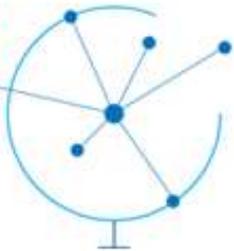


Child- and family focused treatment after Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)

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Introduction

Child Sexual Abuse within a family is a complex problem;

-> great impact on the development of the child

-> family ties are under great pressure

- after CSA within the family context
- there is a Dutch contextual intervention called CLAS
- used by several specialized youth care organisations
- CLAS needed to relate the intervention to new insights in trauma therapy

Cooperation research group and organisations

- Research group 'Youth and Family' and several CLAS teams started a cooperation
- By the start we focused on the contextual way in which the treatment was realized in practice
- During the research the question changed to a more wider view;
- 'What are the elements of good therapy after CSA within a family?'

Research design

We used several qualitative data collection methods:

- Exploratory expert interview with Katrien Grootaers (sexologist and sociologist)
- Exploratory literature search on the trauma related to CSA and items for good care
- Research of the contextual family intervention CLAS by document research, files research, qualitative interviews with therapistst, managers, work supervisors and clients.
- We compared the results of the scientific findings and the empirical findings.

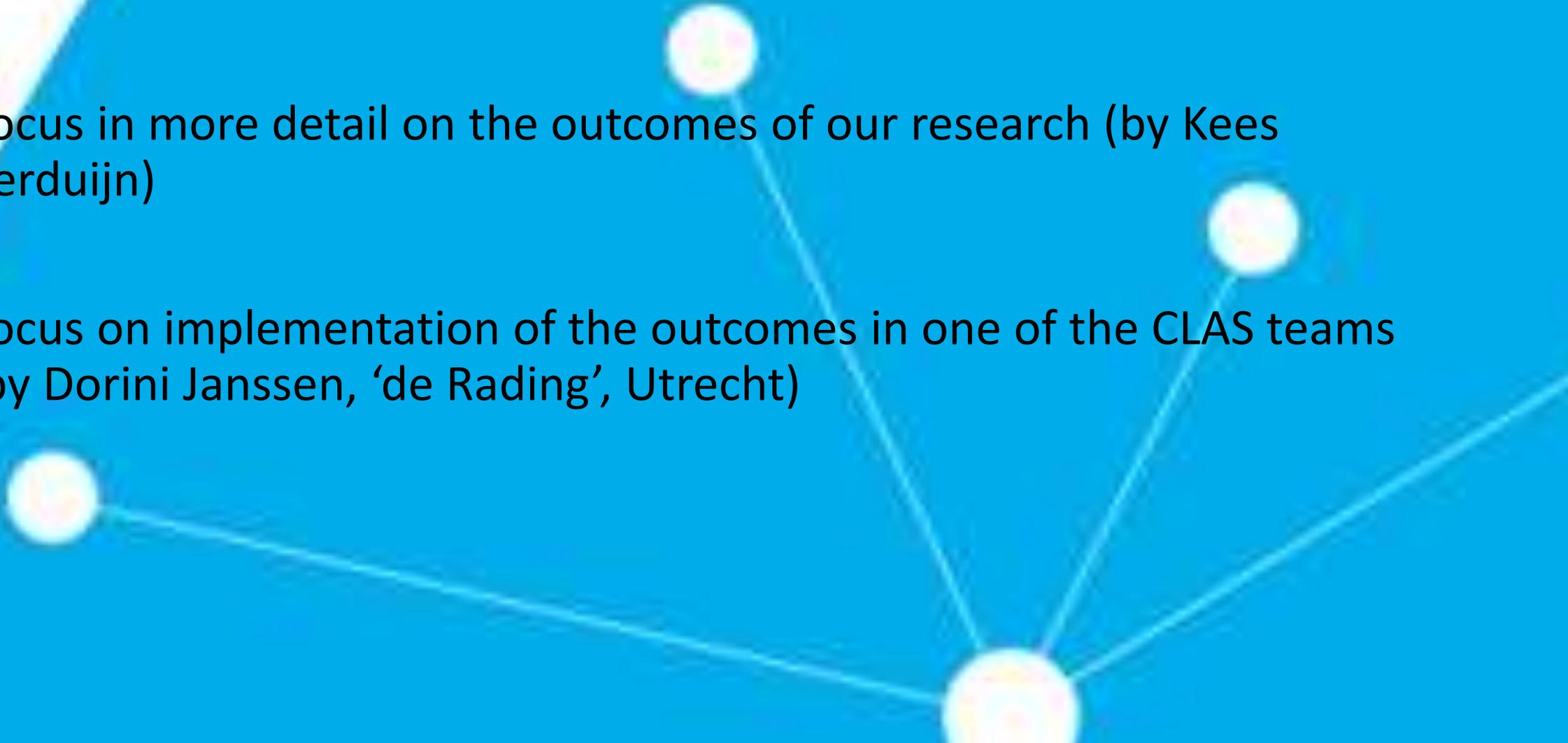
What did we do with the results?

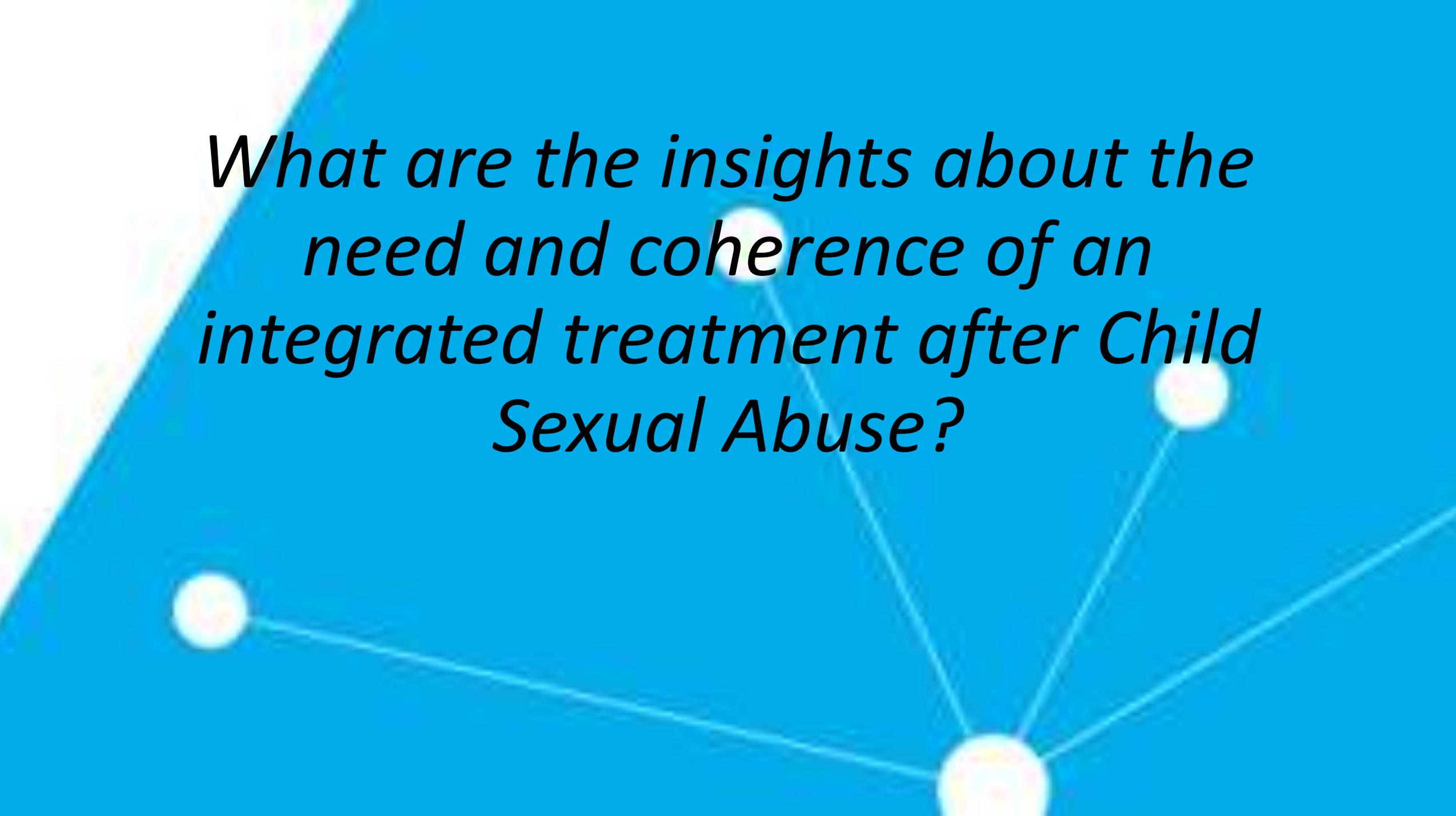
- We presented the results-in-concept in the related CLAS teams
 - We used the discussion in the CLAS teams as 'member checking'
 - Then we finished our research report
 - And presented the main items in a meeting with all stakeholders
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Publication and preparation of PHD project

- A short article in *Child and Adolescent* – a journal for Dutch scientific articles related to pedagogical, psychiatric and psychological practice of youths
- A more popular article in *Salut*- a syllabus for certificated Bachelor student of the Christian University for Applied Sciences
- The preparation of a PHD research project- with a focus on effectiveness of family focused therapy after sexual abuse within a family by a brother or sister

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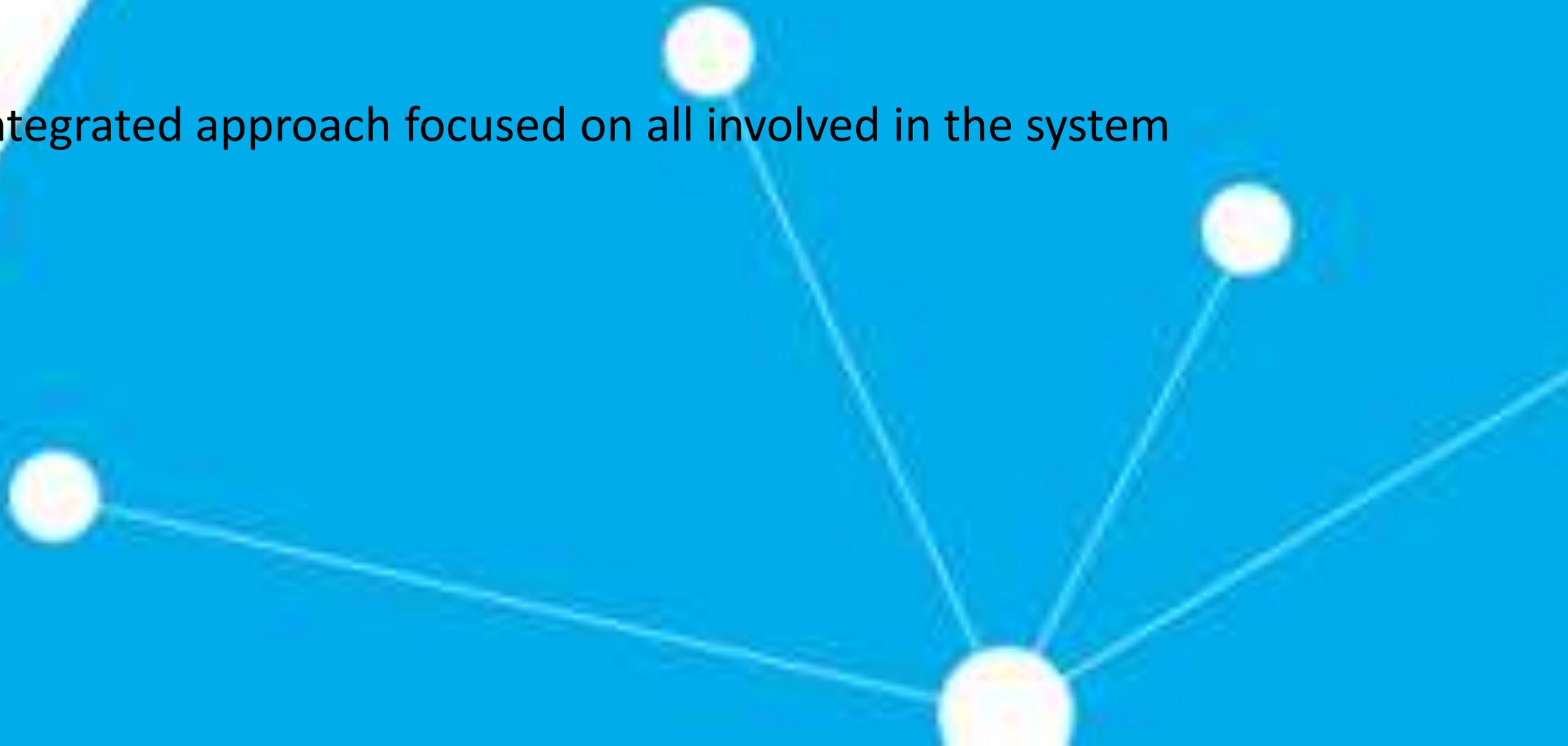
- Focus in more detail on the outcomes of our research (by Kees Verduijn)
 - Focus on implementation of the outcomes in one of the CLAS teams (by Dorini Janssen, 'de Rading', Utrecht)
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- A network diagram consisting of a central node at the bottom and four peripheral nodes connected to it by lines. The nodes are represented as glowing, multi-colored spheres. The lines are thin and light blue. The background is a solid blue color with a white diagonal line on the left side.



*What are the insights about the
need and coherence of an
integrated treatment after Child
Sexual Abuse?*

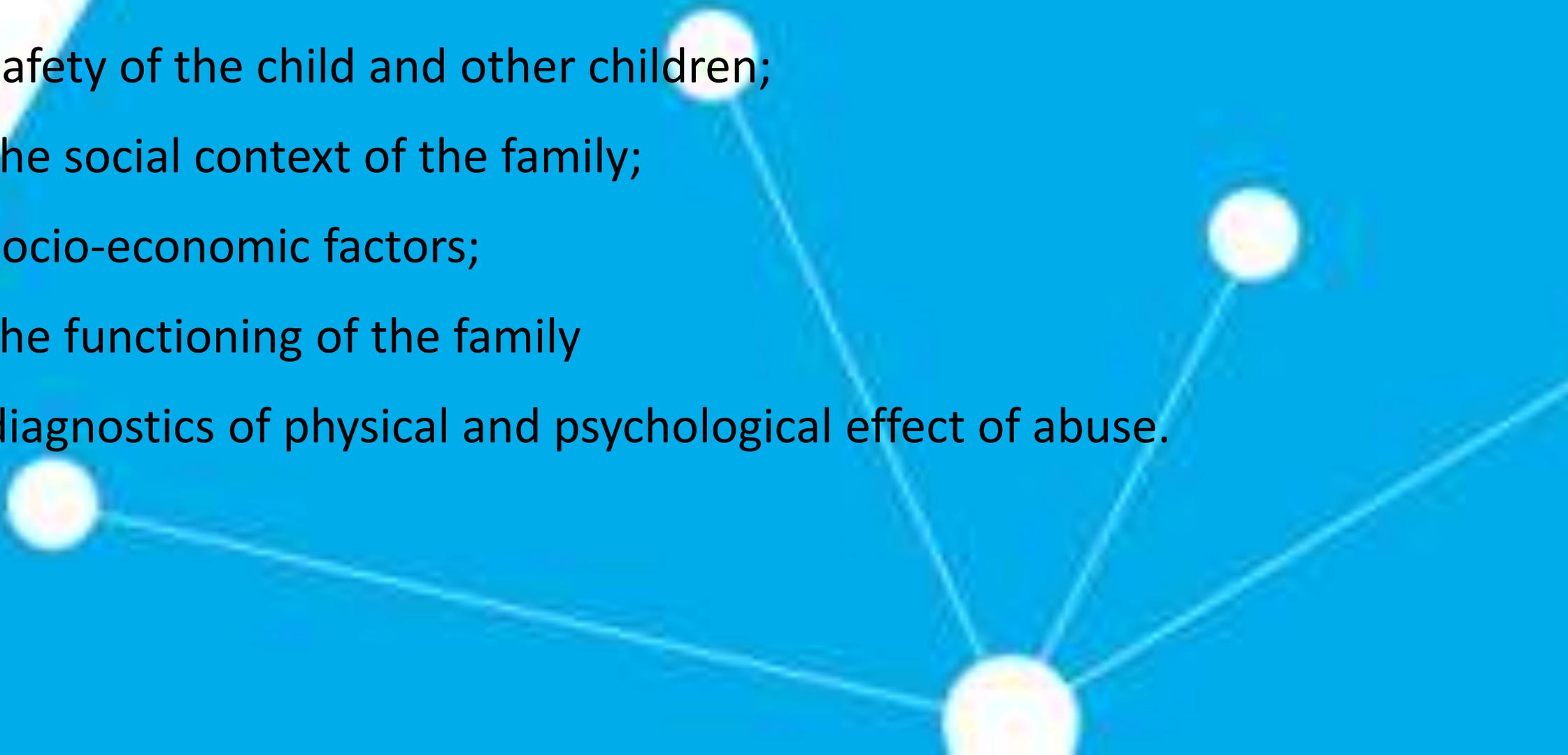
Individual or systemic perspective?

- Integrated approach focused on all involved in the system



Start CSA-treatment: assessment

- safety of the child and other children;
- the social context of the family;
- socio-economic factors;
- the functioning of the family
- diagnostics of physical and psychological effect of abuse.



multidisciplinair approach

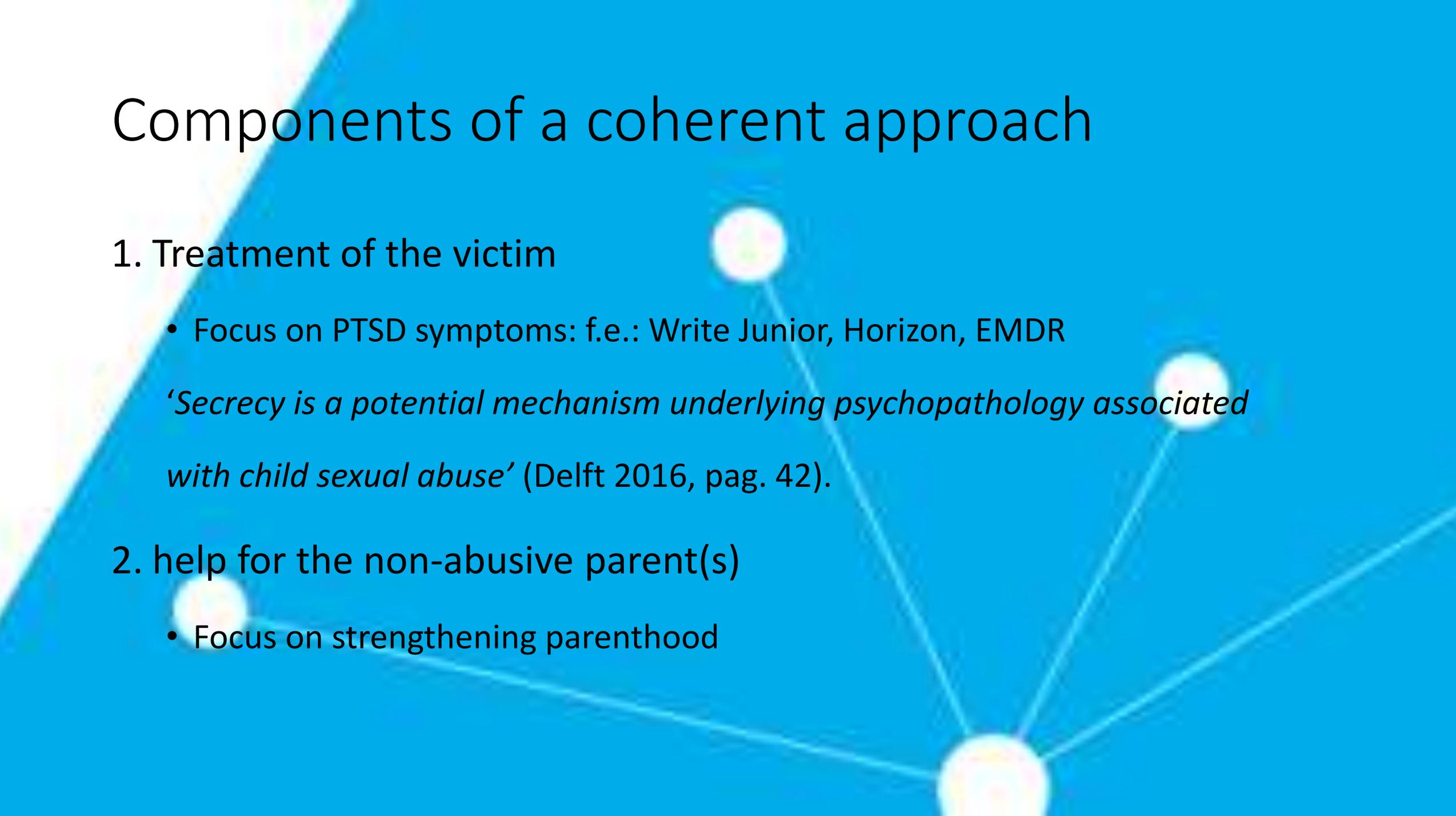
- pediatrician or an specialised youth nurse in cases of physical elements
- child psychiatrist
- psychologist / pedagogue
- social worker



Safety first: creating a safe environment



Components of a coherent approach



1. Treatment of the victim

- Focus on PTSD symptoms: f.e.: Write Junior, Horizon, EMDR

'Secrecy is a potential mechanism underlying psychopathology associated with child sexual abuse' (Delft 2016, pag. 42).

2. help for the non-abusive parent(s)

- Focus on strengthening parenthood

Components of a coherent approach II

3. Treatment of the abusive family member

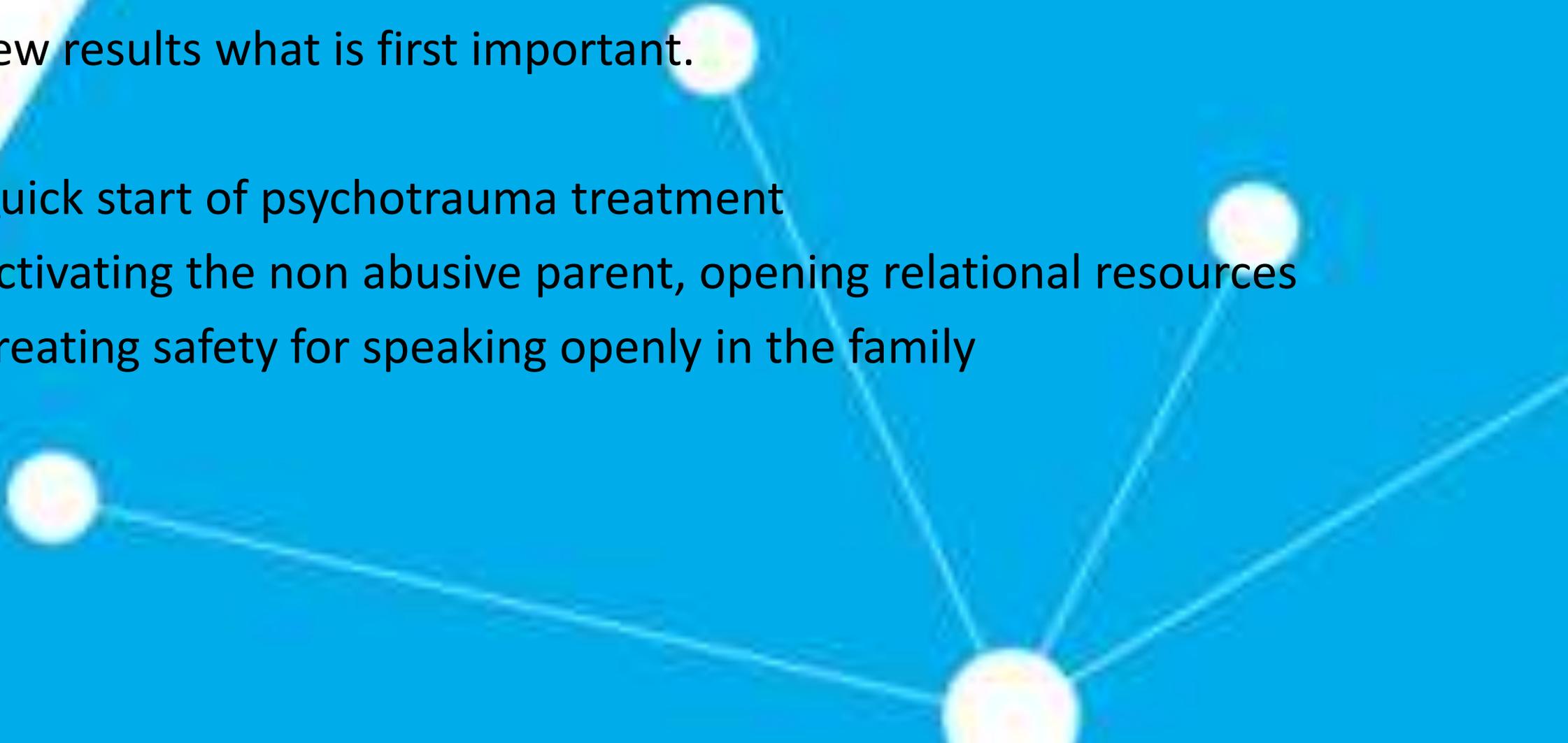
- Focus on prevention
- Differences parent child abuse and abuse in the sibling relation

4. Care for the whole family

- Focus on cohesion, connection and openness



Orderliness in treatment

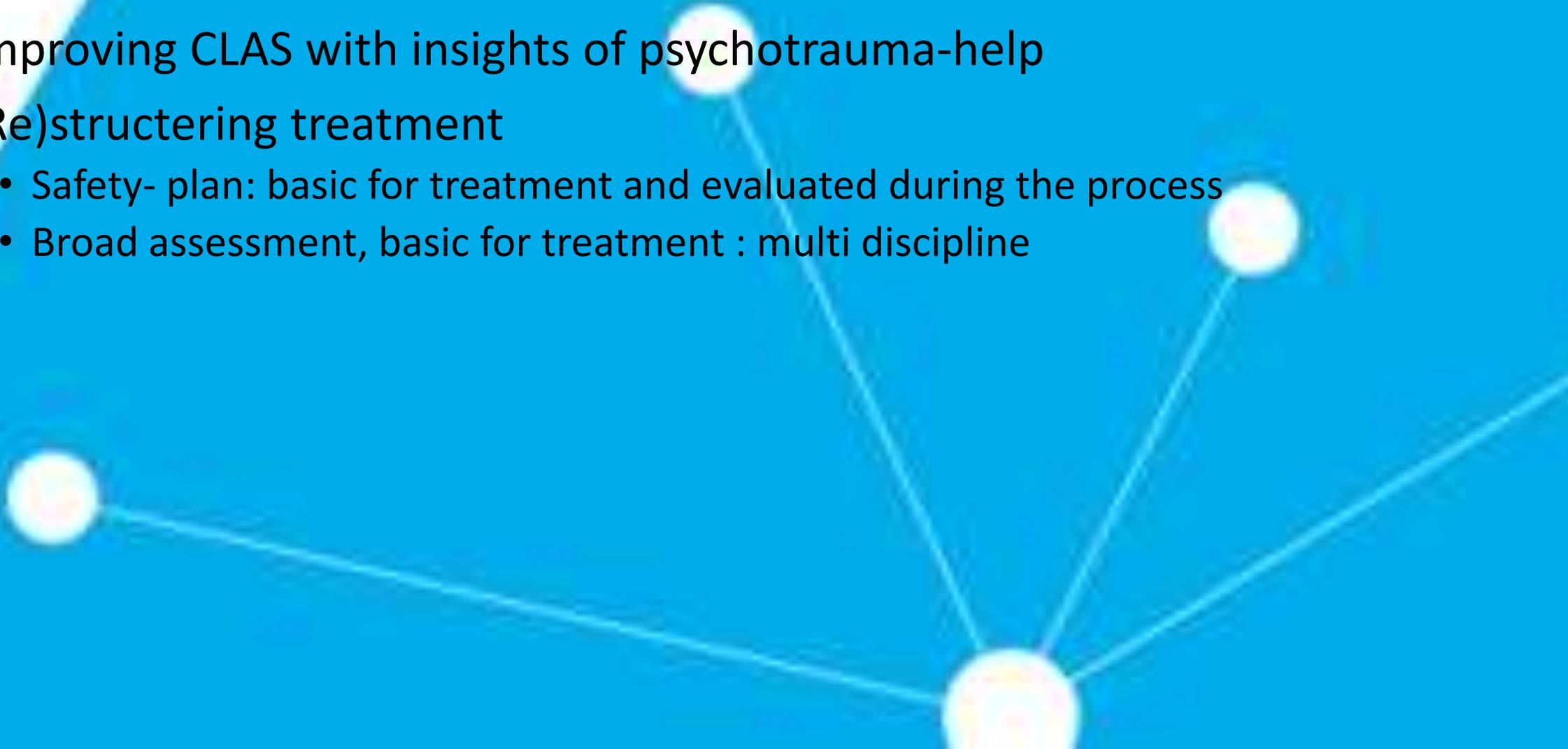
- Few results what is first important.
 - Quick start of psychotrauma treatment
 - Activating the non abusive parent, opening relational resources
 - Creating safety for speaking openly in the family
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Psychological or relational trauma?

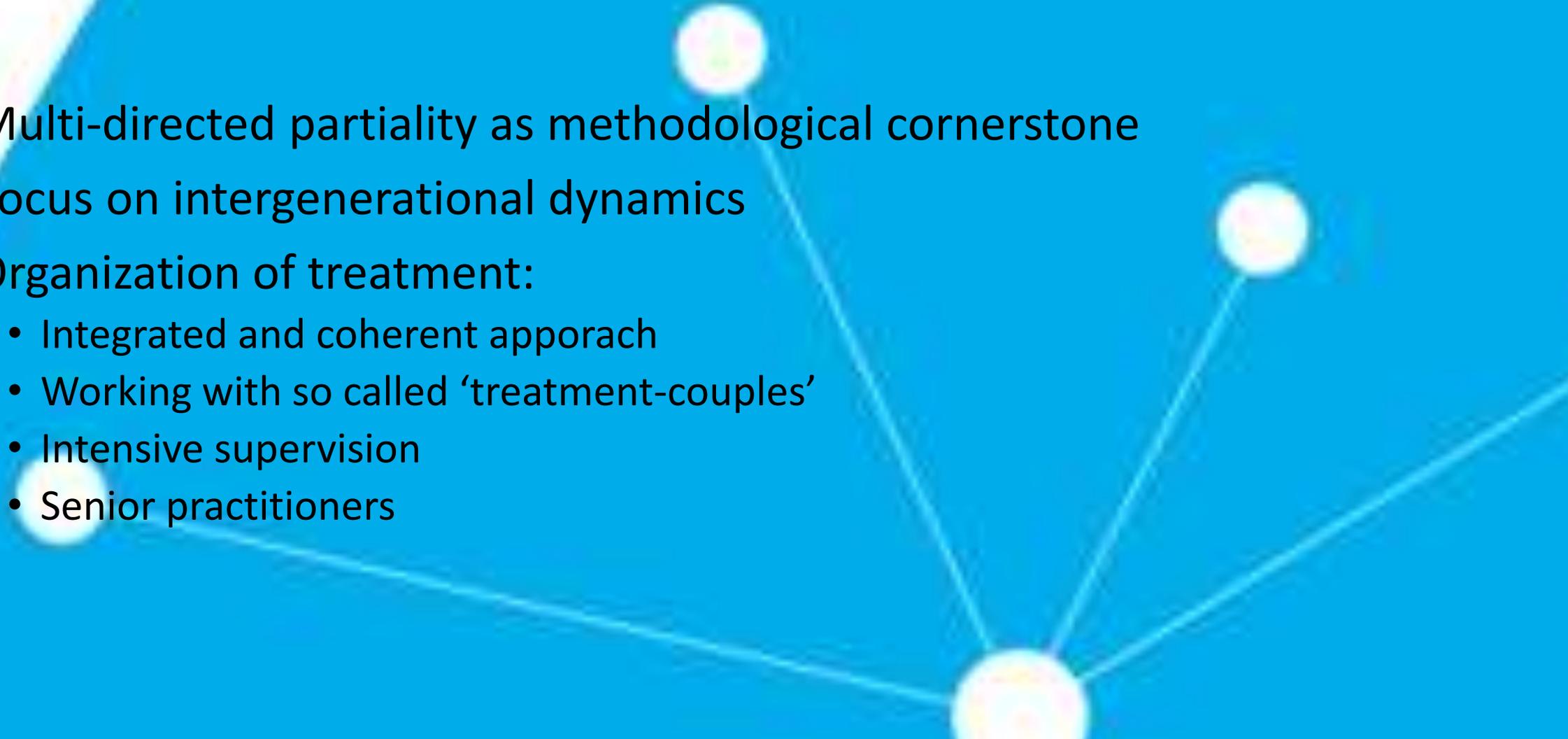
“not being seen in the midst of distress” (John Allen)

A network diagram consisting of a central node at the bottom and four peripheral nodes arranged in a semi-circle above it. Each node is a light-colored circle with a faint, colorful pattern inside. The nodes are connected to each other by thin, light-colored lines, forming a star-like structure.

Conclusions & recommendations

- Improving CLAS with insights of psychotrauma-help
 - (Re)structuring treatment
 - Safety- plan: basic for treatment and evaluated during the process
 - Broad assessment, basic for treatment : multi discipline
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Contributions of CLAS and Contextual approach

- Multi-directed partiality as methodological cornerstone
 - Focus on intergenerational dynamics
 - Organization of treatment:
 - Integrated and coherent approach
 - Working with so called 'treatment-couples'
 - Intensive supervision
 - Senior practitioners
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Implementation:



discussion

