



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS & PROBATION

## ***Service Interpretive Guidelines*** **Juveniles Who Sexually Harm Risk Evaluation**

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### **SERVICE DEFINITION:**

Juveniles Who Sexually Harm Risk Evaluation is for a youth under the age of 19 who is **adjudicated** for a sexual offense. This evaluation is a thorough clinical, strengths-based evaluation of a youth who as engaged in illegal or demonstrating sexualized behaviors and has been charged with or adjudicated of a sexual offense.

The Juveniles Who Sexually Harm (JSH) 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 JSH evaluation includes 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 clinically indicated.

### **TARGET POPULATION:**

Youth identified through screenings/risk assessments to have a need for further evaluation due to engaging in illegal or demonstrating sexualized behaviors.

### **PROBATION/PROBLEM SOLVING COURT OFFICER (OFFICER) RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Officer shall work with the youth and family to determine a Registered Service Provider (RSP) to conduct the evaluation.
- Officer will inform the RSP the reason for the referral for the evaluation.
- Officer will **verbally communicate** with the RSP to provide all collateral information (assessments) to assist with the completion of the evaluation.
- Officer will utilize the evaluation worksheets to ensure the following:
  1. All evaluations should lead to an applicable diagnosis.
  2. All evaluations should lead to a clinical recommendation for a **treatment** service, which could include a result of no clinical recommendation.

3. Evaluations should NOT recommend non-treatment, out-of-home placement or detention and evaluations should NOT identify or refer to particular agencies offering the recommended service.
- Officer will utilize the RSP's clinical recommendations to assist in developing the individualized success plan.
  - Officer will complete engagements outlining information related to the evaluation.