuals to make the most of that capacity.

Comment: Risk is a concept and a construct with many elements. The key is who creates it and that ought to feature in our dialogue. The challenge with selective prevention is the potential stigmatization of populations. Plus, we also have to think of prevention from victim's perspective.

Comment: Regarding the inclusion of being loved and loving, some population are concerned about being *accepted*, less about belonging and being loved. How accessible are the systems for population we serve? It is important for WRPC to create space for dialogue without a full agenda.

Overall it was agreed that the discussion was a fine starting point that maybe the final outcome will not be adoption of a prevention model but the creation of a prevention model that includes the notion of being loved and loving.

[Post meeting addendum: A transcript of the dialogue with a view to identifying themes will be available at a later time]

8. Truth and Reconciliation Commission Working Group: Carried forward

9. Sector Representation: What is it? Carried forward

9.1 Policy Review – Courtney Didier

9.2 A Sector Story: Peter Rubenschuh

10. Knowledge Sharing:

10.1 Hillbilly Elegy - Carried forward

11. Other Business:

12. Adjournment:

Moved by Richard Eibach at 11:40 a.m. Carried

Prevention: Overview



{Outline}

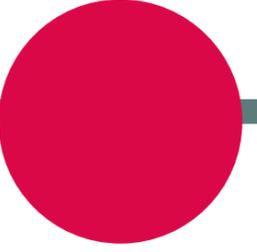
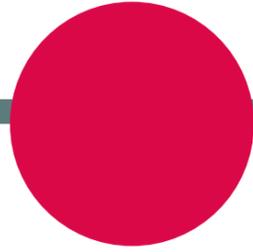
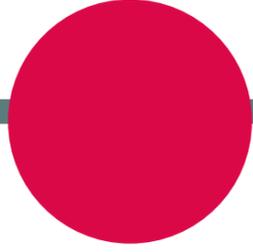
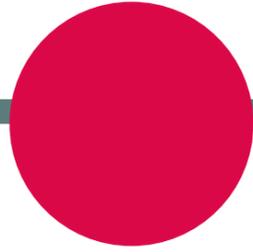
Recap ●

● Risk-Crime Curve

Universal & Selective
Approaches ●

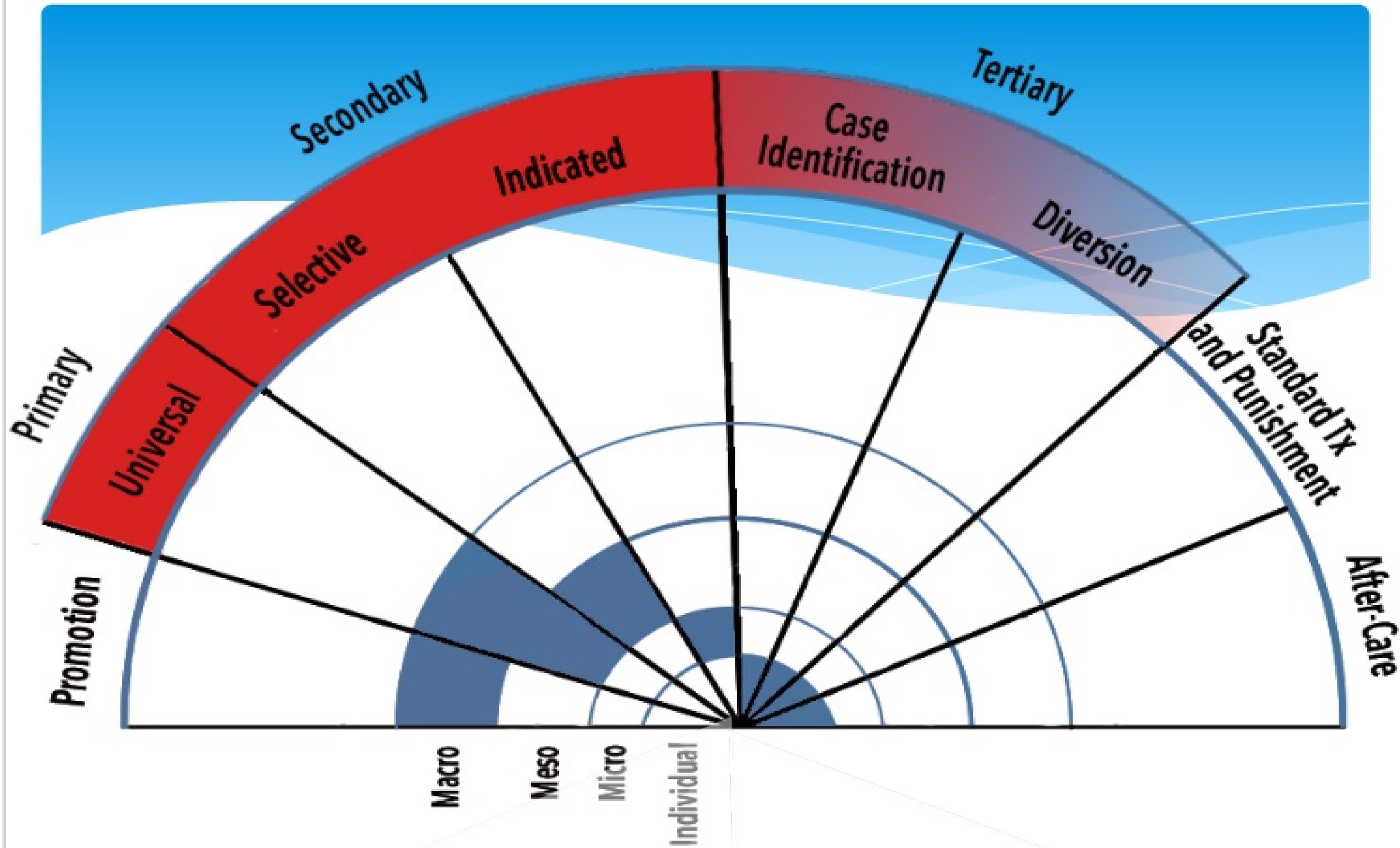
● Connecting Concepts

Conclusions ●



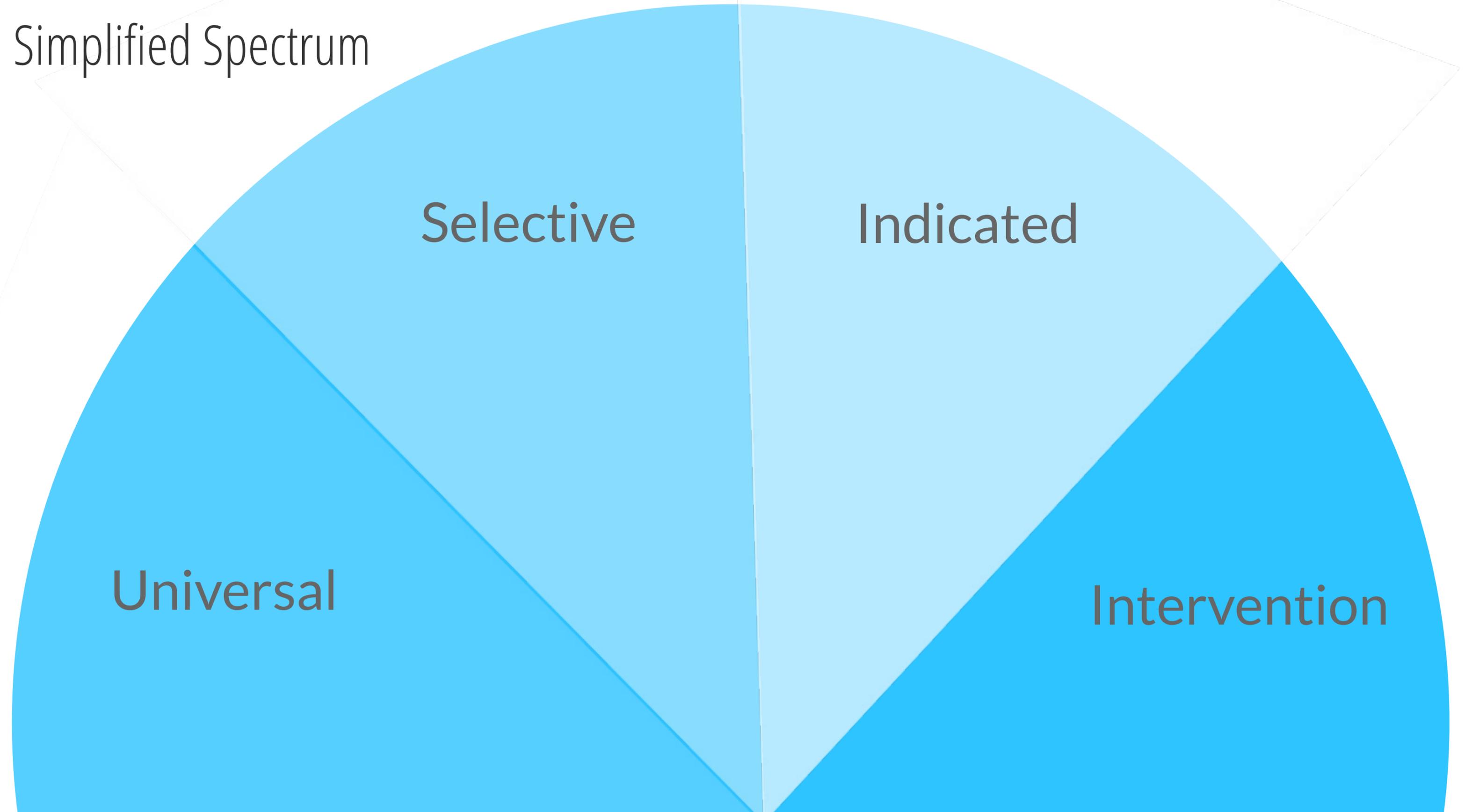
Recap







Simplified Spectrum

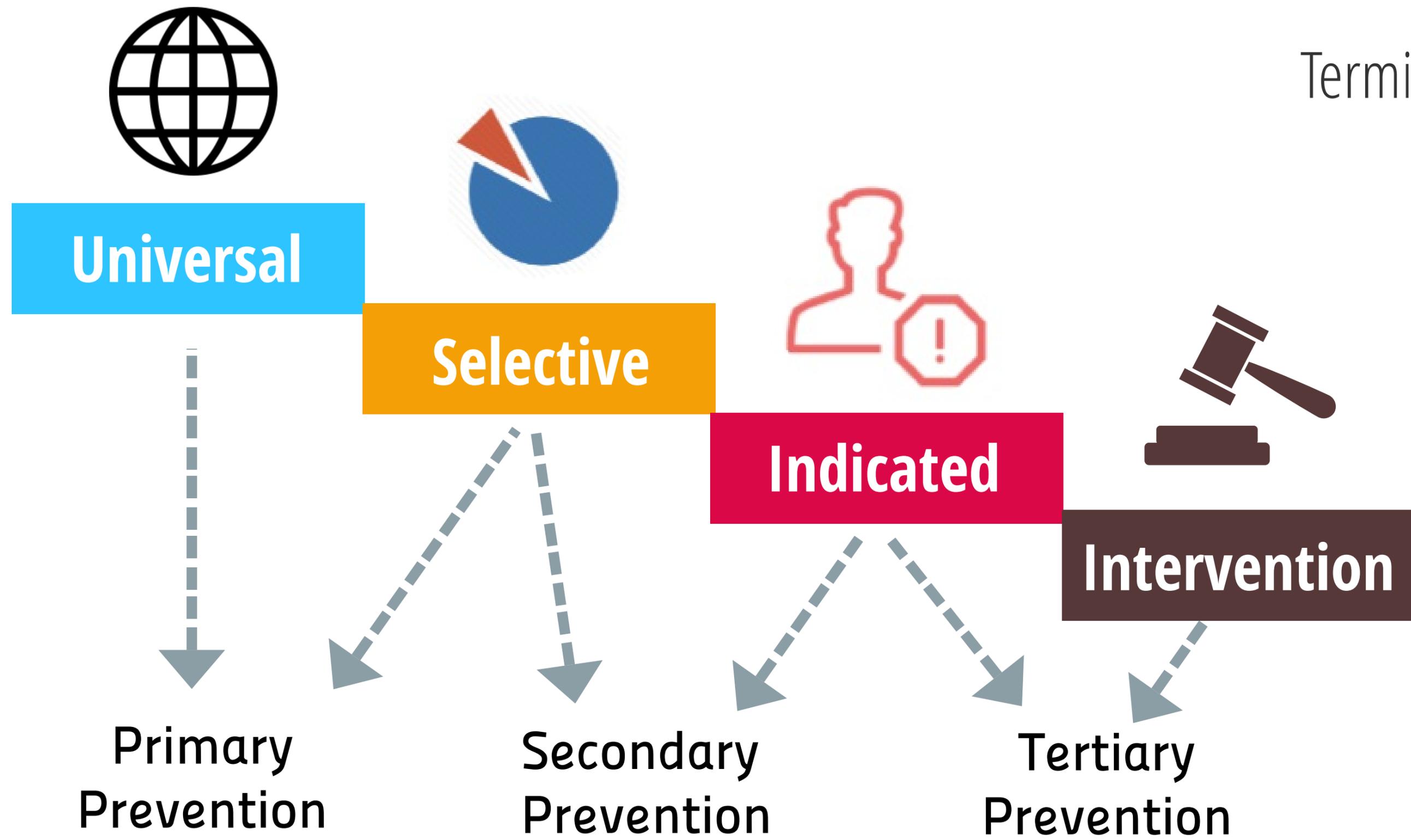


Selective

Indicated

Universal

Intervention



Universal

Selective

Indicated

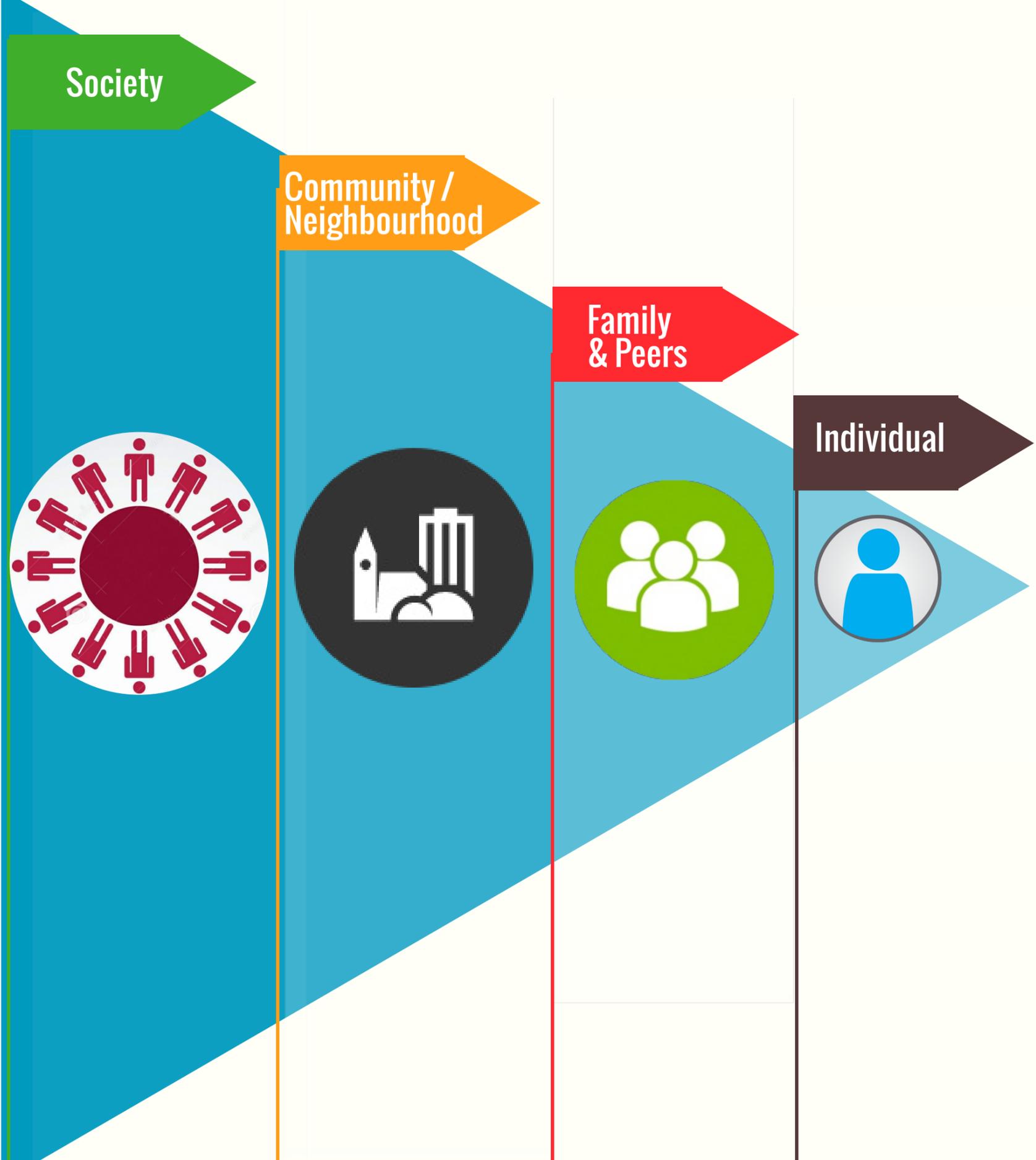
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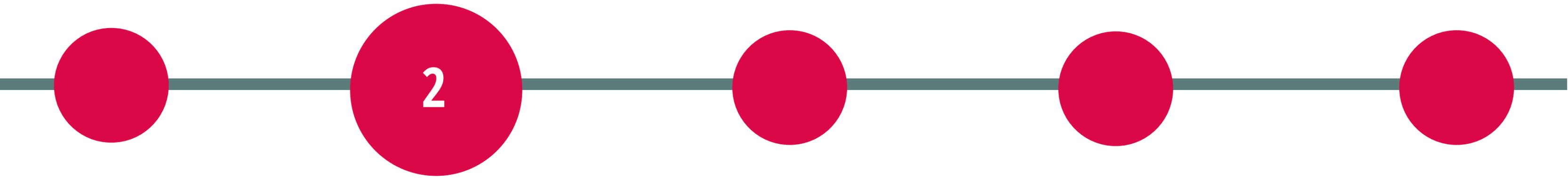
**Primary
Prevention**

**Secondary
Prevention**

**Tertiary
Prevention**

Ecological Levels

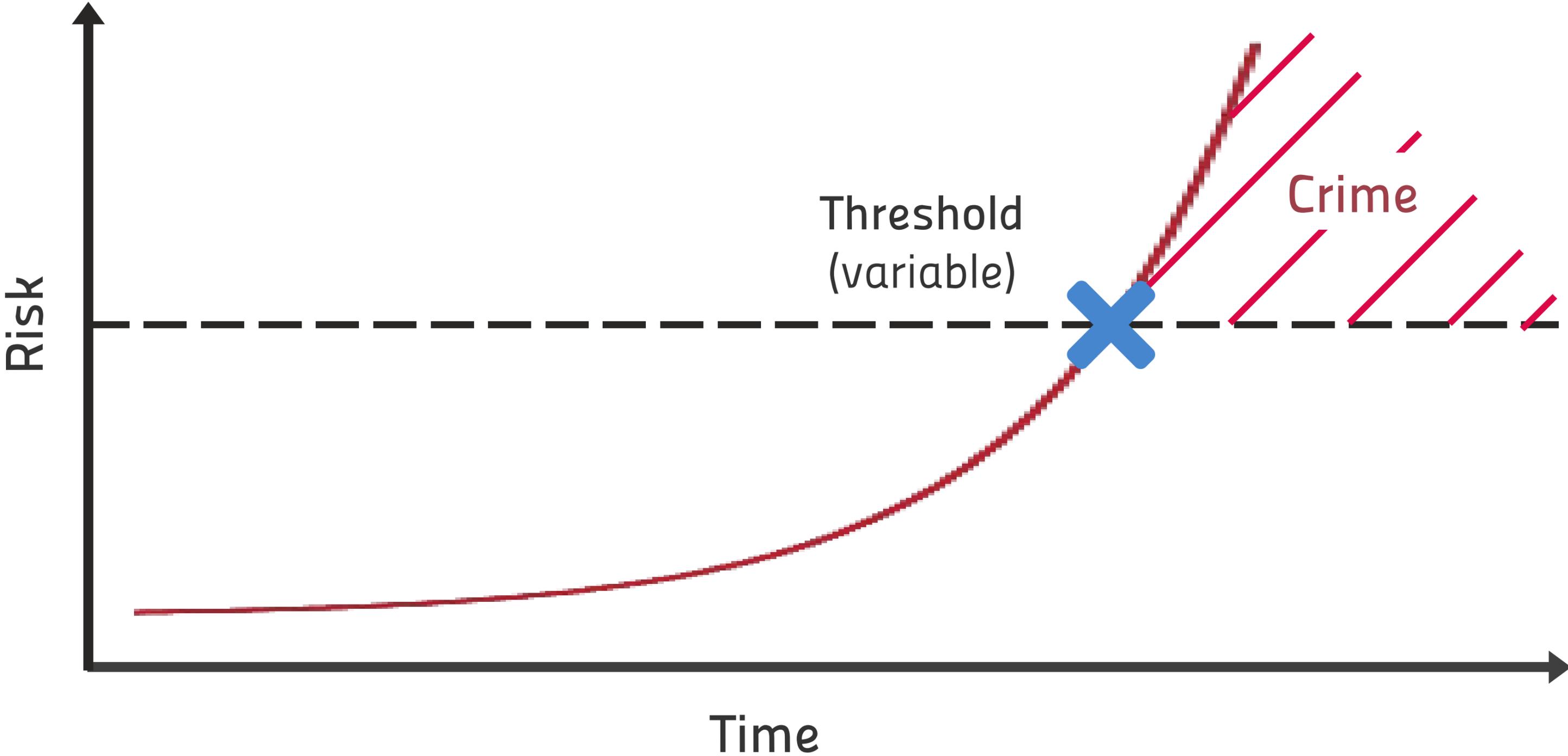




**Risk-
Crime
Curve**

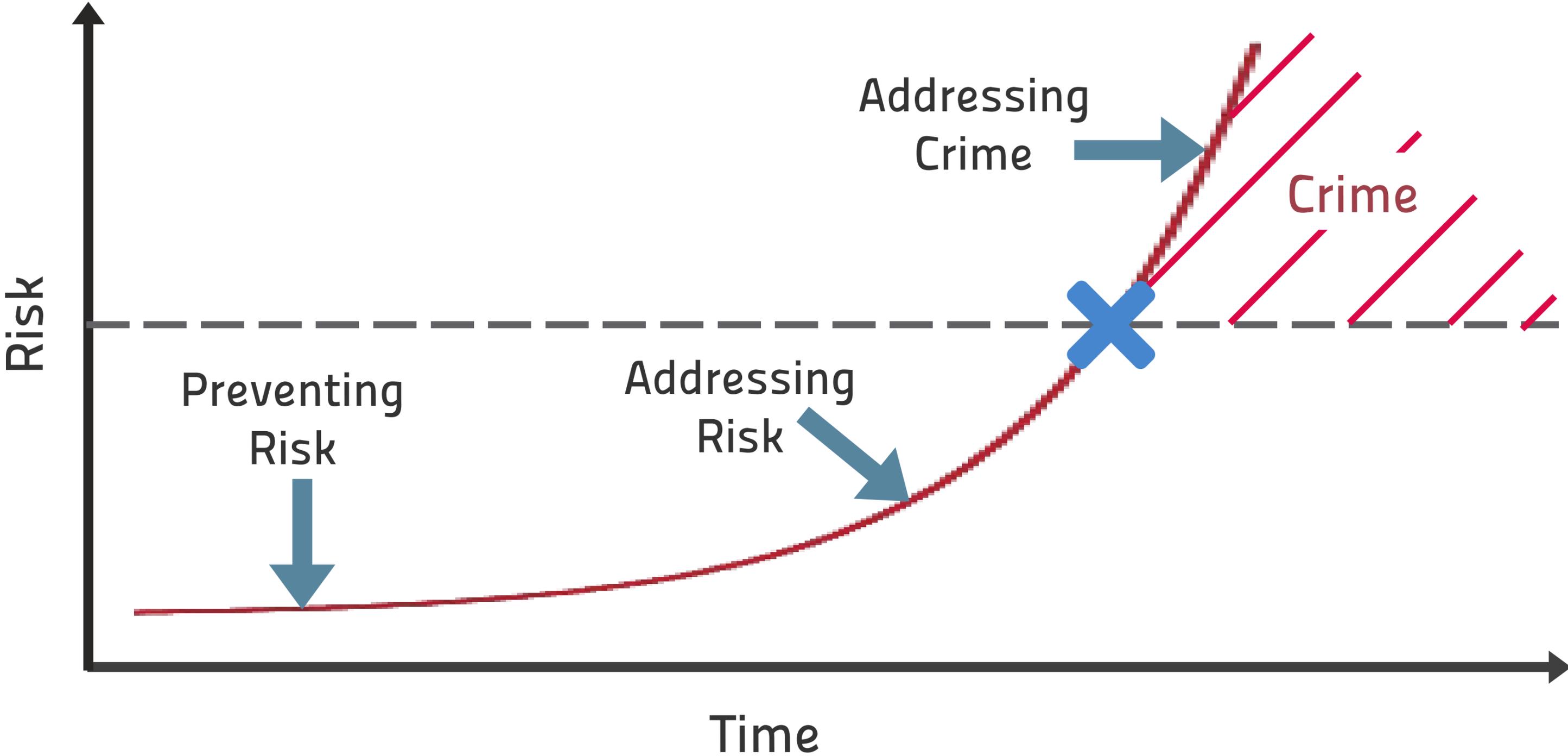


From Risk to Crime





From Risk to Crime

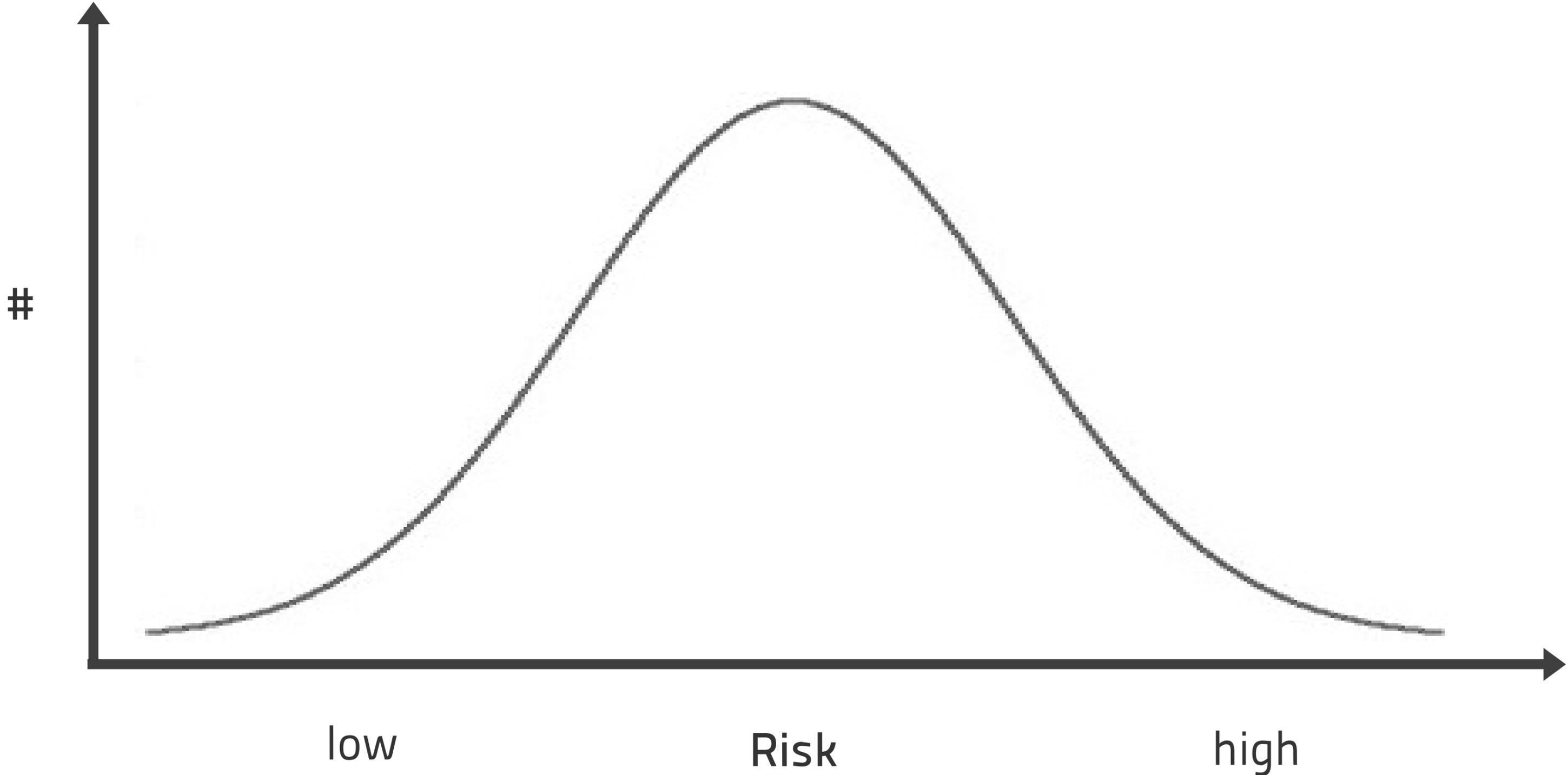




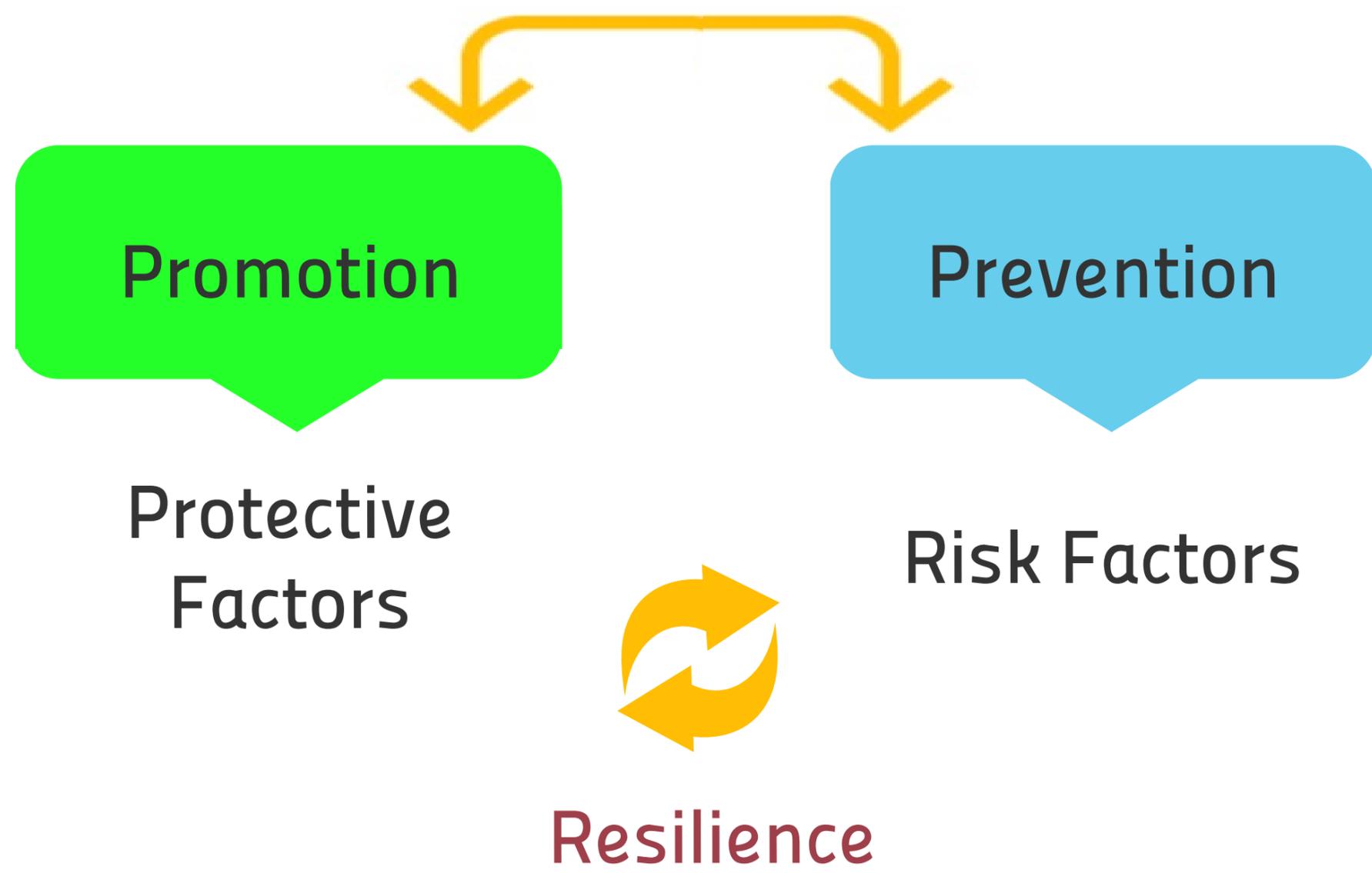
Universal & Selective Approaches



Distribution of Risk

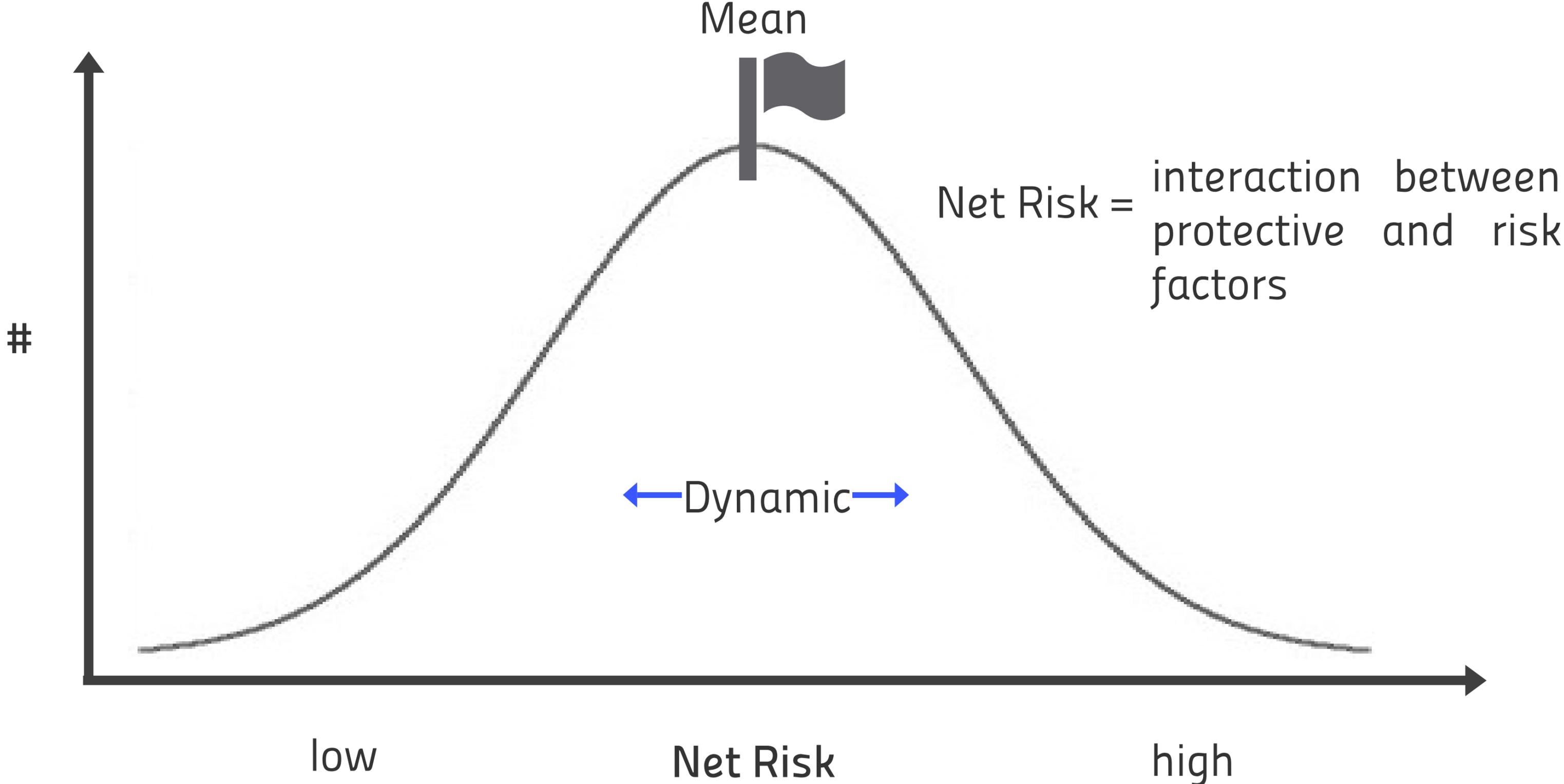


Prevention + Promotion

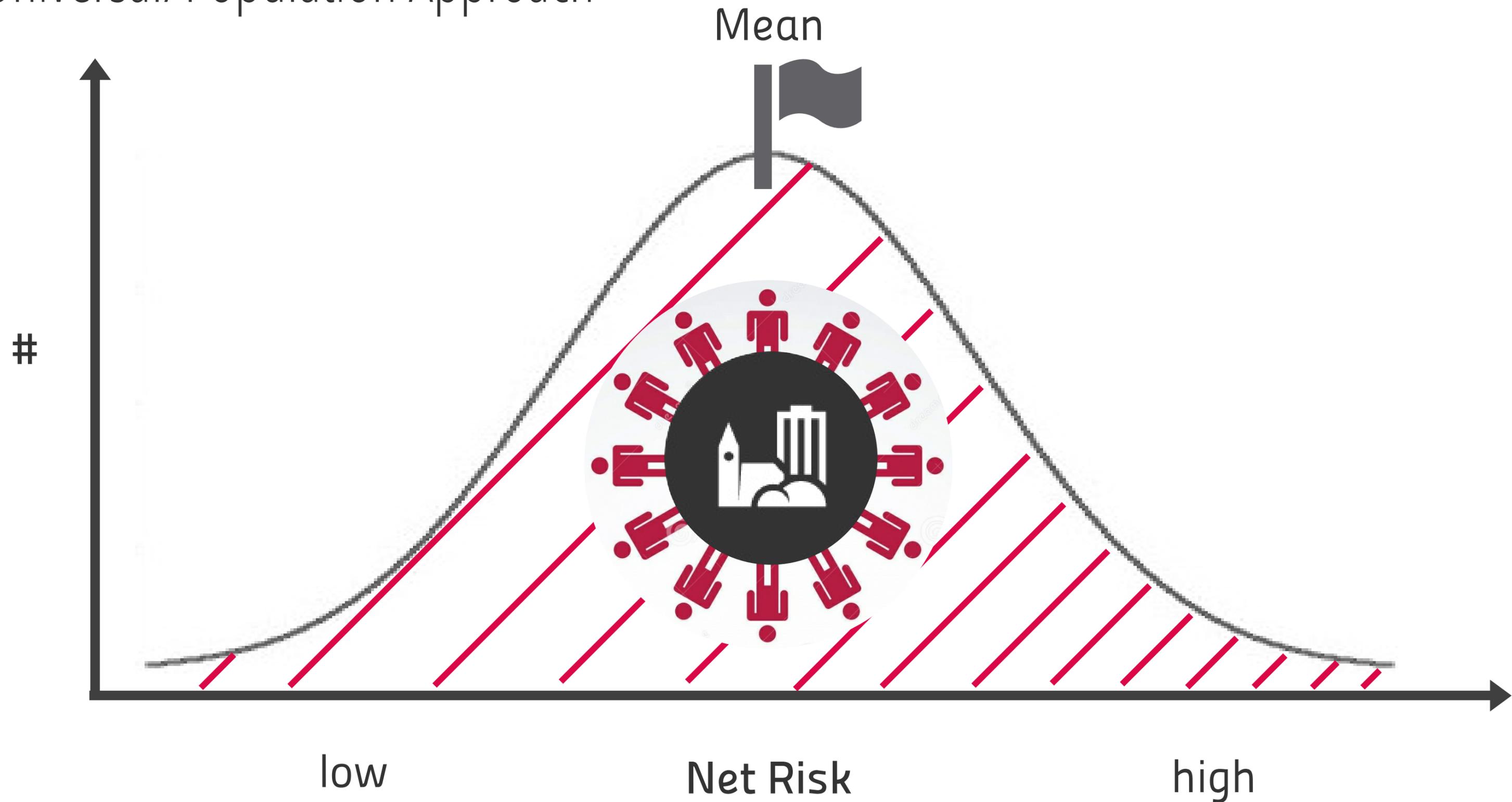




Distribution of Net Risk

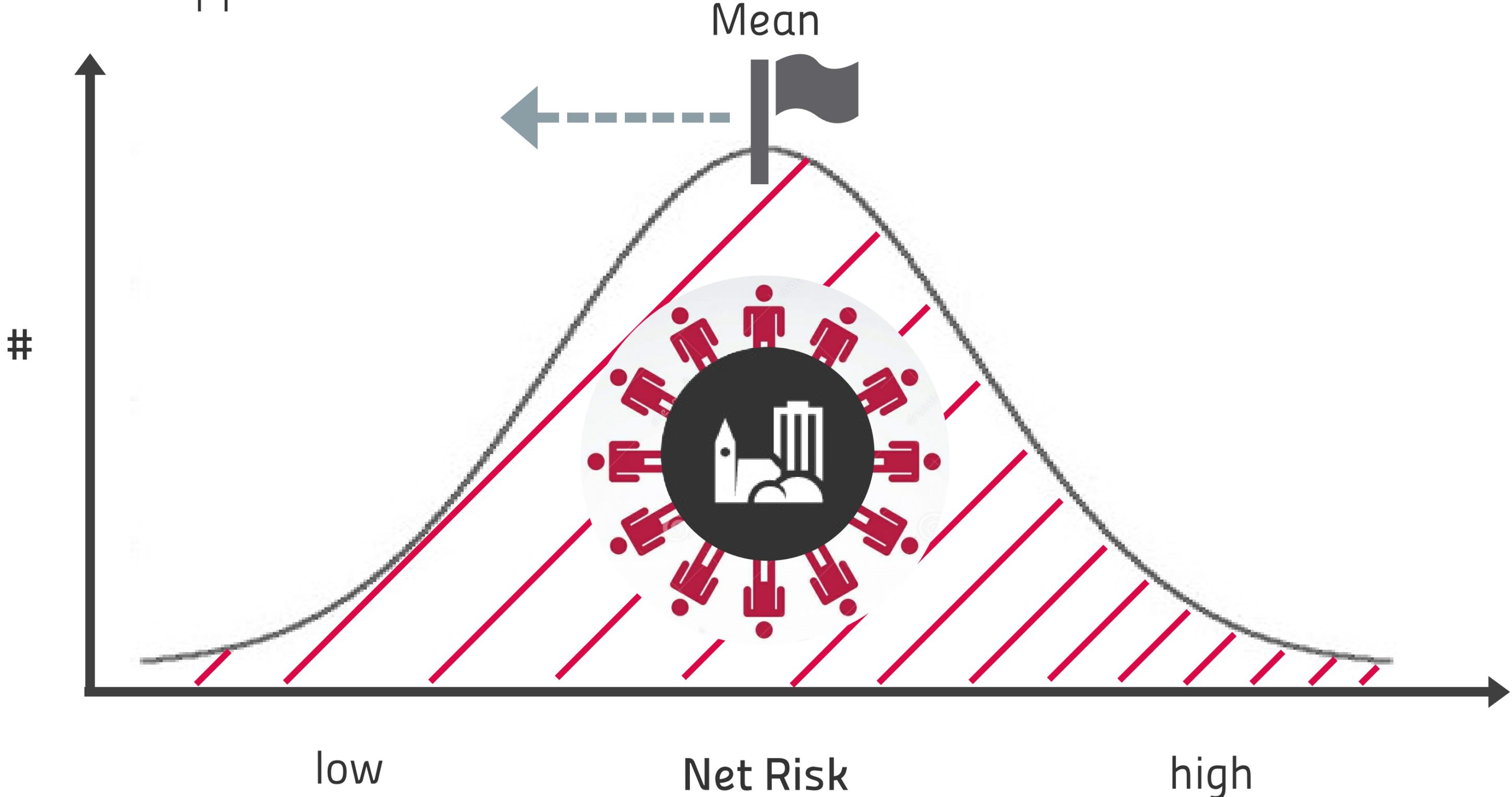


Universal/Population Approach



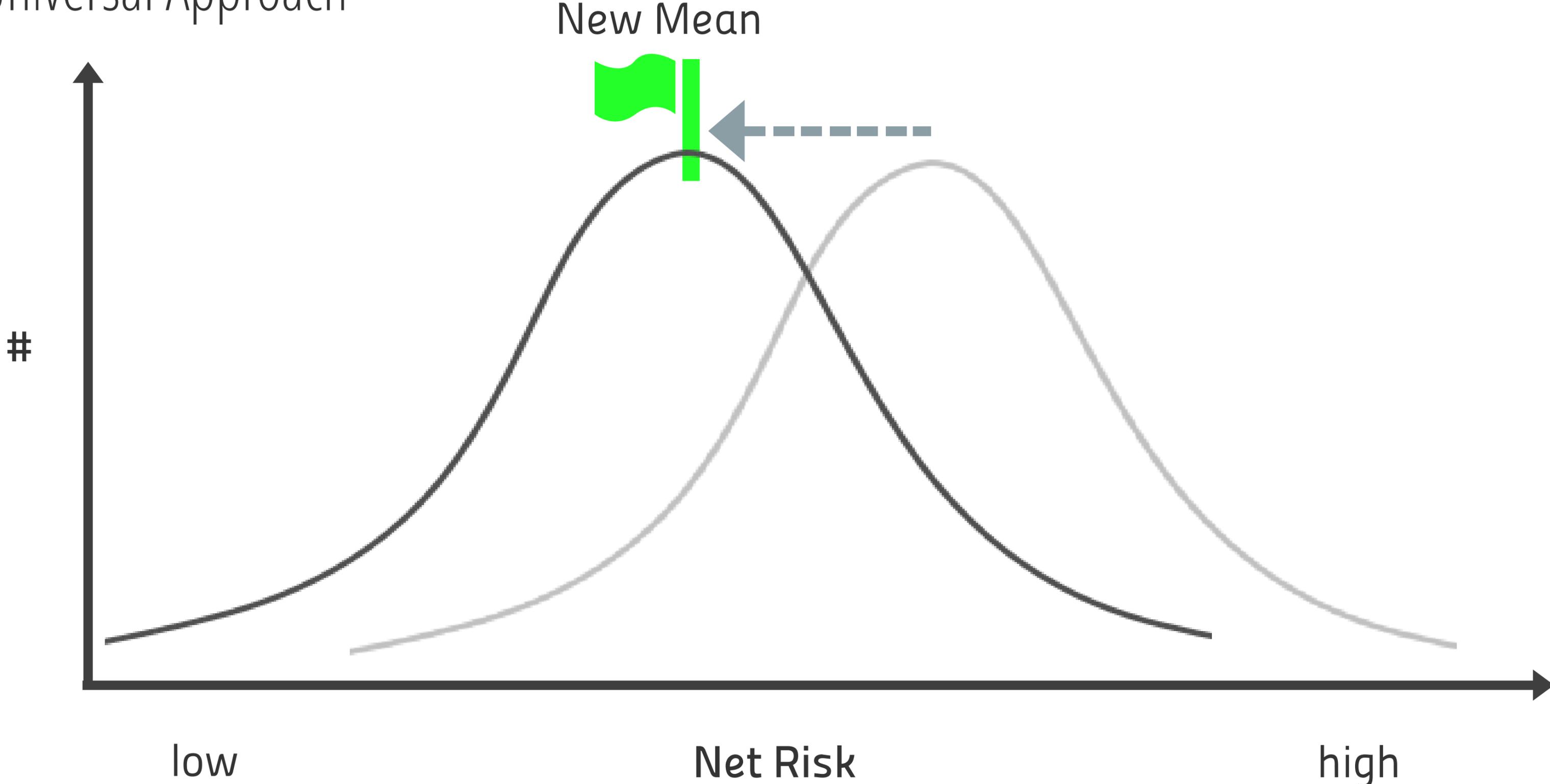


Universal Approach



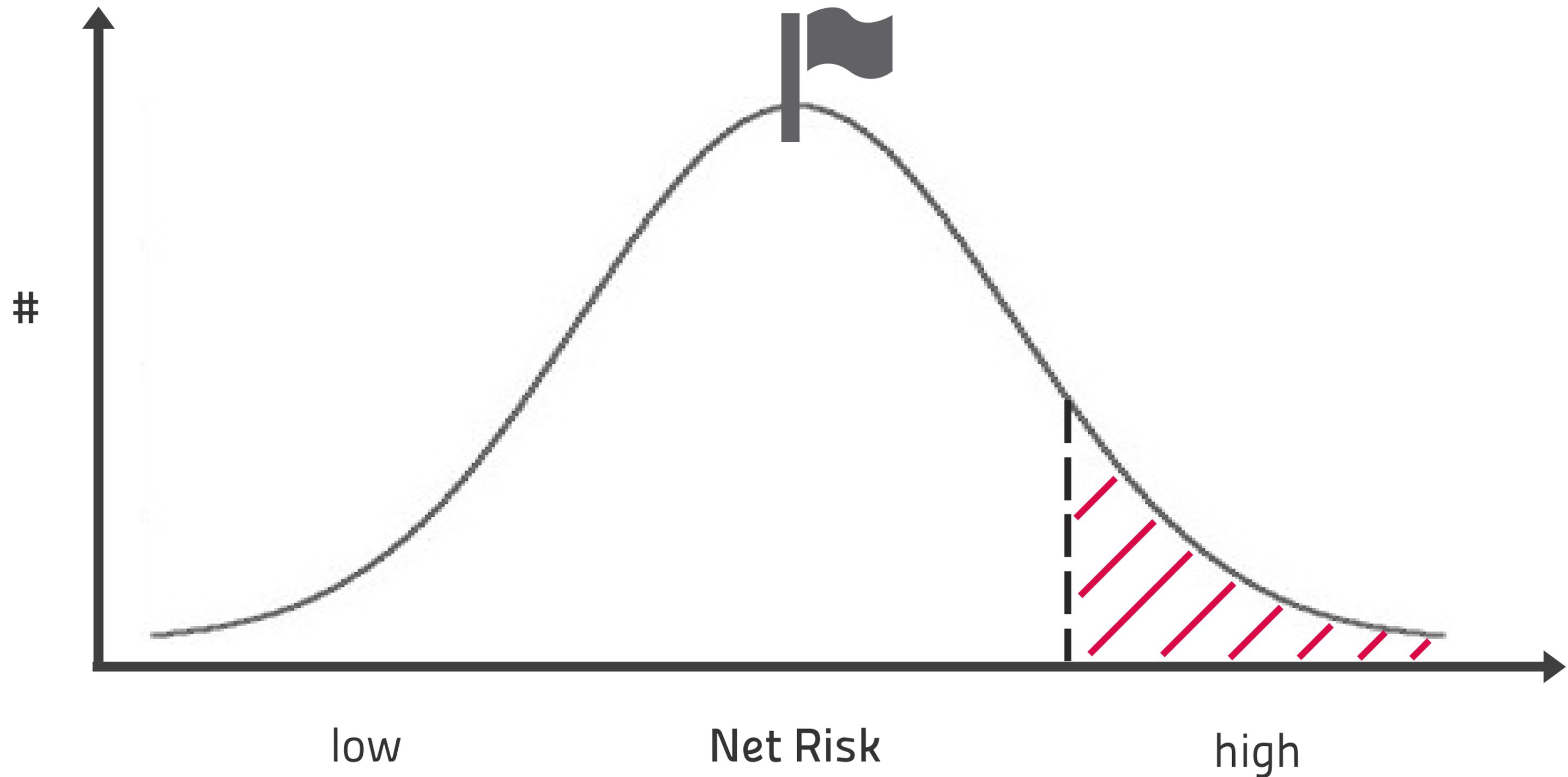


Universal Approach



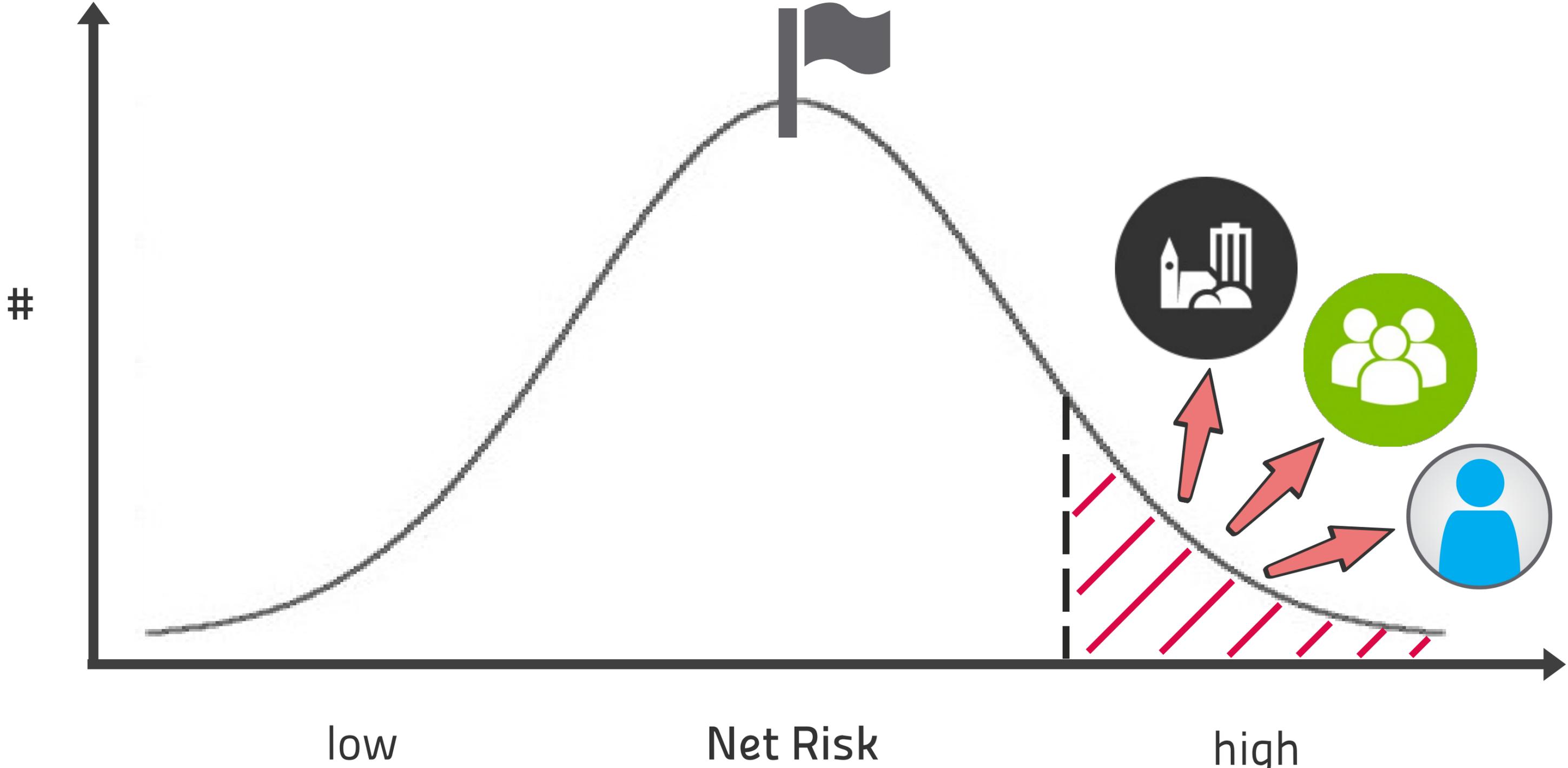


Selective / High-Risk Approach

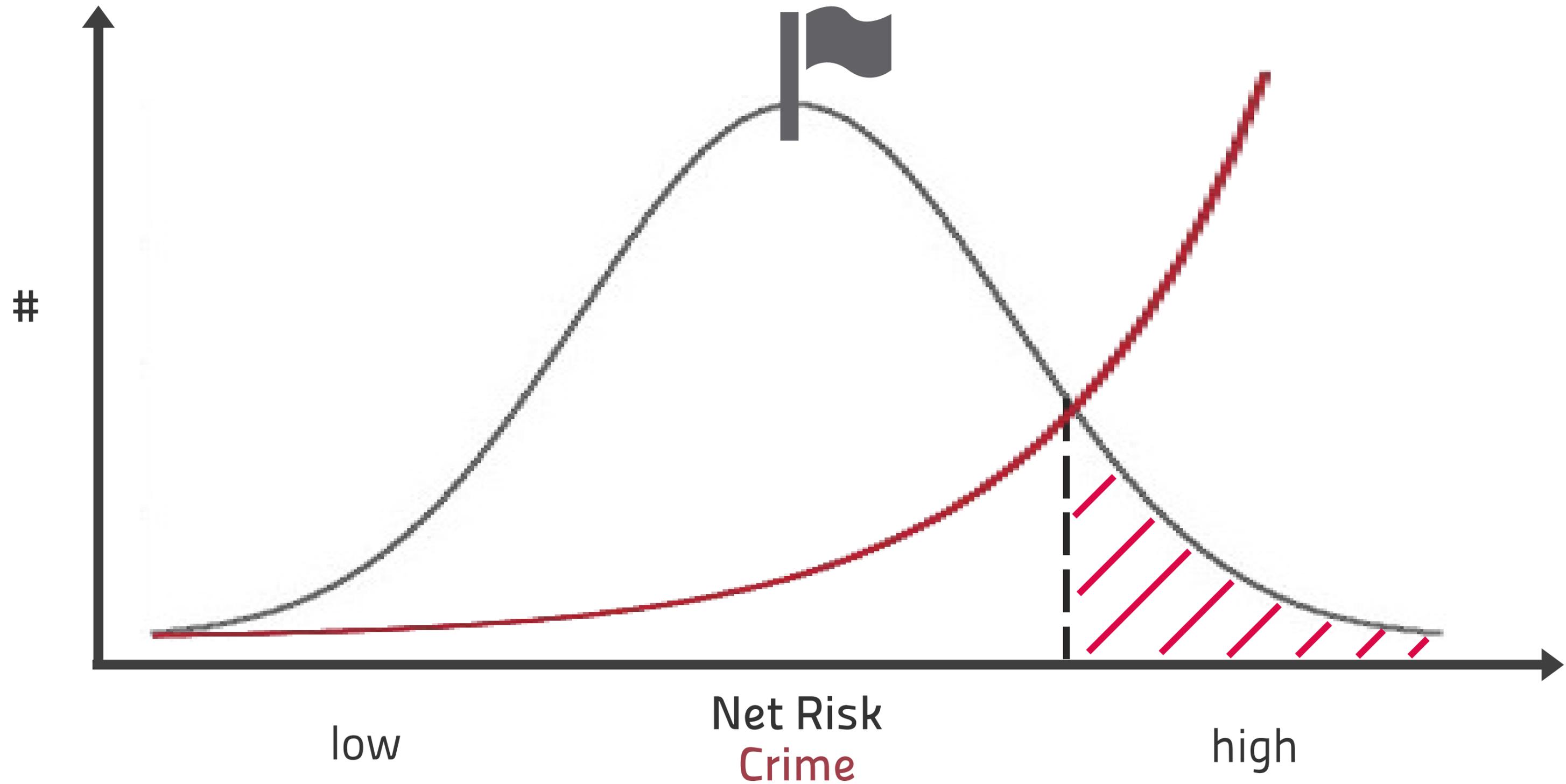




Selective Approach

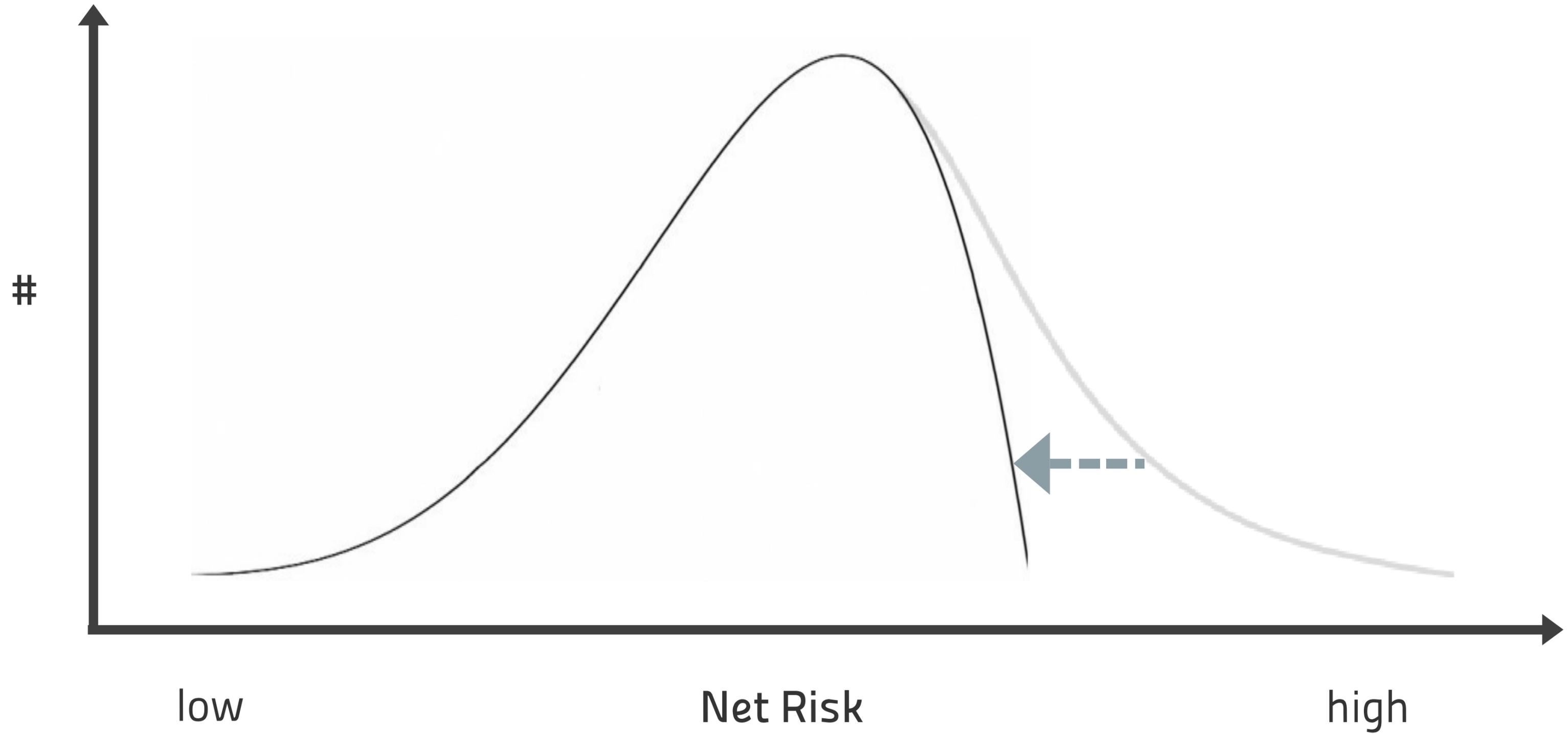


Selective Approach



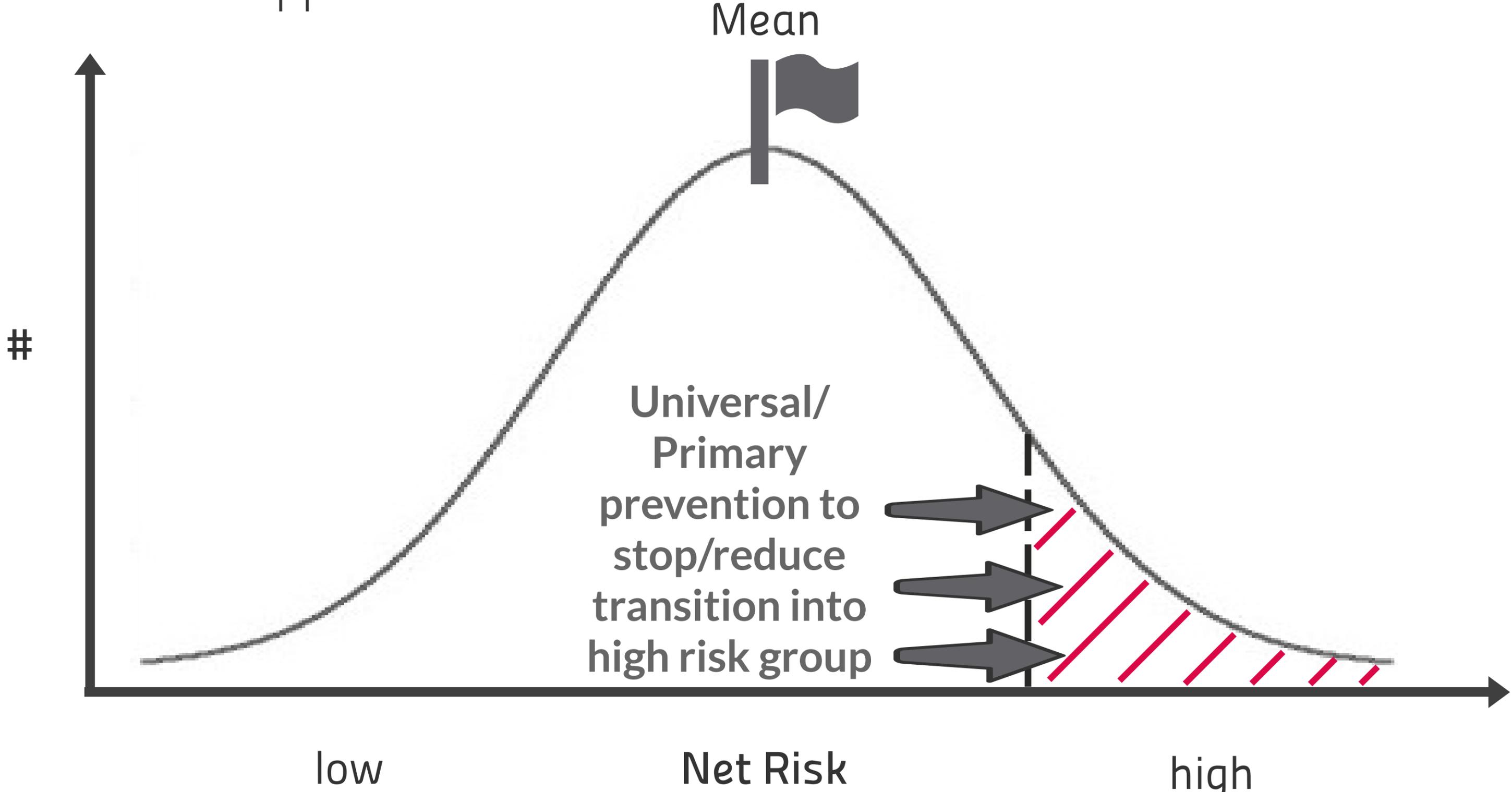


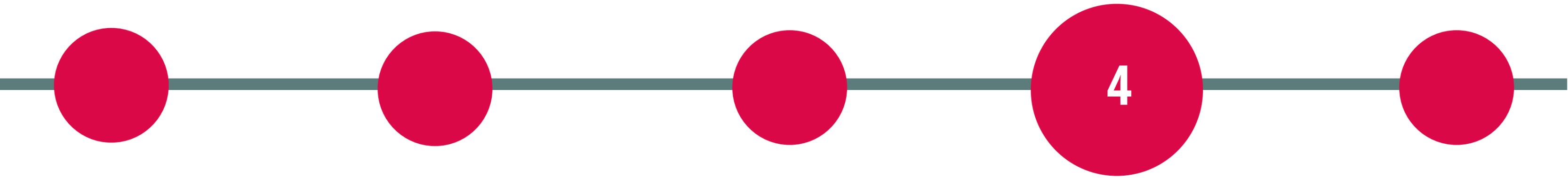
Selective Approach





Link Between Approaches





Connecting Concepts



Roots of Crime

Surface Roots



Mid Roots



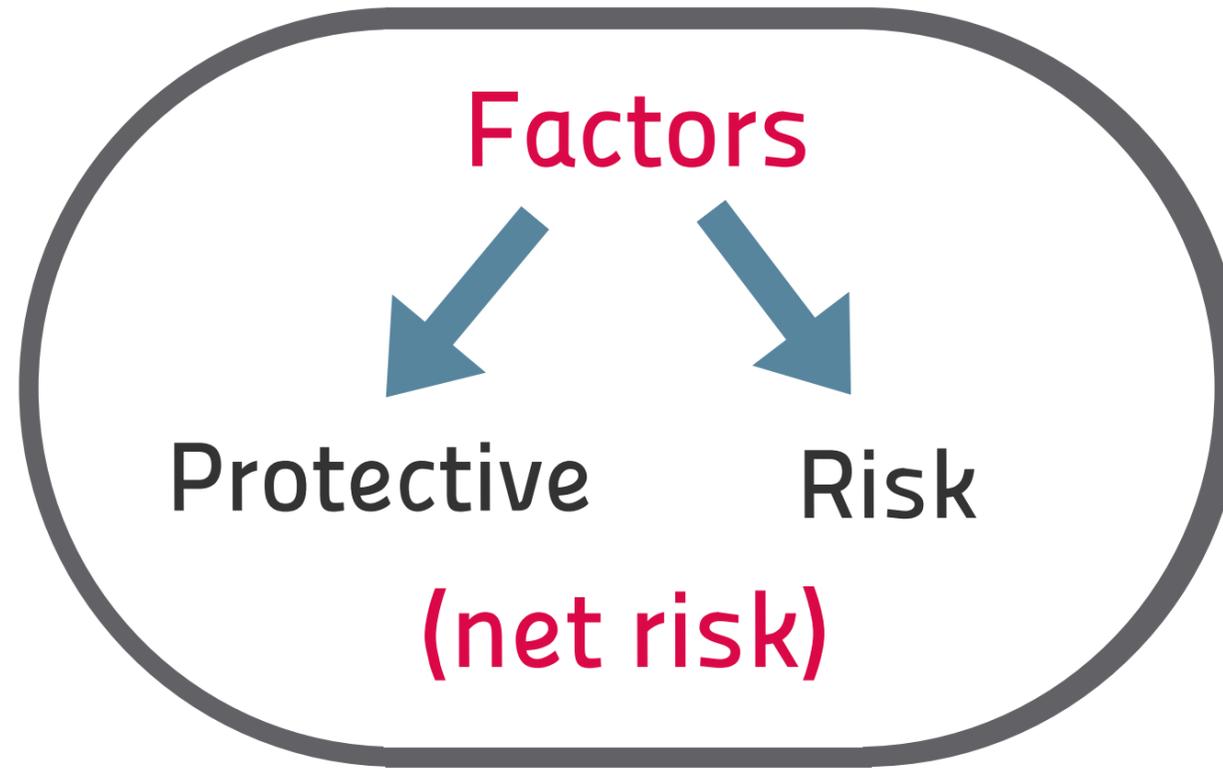
Deep Roots



From Underlying to Overt Conditions...



Deep Roots



Mid Roots



Surface Roots





From Crime Prevention to Well-Being...

Promotion of Safety
and Well-Being
(SD)

Crime Prevention
through Community &
Social Development
(CPSD)

Crime
Prevention
(CP)



System

Modifying Factors

Symptoms





From Awareness Raising to Policy...



SD

CPSD

CP



System

Modifying Factors

Symptoms





Ecological Levels



Society



Community



Family &
Peers



Individuals



Policy

Environment

Coalitions

Skills

Awareness

SD

CPSD

CP

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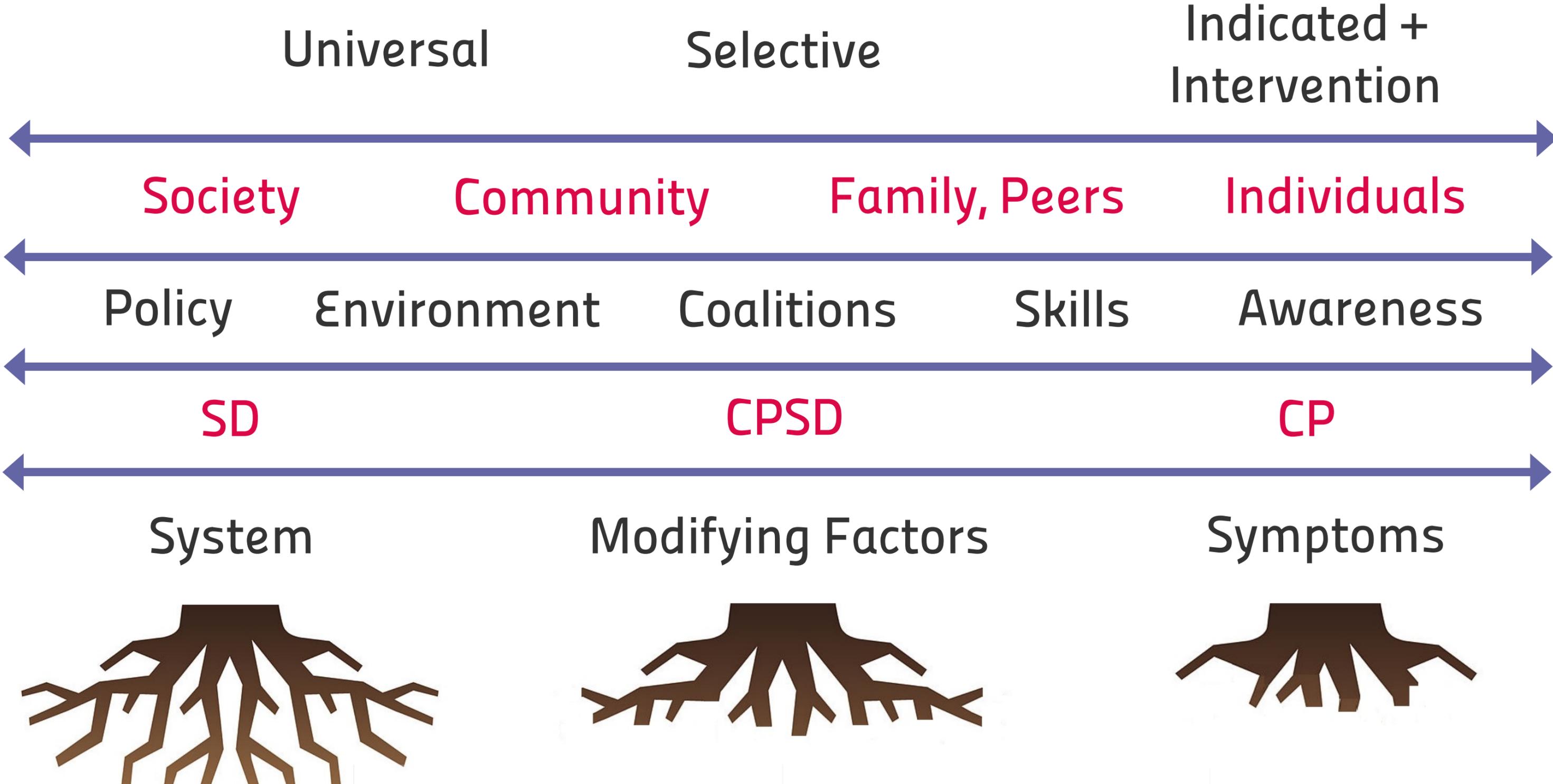
Modifying Factors

Symptoms





Levels of Prevention



Prevention Across Ecological Levels

Universal Prevention

Society

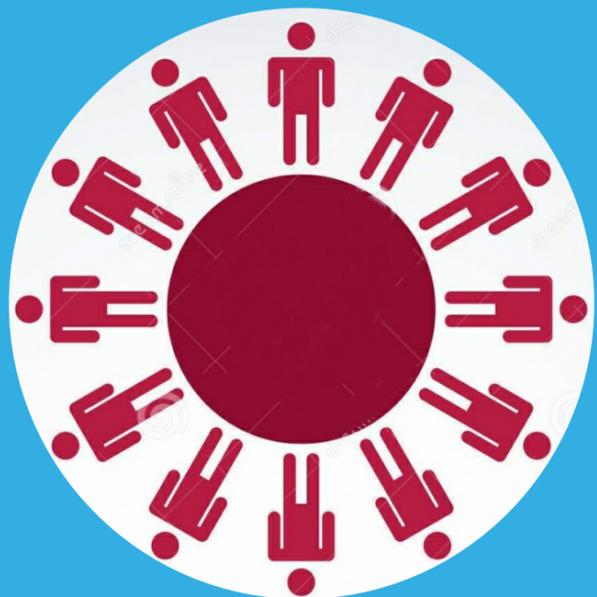
Selective Prevention

Community /
Neighbourhood

Indicated Prevention
+ Intervention

Family
& Peers

Individual

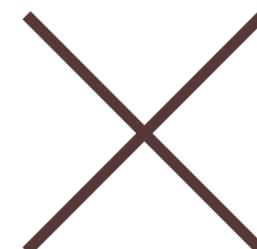
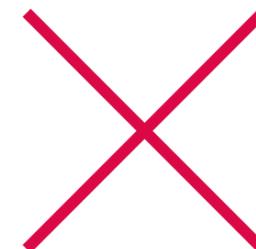
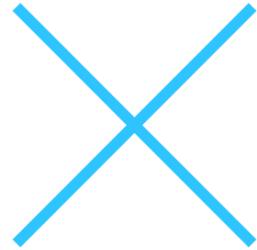
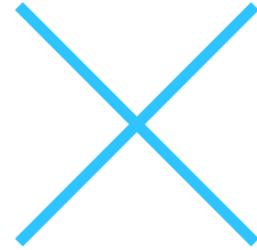
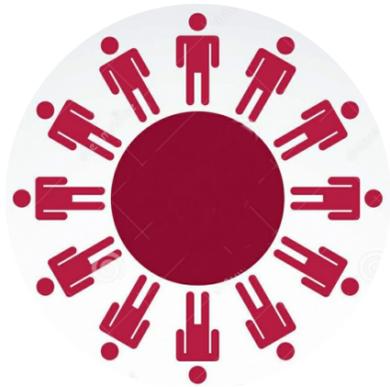


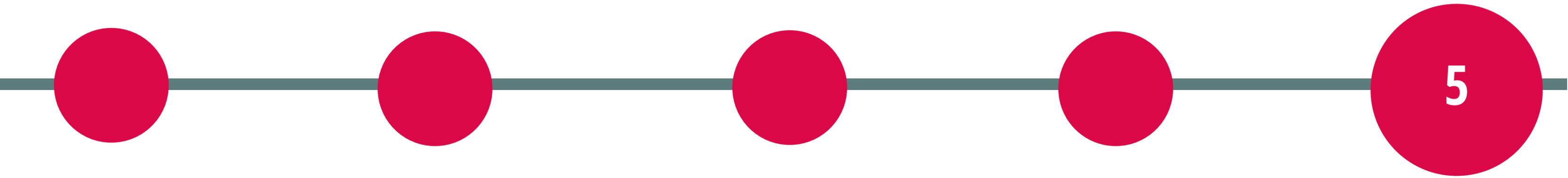
Universal

Selective

Indicated

Intervention





Conclusions

Universal

PRO-ACTIVE

before there
is known
distress or
elevated risk

Selective

ADAPTIVE

returning
risk levels to
normal

Indicated

+

Intervention

REACTIVE

minimizing chances of more
serious crime or repeat crime



Main Takeaways



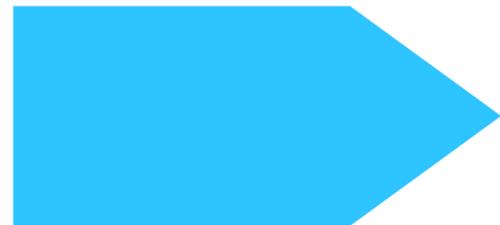
Addressing underlying conditions and factors in order to positively affect groups & individuals



SHIFTING UPSTREAM



Widespread and Sustained Impact



Employing a balanced, comprehensive and integrated approach



Being CLEAR when using prevention-related terms



Questions

Smart Update (Consent Agenda) For the Meeting of WRPCPC on May 12, 2017

The Consent Agenda is published on a bimonthly basis.

Please review this report BEFORE meetings.

Please note that any Council member has the right to “pull” an item from the Consent Agenda and add it to the regular agenda for discussion, comment or clarification. Approved consent agendas are published on the Council’s website www.preventingcrime.ca along with approved minutes. Consent Agendas are selective, not comprehensive. Whenever possible, Consent Agenda items will reflect the key **approaches** of the Smart on Crime 2015-2018 plan designed to accomplish three overarching Council directions.

- Youth: Unleashing the Potential of ALL Youth
- Neighbourhoods: Building Local Capacity for Change
- Smart on Crime: Advancing the Momentum

1. Expand Reach through Understanding and Engagement

- WRPCPC was one of the partners involved in delivering a five-day experiential-learning program for ten university students from Feb. 20 to Feb. 25. The program, called ENCOUNTER•KW, was organized by St. Jerome’s College at University of Waterloo. Two students based their final course research project on WRPCPC work (inREACH & Cross Over Children). Initial feedback from participants is extremely positive (“It opened my awareness to the complexity of crime”).
- WRPCPC members and staff participated again in the Leadership Waterloo Region annual round table talks about community. As always these opportunities present a chance to broaden the knowledge about crime prevention through mutual exchanges and alert community members to the friends of crime prevention initiative.
- WRPCPC, Public Health, DART (Domestic Assault Review Team) and community partners have been working together as the Health Engagement Task Force of DART to increase awareness of and screening for intimate partner violence in the health care sector. The 2010 WRPCPC report - Missing Pieces: An Assessment of Service Assets and Gaps for Offenders and Victims of Interpersonal Violence in Waterloo Region - identified this gap and led to the formation of this task force. Since 2011, over 1200 health professionals, students and human resources professionals have been reached through training and educational events. A report outlining this work will be provided to the Community Services Committee this month and will be shared with the CPC following as soon as the report goes public. Included in this report is a request for Regional Council to sign the [Violence](#)

[Prevention Charter](#) as a demonstration of their commitment to a community and a country that is free of violence. WRCPC signed the charter when it was first released.

- As a member of the Health Engagement Committee of DART (Domestic Assault Review Team), a WRCPC staff was involved in organizing an educational event on recognizing and assessing child sexual abuse and intimate partner violence for 34 medical residents on March 8. Dr. Peter Donnelly, President and CEO of Public Health Ontario presented on violence as a preventable public health issue in addition to training provided by medical and counseling specialists. Dr. Nolan, Christiane and community partners had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Donnelly over lunch prior to the event.
- On behalf of WRCPC Michael presented at Wilfrid Laurier University on drug-related issues in April. In May, he provided an overview of the opioid crisis at an Ontario-wide conference of Public Health and HCV staff. The same week was a keynote speaker at a Thunder Bay conference serving north-western Ontario. In both rooms, there was a palatable sense of grief, loss and trauma due to fatalities from overdose – and much frustration. Staff decline most speaking requests in the area of problematic substance use by now, due to resource limitations.
- WRCPC will host a webinar on implementing ‘Real-time Overdose Monitoring and Response’ in Canada with a colleague of the Office of US National Drug Control Policy. The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health will host the webinar on June 8, 1-2:30pm EST. WRCPC first recommended real time overdose monitoring in 2008.
- Christiane was pleased to bring the story of WRCPC and the collaboration value statement to the annual [Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association Conference](#).

2. Base Change in Good Evidence and Innovation

- WRCPC Advisory Group on Research and Evaluation (AGORE) has welcomed two new members: Kelly Anthony, School of Public Health and Health Systems faculty member at University of Waterloo (also WRCPC member) and Maritt Kirst, Community Psychology faculty member at Wilfrid Laurier University. AGORE is currently reviewing its terms of reference to determine which revisions are needed to better reflect its focus on knowledge exchange. The group also made a visit recently to the Grand Valley Institution for Women and received an orientation on the facility, the rehabilitation approach taken and the types of programs and supports offered to inmates.
- The advisory group for Smart on Crime 2015-2018 evaluation has been working on the evaluability assessment, which involves outlining WRCPC’s goals and objectives as well as theory of change. The work so far will be presented to and discussed with WRCPC staff at an upcoming team meeting. WRCPC Facilitating Committee will also be consulted later this month. Evaluators will present results of the initial stage as well as next steps of Smart on Crime evaluation at the July council meeting.

- The WRCPC Recommendations for Future Directions in the Prevention of Sexual Violence and Harassment document has been submitted to the Community Services Committee. These recommendations were developed by a working group in response to the Select Committee on Sexual Violence and Harassment Report and Bills 132 and 177. Council's suggestions have been incorporated in the document. The report and final document will be shared as soon as they go public.
- Bill C-224 aka the Good Samaritan Overdose Act is now law in Canada. The Act grew out of WRCPC research in 2012 on the barriers to calling 911 during an overdose emergency. Continued efforts in knowledge exchange and engagement from WRCPC and others in Canada led to the Act. Many thanks are due to MP Ron MacKinnon and Minister Jane Philpott, who with staff at Health Canada, continue actively partner with WRCPC as needed. Since a private members Bill does not have resources attached to it, WRCPC in partnership with an Ontario Community Health Centre and others will see further disseminate information about how the Act applies to first responders and people who use drugs.

3. Lead Side by Side: Leverage Dynamic Partnerships

- WRCPC staff were happy to support the 40 year celebration of the community psychology program at WLU. The program has been a long time significant partner in prevention and especially research and evaluation as well as community engagement.
- Series of Wellbeing WR community conversations are taking place in [May and June 2017](#). Members of WRCPC are encouraged to both attend and spread the word. The initiative is expected to come together in a plan towards October 2017. This will mark a significant step forward in a broad community effort. Next community forum will take place on Wednesday, May 24, from 12:30 to 4:30 pm. For more information visit <http://www.wellbeingwaterloo.ca/blog/>
- The Wellbeing Waterloo Region measurement and monitoring work group, of which WRCPC is a part, has been meeting throughout April and May to begin the work of adapting the Canadian Index of Wellbeing into a framework to be used for community assessment. So far, the group has developed criteria that will be used for selection of community wellbeing indicators. The process for selecting indicators will be wrapped up by summer of 2017.
- Porch Chats 2017 are about to land with a fresh series of discussions with & for Friends of Crime Prevention. All Porch Chats are 6:30 – 8:30pm at the Governor's House & Garden. Posters & online promotions are available by May 15. The line up includes:

Reflections of the Past: Social Development in Waterloo Region, 1850-1880

Wednesday May 31

With Charlotte Woodley & Sandy Hoy

Trauma & Justice: Indigenous Perspectives & Being an Ally

Wednesday June 7 2017

With Luane Lentz, Judah Oudshoorn & Friends

From Bystander to Upstander: A skills workshop for citizen intervention

Tuesday June 13 2017

With Ghazala Fauzia, Sarah Shafiq, Stephen Soucie, Washington P. Silk & Friends

Criminalization of Mental Health: Exploring Community Alternatives

Tuesday June 20 2017

With Rondi McFarlane, Barry Cull & Friends

Thanks to Community-At-Large leaders Sarah Shafiq & Barry Cull for their leadership and action on Porch Chats this year.

- Daniel & Juanita are working with a small group of Friends of Crime to develop a community-based course in crime prevention. It will be shaped for Friends of Crime Prevention (& wider community) who are looking to deepen their understanding of crime, prevention, justice and the impact of these on our lives with an eye to how/where we can create change. It is still early days where we are mostly planning content & themes but we do know it will be focused on experiential approaches, open classroom and exploratory learning methods. Running for six weeks, tentative dates are late October – early December. As this is a test-run for the community course, we intend to cap it at 10 participants.

Barry Cull is also directly involved in developing the community course – thank you Barry!

- WRPCPC successfully hosted a national face to face meeting in Waterloo Region that was attended by over 40 persons from across the country, included a UN representative and was supported by members of WRPCPC past and present. This meeting was a significant milestone in propelling the network into its next phase mid-stream in the funding. Regional Chair Seiling hosted a reception for the network and members from our community at the Museum which was enjoyed by all.



- The Justice Dinner has been set for November 16, 2017 and will be hosted in partnership with CJI to commemorate restorative justice as part of the Canada 150 celebrations.

4. Advocate for Equity and Belonging. Reduce Marginalization and Discrimination

- The WRCPC has been approved for 2-3month summer student positions to support the Youth Engagement Strategy. This is tremendous news from Service Canada that will boost efforts to realize a Youth Engagement Strategy for Waterloo region.
- The WRCPC will facilitate a panel discussion at the Princess Cinema after a screening of The Stairs on June 7th at 7pm with director Hugh Gibson and local guests. The Stairs offers a realistic glimpse into issues of substance use, marginalization and discrimination and was filmed in Toronto over a 5 year period.
- The opioid crisis continues to be an overwhelming experience for WRCPC with requests and opportunities coming in daily from local, provincial to national entities. All request for resource support to have thus far yielded no response.

5. In the News

- ['Heartbreaking' opioid crisis could have been averted with early intervention](#) (Cambridge Times, May 8 2017)
- ['Good Samaritan' law expected to save lives amid overdose crisis](#) (Hamilton Spectator, May 3, 2017)
- [Break-ins: More than lost property, a sense of violation](#) (**The Record, April 28, 2017**)

Plus interviews with 13 CBC radio outlets, CBC National, 570 News, the Waterloo Chronicle, TVO, The Spectator, and the Globe and Mail.

WRCPC also featured in a radio show from CBC Alberta regarding rural break and enters as well as a feature article in The Record.

6. Community Corner:

In this section members of WRCPC and community partners can alert their colleagues to events or news.

1. Waterloo Regional Police Service Open House 10 AM - 3 PM, Saturday, May 13, 2017, 200 Maple Grove Road, Cambridge. PDF attached.

2. May 18, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Best Practices When Working with Refugees and Trauma Survivors by the Region of Waterloo. To register click [here](#)
3. Kitchener Waterloo Art Gallery (KWAG) in partnership with Immigration Partnership free event: Open Conversations, I am Waterloo Region at the KWAG on May 18, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
4. The Revive program of Community Justice Initiatives, with the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, is pleased to present a one-day Wellness Retreat for sexual trauma survivors and/or their intimate partners on Saturday, June 10th from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Canterbury Hills, Ancaster.
5. [12th Annual Poverty Symposium: Solutions to Poverty Includes Media](#) by Social Planning Council of Cambridge and North Dumfries Thursday, June 15, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
6. The Integrated Drugs' strategy at funding is scheduled to end by October 2017.

7. Trends Corner:

Many research reports and current data received in the office of the WRPCPC are relevant to crime prevention through social development. In the **Trends Corner** staff will highlight some of this research and provide links for those who may wish to dive deeper. This overview is provided to support evidence based decision making.

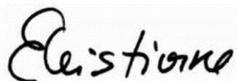
- “Canadians’ opinions about immigration remain as positive, if not more so, than last measured in October 2016.” However, less than half of Canadians hold favourable views of the United States, the lowest level ever recorded. This is according to a public [opinion poll](#) conducted by Environics in April.
- According to newly released [2016 Census data](#), there are now more seniors than children for the first time. The number of Aboriginal seniors has more than doubled since 2001 as outlined in this [Statistics Canada report](#).
- Almost three-quarters of Canadians reported their mental health was excellent or very good and 5.9% said it was fair or poor. Those with a mood or anxiety disorder were less likely to work as reported in the [Canadian Community Health Survey](#).
- According to the Statistics Canada study about [Young men and women without a high school diploma](#), more than two-thirds of young men and just over 40 % of young women were employed.

- To learn what is new in our understanding of youth gangs in Canada, have a look at this just released review by Public Safety Canada.
- Ontario has announced its 3-Year Anti-Racism Strategic Plan targeting systemic racism and proactive efforts to work toward racial equity. Included are a framework for the collection of race-based data in various institutions, a Black Youth Action Plan, awareness raising initiatives targeting racism (including Islamophobia and antisemitism) and more.
- An excellent knowledge exchange organization for those interested in youth issues is YouthREX
- Interested in keeping up to date on issues related to homelessness in Canada? Sign up with the Homeless Hub
- Consider joining this list to receive plain language summaries of new criminal justice related research. CRIMHIGHLIGHTS-L@listserv.utoronto.ca (Just send an email request providing your email address)

8. WRCPC Announcements:

- WRCPC members are reminded that on June 14, 2017 at 7 p.m. Shayne Turner, WRCPC Chair, will provide the annual update to Regional Council. Council members are encouraged to attend.
- WRCPC was pleased to welcome onboard Jodie Thomas from Conestoga College. Jodie completed her first part of the practicum with us over five weeks and will return in the fall for as second round.

Respectfully submitted,



Christiane Sadeler,
Executive Director
May 09, 2017

Waterloo Regional Police Service

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10 AM - 3 PM, Saturday, May 13, 2017
200 Maple Grove Road, Cambridge



Fun filled family day with activities for children, community and police information booths, the Emergency Response Unit, Traffic demonstrations, Charity BBQ and much, much more!

Free admission but donations to the food bank gladly accepted.

