



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF PROBATION

Service Interpretive Guidelines **Sex Offense-Specific Evaluation**

SERVICE DEFINITION:

A Sex Offense-Specific Evaluation is a clinical, strengths-based evaluation of an individual who has engaged in illegal and/or sexually-abusive behaviors and who has been charged with and/or convicted of a sexual offense.

The Sex Offense-Specific Evaluation is a process of gathering information to assess client functioning and needs based on identification of the presenting problem, evaluation of mental status, formulation of a diagnostic impression (as applicable) and recommendation for treatment services/strategies. The Sex Offense-Specific Evaluation will include a mental health diagnostic impression (as applicable), history of mental health symptoms, sexual history and current sexual behavior, trauma history/symptoms, criminogenic risk, risk of harm to self and/or others (including risk for sexual re-offense), the individual's perception of the situation and collateral information. Based on the evaluation, recommendations are provided and justified for appropriate behavioral health services and treatment. The Sex Offense-Specific Evaluation may include psychological testing, if indicated.

EXPECTATIONS / REQUIREMENTS:

- The probation/problem-solving court staff member is responsible for reviewing all screenings/risk assessments to determine if the client has a need for further evaluation.
- The probation/problem-solving court staff member shall work with the client to determine a Registered Service Provider (RSP) to conduct the evaluation.
- The probation/problem-solving court staff member will communicate with the RSP to provide all collateral information to assist with the completion of the evaluation
 1. All evaluations should lead to clinical recommendations for a treatment services, including justification for the level of care. Evaluations could also recommend no treatment with appropriate justification.
 2. Evaluations should not focus on non-treatment needs and should not identify or refer to particular agencies offering the recommended service.
- This service will assist clients who have risks and needs related to problematic sexual behavior. The outcome of this evaluation is identifying any behavioral health diagnoses and treatment recommendations.
- Probation/problem-solving court staff members will utilize the RSP's clinical recommendations to assist in developing an individualized case management plan.