



**VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT:
 Risk of Victimization and/or Sexually Aggressive Behavior/Overall Risk**

Youth's Name: _____
 DOB: _____ Gender: _____ Courtstream Case ID # _____
 Bridges Case #: _____ Bridges Client ID: _____
 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
 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"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High

YOUTH INTERVIEW:

1. Experience in Institution

Ask: **Have you been in a locked juvenile facility?**

		Score
No	SCORE 2	
Yes	SCORE 0	

2. Social Skills

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

Then ask:

- **Do you feel you get along well with other people?** (Yes score 0, No score 1)
- **Do you find it easy to make friends?** (Yes score 0, No score 1)
- **Do you feel OK about being in groups of people you don't know well?** (Yes score 0, No score 1)

Award a score of 1 for each **No** answer

Score (0-3)		
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3. Perception of Risk

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

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 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. Ask Have you ever engaged in behavior that you would consider violent or sexually aggressive?

No	SCORE 0	
YES	SCORE 4	

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 judgment 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)

LOOK FOR FEATURES OF THE YOUTH WHICH MAKE HIM OR HER STAND OUT 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	SCORE 0	
TWO OR THREE FEATURES	SCORE 2	
MULTIPLE FEATURES (FOUR OR MORE FEATURES)	SCORE 4	

ITEMS 1-9	
TOTAL SCORE	

FILE REVIEW:

10. 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

RISK LEVEL:

- Low (1-9)
- MEDIUM (9-16)
- HIGH (17 & ABOVE)

OVERALL RISK SCORE: _____

No Designated Roommate (NDR): High Overall score and/or high score in either Vulnerability to Victimization and/or Sexually Aggressive Behavior would indicate need to place on NDR status.

NDR Documentation: Yes No Double Room NDR

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 of Override: _____

Signature of Screener Title of Screener Date Time AM PM

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