



## PREA VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT

### RISK OF VICTIMIZATION AND/OR SEXUALLY AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR / OVERALL RISK

Youth's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ YouthCenter ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Bridges Case ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Bridges Client ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Charge(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ethnicity** (Check all that apply):

- ☐ White/Caucasian ☐ Black or African American  
☐ Asian ☐ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander  
☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hispanic Origin: ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Sexuality** (check all that apply):

- ☐ Lesbian ☐ Heterosexual ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Gay ☐ Transgender ☐ Declined to Answer  
☐ Bisexual ☐ Intersex ☐ Questioning Sexual Identity

Other Physical Identifiers: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Assessment: \_\_\_\_\_

#### RESULTS

- | YES                      | NO                       |                             |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | VULNERABLE TO VICTIMIZATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | SEXUALLY AGGRESSIVE         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO DESIGNATED ROOMMATE      |
|                          |                          |                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | LOW                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | MEDIUM                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | HIGH                        |

#### YOUTH INTERVIEW

##### 1. EXPERIENCE IN INSTITUTION

Ask: Have you been in a locked juvenile facility?

NO	SCORE 2	_____
YES	SCORE 0	_____

##### 2. SOCIAL SKILLS

Lead with: How do you feel being in a facility with so many other juvenile justice youth?

Then ask:

(YES SCORE 0, NO SCORE 1)

Do you feel you get along well with other people?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Do you find it easy to make friends?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Do you feel ok about being in groups of people you don't know well?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Award a score of 1 for each NO answer

SCORE (0 - 3) \_\_\_\_\_

##### 3. PERCEPTION OF RISK

Ask: Do you feel at risk from attack or abuse from other youth?

For Example: Have you received threats, insults, and harassment from other youth?

Prompt with options, if necessary

NOT AT ALL	SCORE 0	_____
SOMETIMES	SCORE 1	_____
OFTEN	SCORE 2	_____

If they respond "sometimes" or "often" ask for more details and note youth's statements below:

#### 4. HISTORY OF VICTIMIZATION

Ask: Have you ever been attacked, bullied, or abused by people your own age (peers)?

Prompt with options, if necessary

NEVER	SCORE 0	_____
A FEW TIMES	SCORE 2	_____
OFTEN	SCORE 4	_____

Ask: Have you ever had a sexual experience that you did not want to have?

If YES, ask what & if this information was reported to DCYF and law enforcement. If the youth reports abuse that has never been reported, a report must be made to DCYF Central Intake.

NO	SCORE 0	_____
YES	SCORE 4	_____

#### 5. OFFENSE TYPE

Ask: Have you ever been arrested on a sexual offense?

Also check the youth's file for information.

NO	SCORE 0	_____
YES	SCORE 4	_____

Ask: Have you ever been arrested on a violent offense?

NO	SCORE 0	_____
YES	SCORE 4	_____

#### 6. BEHAVIOR

Ask: Have you ever engaged in behavior you would consider violent?

NO	SCORE 0	_____
YES	SCORE 2	_____

Ask: Have you ever engaged in behavior you would consider sexually aggressive?

NO	SCORE 0	_____
YES	SCORE 2	_____

#### 7. AGE OF YOUTH

19 YEARS AND UP TO 21	SCORE 0	_____
16, 17, 18 YEARS	SCORE 1	_____
13, 14, 15 YEARS	SCORE 2	_____
10 – 12 YEARS	SCORE 3	_____

#### 8. INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENT

From the file review is there any evidence that this youth has been previously reported to have an intellectual impairment (low IQ), learning disability, or special education?

NO EVIDENCE	SCORE 0	_____
EVIDENCE	SCORE 2	_____

## 9. "LACK OF FIT" WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITY CULTURE

*This item requires a judgement by the screener that this youth is unlikely to "fit in" within the mainstream juvenile offender culture.*

*(Place an X in applicable box)*

### Look for Features of the Youth's Physical Appearance Such As:

- ☐ SMALL BUILD
- ☐ LOOKS YOUNGER THAN STATED AGE
- ☐ IMPAIRED VISION (REQUIRES GLASSES)
- ☐ PRONOUNCED DISFIGUREMENT
- ☐ PHYSICAL DISABILITY
- ☐ DEAF
- ☐ APPEARS FRAIL, WEAK

### Look for Features of the Youth's Presentation and Behaviors Such As:

- ☐ INAPPROPRIATE VERBAL BEHAVIOR (E.G., GIGGLING, ODD REMARKS)
- ☐ INAPPROPRIATE PHYSICAL BEHAVIOR (BOYS WEARING MAKEUP, SEXUAL BEHAVIOR)
- ☐ HUNCHED FEARFUL POSTURE (E.G., VERY FEARFUL, VERY SHY)
- ☐ OBVIOUS EFFEMINATE BEHAVIOR
- ☐ ACTS OF AGGRESSION – OBSERVATION
- ☐ YOUTH'S BEHAVIOR WITH THE SIBLING(S)/RESIDENTS
- ☐ YOUTH'S BEHAVIOR IN SCHOOL
- ☐ SPEECH IMPEDIMENT
- ☐ APPEARS SLOW OR "DULL"
- ☐ BEHAVIORS THAT ARE LIKELY TO IRRITATE AND ANNOY OTHER YOUTH (E.G., IMMATURE, SILLY)
- ☐ BEHAVIORS THAT APPEAR RELATED TO MENTAL ILLNESS (E.G., JITTERY, CRYING, BIZARRE)
- ☐ MENTAL DISABILITIES (E.G., CONDUCT DISORDER, ADHD, PTS, ETC.)

### Look for Features of the Youth Which Make Him or Her Standout Such As:

- ☐ HAVING A LACK OF EXPOSURE TO CRIMINAL LIFESTYLE
- ☐ BEING FROM AN ETHNIC MINORITY NOT WELL REPRESENTED IN THE OFFENDER POPULATION (E.G., VIETNAMESE, INDIAN, MIDDLE EASTERN)
- ☐ MEMBERSHIP IN A GANG THAT IS LIKELY TO BE A TARGET OF ATTACK FROM OTHERS

*Note other features not listed above:*

NONE OR ONLY ONE FEATURE	SCORE 0	_____
TWO OR THREE FEATURES	SCORE 2	_____
MULTIPLE FEATURES (FOUR OR MORE FEATURES)	SCORE 4	_____
ITEMS 1 - 9		
TOTAL SCORE		

## FILE REVIEW

### 10. EXPERIENCE IN INSTITUTION

*Does file indicate the youth has been charged with a sex offense?*

INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE	SCORE 0	_____
NO	SCORE 0	_____
YES	SCORE 2	_____

*Any information suggests prior sexual aggression or sexual victimization of others?*

INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE	SCORE 0	_____
NO	SCORE 0	_____
YES	SCORE 2	_____

**OVERALL RISK SCORE:****VULNERABILITY TO VICTIMIZATION:**

- |    |  |       |       |
|----|--|-------|-------|
| 1. | EXPERIENCE IN INSTITUTION                            | SCORE | _____ |
| 2. | SOCIAL SKILLS  | SCORE | _____ |
| 3. | PERCEPTION OF RISK                                   | SCORE | _____ |
| 4. | HISTORY OF VICTIMIZATION                             | SCORE | _____ |
| 7. | AGE OF YOUTH   | SCORE | _____ |
| 8. | INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENT                              | SCORE | _____ |
| 9. | "LACK OF FIT" WITH JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITY CULTURE | SCORE | _____ |

**INTERVIEW:****OVERALL SCORE:**

MAXIMUM SCORE = 20

**SEXUALLY AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR**

- |     |                  |       |       |
|-----|------------------|-------|-------|
| 5.  | OFFENSE TYPE     | SCORE | _____ |
| 6.  | VIOLENT BEHAVIOR | SCORE | _____ |
| 10. | FILE REVIEW      | SCORE | _____ |

**OVERALL SCORE :**

MAXIMUM SCORE = 16

**OVERALL RISK SCORED****RISK LEVEL:**

LOW (1 - 8)

MEDIUM (9 - 16)

HIGH (17 &amp; ABOVE)

**TOTAL SCORE:****RISK LEVEL:**

**NO DESIGNATED ROOMMATE (NDR):** High Overall Score and/or high score in either Vulnerability to Victimization and/or Sexually Aggressive Behavior would indicate a need to place on NDR status.

☐**YES DOUBLE ROOM CONSIDERATION**☐**NO DOUBLE ROOM CONSIDERATION**

*In the event that you need movement to a lesser or higher risk pod or room assignment, the Shift Supervisor will determine movement. Proper documentation must be stated below as to the reason why youth is moved, i.e., behavior, maturity, facility count, etc. In support of an override please attempt to obtain collateral information from file review and/or parent/guardian contact.*

**OVERRIDE DOCUMENTATION:**

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time Override: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Screener: \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Screener: \_\_\_\_\_

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