

Enhancing Quality, Connections and Impact through Research

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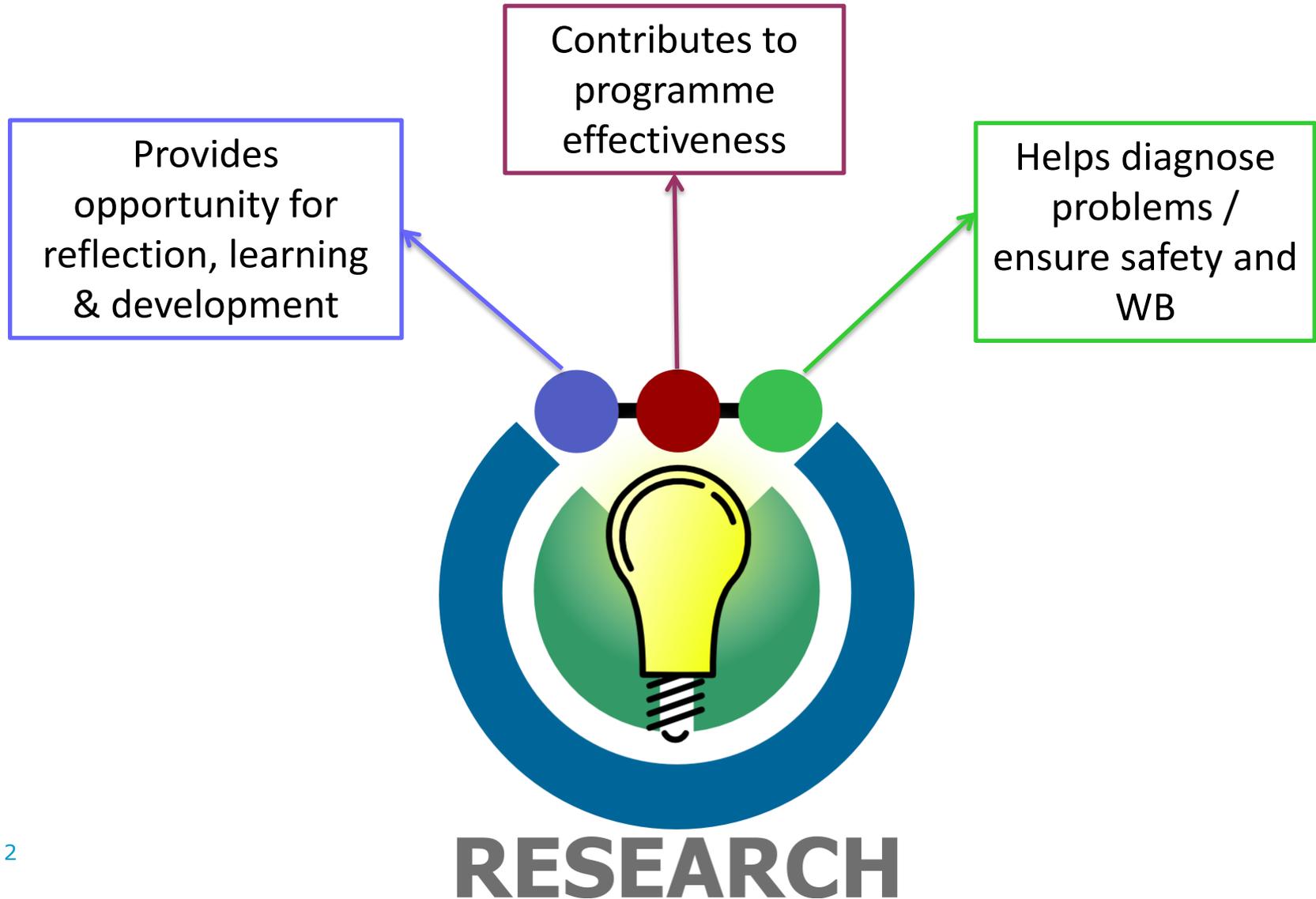
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Why research is important...



History: Youth mentoring and youth mentoring research



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Convergence



Divergence



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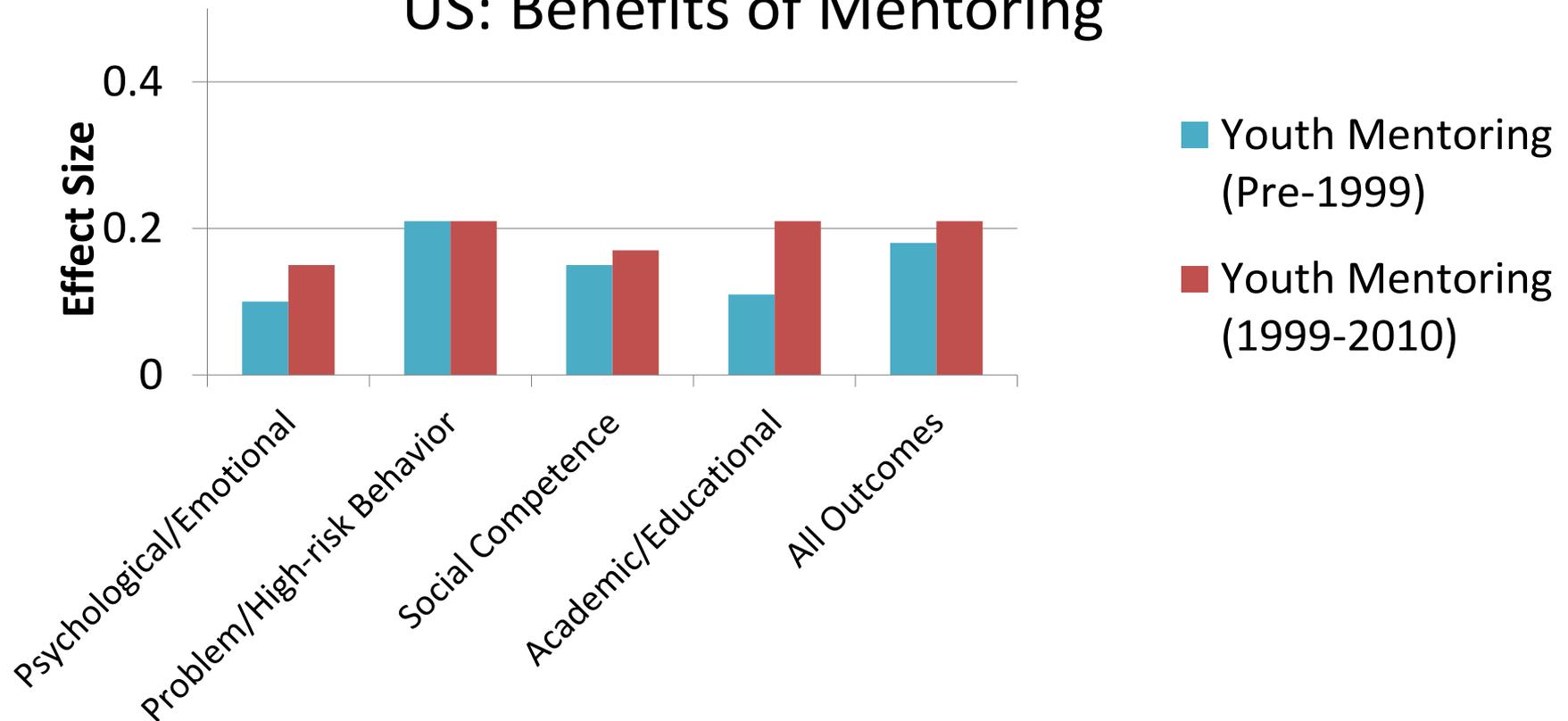
Convergence: Mentoring works



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- NZ: 88% of programmes effective (Farruggia, Bullen et al. 2011a)

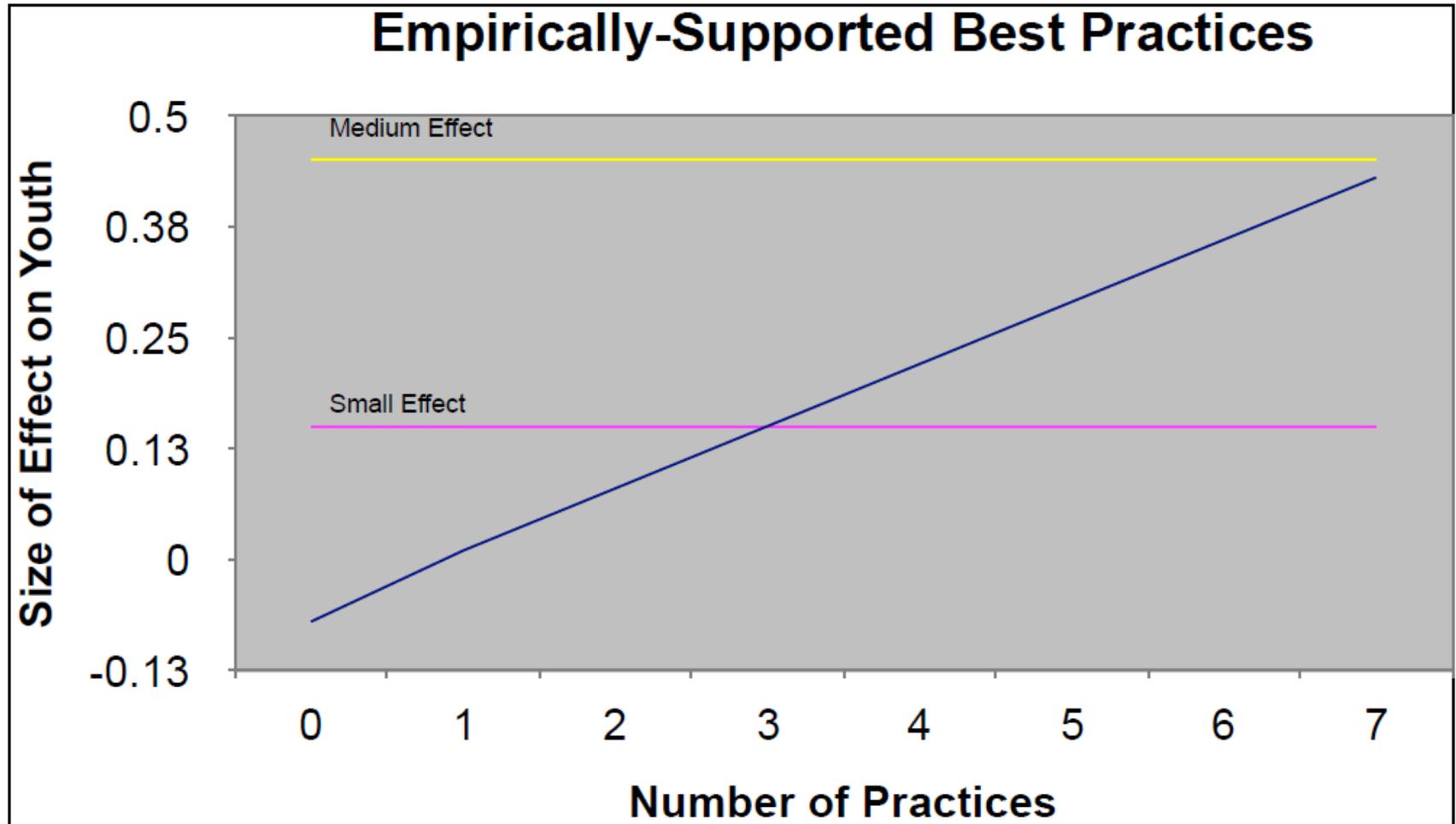
US: Benefits of Mentoring



Convergence: Practice effectiveness linked with



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Sources: DuBois, Holloway et al. (2002), see also Farruggia, Bullen et al. (2011a)

Convergence: Importance of quality relationships



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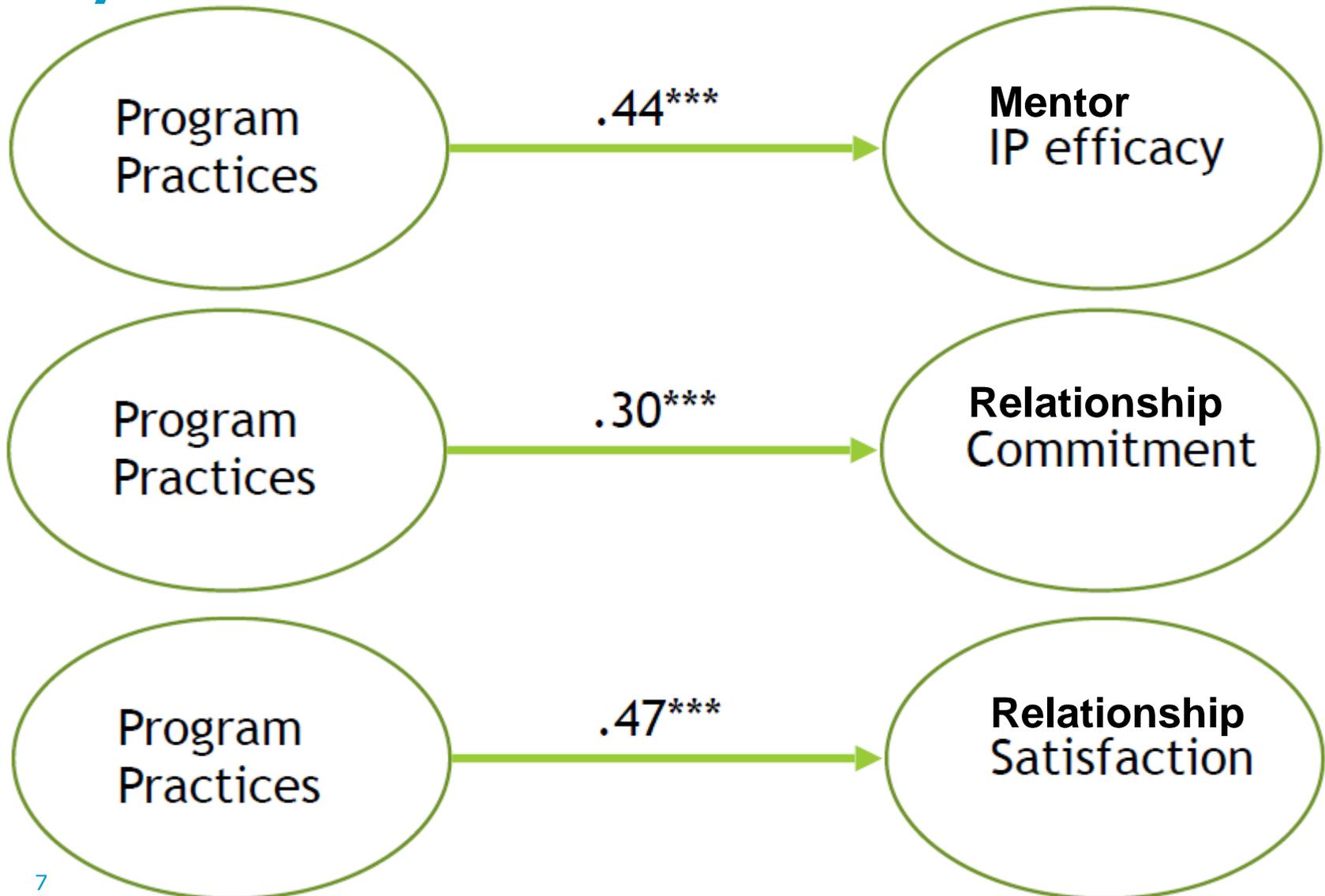
- Evidence of high quality relationships
- Similar relationship trajectories
- Similar markers of high quality relationships



Source: <http://www.greatpotentials.org.nz/mates/>

Need for greater clarity and consensus

Practice linked with mentor efficacy and relationship quality



Divergence:

- What constitutes 'quality' research
- Culturally responsive research
- Culturally responsive mentoring



Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koru>



Sources: Evans & Ave (2000); Farruggia, Bullen et al. (2010a); Farruggia, Bullen et al. (2015); Bullen, Meissel, & Deane (2016); Farruggia, Bullen et al. (2010b); Noonan, Bullen, & Farruggia (2012)

Where to from here?

- Greater understating of Mechanisms of change
- Greater clarity on 'quality' evidence
- Building research capacity
- Collaboration



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