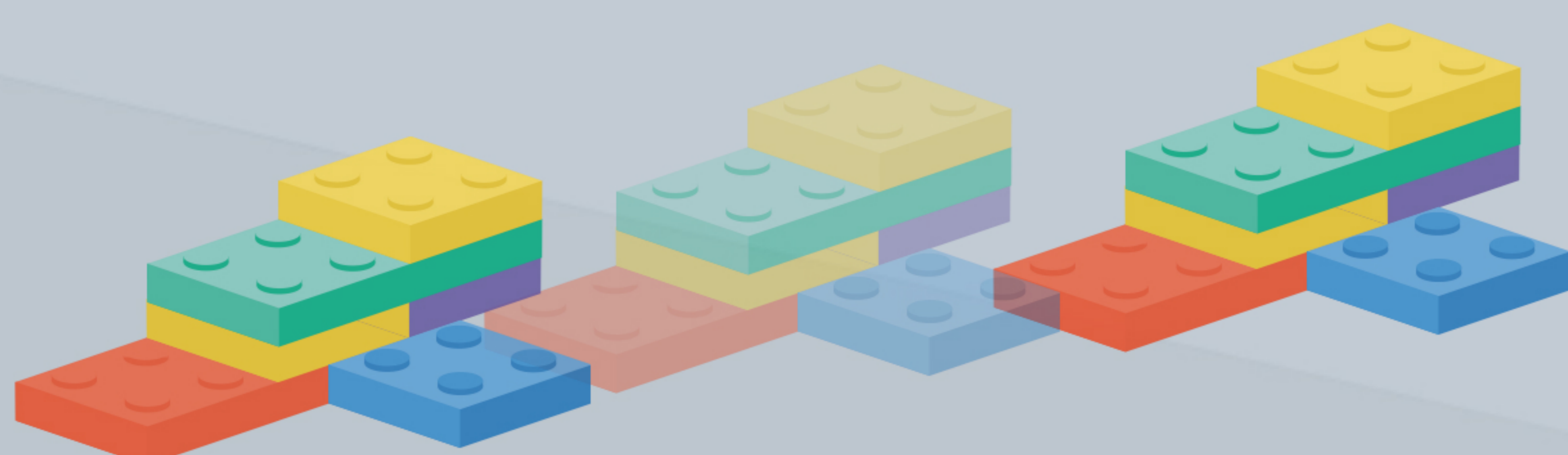


# You Be the Judge

## Factors Considered in Sentencing

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### General Factors Considered in Sentencing

Character	Rehabilitation
Personal History	Just Sentence
Nature of the Offense	Restitution
Likelihood of Repeat Offense	Deterrence – Individual/General
Punishment	Public Safety



### Character

- As evidenced by actions at scene

### Personal History

- Age
- Family
- Education/Intellectual Capacity
- Medical/Psychological Health



### Nature of the Offense

- Characteristics of the Crime
- Intention
- Premeditation



### Likelihood of Repeat Offense

- One-time incident
- Pattern
- Remorse



### Rehabilitation

- Likelihood of change

### Punishment

- Just Deserts



### Just Sentence

- Proportionate to the severity of the crime
- Most appropriate option of the available alternatives



### Restitution

- Attempt to remedy/make whole



### Deterrence

- For the individual and the public

### Public Safety

- Taking a dangerous person off the streets
- Preventing future crimes