JUVENILE SEX OFFENDER RISK AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS CHECKLIST

The evaluation must support the identification or rule-out of any risk or protective variable identified on this checklist.

STATIC RISK FACTORS

 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

	Lack of readiness for treatment	
	Lack of parental support for treatment	
	Unstable home environment	
	Criminal home environment	
	Antisocial peer associations	
	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