

YOUTH WITH PROBLEMATIC SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

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NOJOS Levels of Treatment:

1. Outpatient psychosexual education
2. Outpatient sex offense-specific psychotherapy (individual/group)
3. Sex offense-specific day treatment or intensive family-based services
4. Foster care with sex offense-specific psychotherapy (individual/group)
5. Sex offense-specific group home or independent living home
6. Residential intensive sex offense-specific treatment
7. Inpatient psychiatric enhanced with sex offense-specific treatment
8. Secure care enhanced with sex offense-specific treatment

Assessment Information Needed from Prosecutors and Probation:

1. Police Report(s) and/or Victim Statement/CJC Interview
2. Case History Summary (“rapsheet”)
3. Court Report
4. Any Former Evaluations

Polygraph Examination Use with Juveniles:

Polygraph examination is recommended for persons age 12 and older (per American Polygraph Association). A well done polygraph examination can save weeks to months of treatment in order to help the youth disclose and benefit youth treatment outcome in a variety of ways. A great resource is Yoder, Hansen, Lobanov-Rostovsky (2017): *A Framework for the Judicious Use of the Polygraph for Youth Who Have Committed a Sexual Crime, Victims & Offenders*.

Sex Offense-Specific Risk Tools (what evaluators consider in an assessment):

JSORRAT-II	JSOAP-II	PROFESOR
Offense statistics	Sexual preoccupation	Sexual attitudes
Offense style	Behavioral problems	Consequence knowledge
Victim issues	Intervention	Psychosocial function
IEP/discipline	Community stability	Environment/family
Non-sex offenses		

Sentencing Recommendations and What to Consider:

1. Helpful to have one charge per victim/“start” and “end” charges for long-term offenses
2. Detention time can help the youth understand the seriousness of the offense
3. Placement in the home with a victim is typically NOT advised
4. Least restrictive environment is best, balanced with community safety

When the Treatment Level Exceeds the Statutory Guidelines/Mandates:

NOJOS has Court Report guidelines that allow for full explanation of the youth’s progress in treatment or lack thereof. Thus, if a youth presents as requiring more extensive treatment (longer timeframe or higher level), the quarterly court reports would document the reasons for such. Consider Utah State Code 78A-6-117 “unless: termination would interrupt a necessary treatment process”.