JUVENILE SEX OFFENDER RISK VARIABLES
AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS CHECKLIST

STATIC RISK VARIABLES

___ Threats or violence associated with sexual offense
___ History of violence prior to sexual offense
___ Prior history of sexual offense
___ Prior arrest history
___ Having ever had a victim who was not related
___ Having ever had a victim who was a stranger
___ Having ever had a victim who was a male
___ History of abuse (physical, emotional, or sexual)
___ Having a history of a family with psychological, substance abuse or criminal issues
___ Having a history of criminal peer relations
___ Having a history of violence
___ Having a history of discipline issues in school
___ Having a history of discipline issues while incarcerated
___ Having a history of problems with school performance (grades, peers, completion of school)
___ Having a history of any treatment failure
___ Having a history of any supervision failure
___ Having a history of substance abuse
___ History of deviant sexual interests
___ Ever sexually assaulted 2 or more victims
___ Ever sexually assaulted same victim 2 or more times
___ Ever sexually assaulted a child (under 12 years of age and at least 4 years younger)
___ History of indiscriminate choice of victims
___ History of diverse sexual offense behaviors
___ History of conduct disorder
___ History of juvenile antisocial behavior
___ History of multiple types of criminal activity
___ History of exposure to violence
___ History of caregiver inconsistency (Unstable Home Environment is listed under Limitations to Responsiveness to Treatment section)

NEEDS/DYNAMIC FACTORS

___ Attitudes supporting sexual offending
___ Current deviant sexual interests (type of victim and sexualizing aggression)
___ Sexual preoccupation
___ Resistance to altering deviant sexual interests
___ Current pattern of conduct disorder/criminal behaviors
___ Current pattern of violent behavior
___ Attitudes that support violence
___ Current poor school achievement
___ Current poor vocational achievement
___ Current antisocial peer associations
___ Current substance abuse
___ Current poor use of leisure time
___ Dysfunctional traits (including: attention/concentration problems, mood instability, pervasive anger, general impulsivity, poor frustration tolerance, sensation seeking, risk taking, inflated self-esteem, and low verbal skills/low non-verbal skills)
___ Antisocial attitudes (including: detachment from symbols of authority, negative attitudes towards authority, difficulty accepting responsibility, propensity to lie, frequently violating rules and laws, high aggressiveness, and callousness)
___ Social isolation
___ Experiencing dysfunctional parenting (including: poor supervision, sexual behavior, inappropriate disciplinary techniques, poor communication within the family, poor parent-youth relationship, emotional abuse, physical abuse, and sexual abuse)
___ Residing in a family with criminal activity
___ Residing in a family with psychiatric problems
___ Residing in a family with substance abuse problems
___ Residing in a family with financial problems
___ Residing in a neighborhood with negative influences
___ Having access to potential victims
___ Not yet having developed a plan to prevent re-offending
___ Unsupervised access to sexualized information material
___ Remorse and guilt deficits
___ Cognitive distortions associated with offense
___ Poor understanding of risk factors
___ Limited acceptance of responsibility for offense
___ Difficulty managing sexual urges
___ Difficulty managing anger

**LIMITATIONS TO RESPONSIVENESS TO TREATMENT**

___ Lack of readiness for treatment
___ Lack of parental support for treatment
___ Unstable home environment
___ Criminal home environment
___ Antisocial peer associations
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Reading limitations
Spelling limitations
Intellectual limitations
Poor academic history
Unstable mood issues
Rebellious personality characteristics
Poor management of sexual urges
Unstable substance abuse issues
Lack of recognition of committing a sexual offense
Lack of recognition of the possibility for re-offense

STRENGTHS FOR RESPONSIVENESS TO TREATMENT/PROTECTIVE FACTORS

Mature personality characteristics
Good self-esteem, parental support for treatment
Having competent parents
Having cooperative/supportive parents/family
Coming from a financially stable family/availability of economic and other resources to expose youth to multiple experiences
Pro-social peer influences/support
Having a pro-social attitude
Having community supports
Good social skills
Good problem solving skills
Good academic skills
Having no history of school issues (behavior or social problems)
Interest in healthy hobbies
Interest in cooperative group activities (sports, social clubs, church activities)
Having no history of violence
Having no prior sexual offense
Having no prior arrest history
Having no history of abuse (physical, emotional, or sexual)
Having no family history of psychological, substance abuse or criminal issues
Having no history of treatment failure
Having no history of supervision failure
Having no history of substance abuse
Acknowledges risk and uses foresight and safety planning
Takes responsibility for behavior/does not try to control others’ behavior
Able to manage emotions/impulse control
Rejects abusive thoughts as dissonant
___ Is motivated for change
___ Recognizes victim impact/has empathy
___ Consistently recognizes/interrupts cycle
___ Having healthy sexual interests
___ Participation in shared activities with family (including parents and siblings)
___ Having parents who provide the forum to discuss problems/issues
___ Having a positive adult (ally) in the family to mentor/be supportive