

**Juvenile Evaluation Reference Guide**

**Initial Evaluations**

**Co-Occurring Evaluation or (PTA\* + Substance Use Evaluation)**

**Purpose: Mental Health Concerns**

**Elements:**

- Mental Health/Standardized Model substance use history with Comprehensive Adolescent Severity Inventory
- Family/social history= Bio-psychosocial assessment
- Mental Health Initial Diagnostic Interview (IDI) and diagnosis

**Use When:**

- Behavior problems are present including truancy or uncontrollable
- Mental health concern and/or substance use are identified concerns

**Recommendations Include:**

- ❖ Therapy
- ❖ Support Services
- ❖ Further Evaluations

**Substance Use Evaluation**

**Purpose: Substance Use Diagnosis**

**Elements:**

- Substance use history
- Family/social history = Bio-psychosocial assessment
- Adheres to Standardized Model

**Use When:**

- Substance use indicated through family, school or legal, etc.

**Recommendations Include:**

- ❖ Prevention or Treatment needs
- ❖ Family Response to Recommendation

**Juvenile Who Sexually Harms**

**Purpose: Sexual behavior risk**

**Elements:**

- Family/social history = Bio-psychosocial assessment
- Initial Diagnostic Interview (IDI)
  - Functional impairment
- Risk instruments

**Use When:**

- Sexual deviance or behaviors causing legal issues
- Best practice suggests post-adjudication

**Recommendations Include:**

- ❖ Risk to Sexually Harm
- ❖ Treatment needs

**Initial Diagnostic Interview (IDI)**

**Purpose: Behavioral and Cognitive Functioning**

**Elements:**

- Current:
  - Signs and symptoms
  - Affect
  - Behavior and Cognitive

**Use When:**

- Family/social history recently completed = Bio-psychosocial assessment
- Level of Care not effective

**Recommendations Include:**

- ❖ Diagnosis and treatment needs
- ❖ Medication needs and referral
- ❖ Medical needs

**Extensive Evaluations**

**Psychological Evaluation**

**Purpose: Severe/Persistent Mental Health, Personality Disorder or Cognitive Impairments**

**Elements:**

- Objective Testing Measures
  - IQ
  - Personality
  - Executive Functioning

**Use When:**

- Lack stabilization
- Clarify conflicting diagnoses
- Risk of violence
- Amenability to treatment
- Competency

**Recommendations Include:**

- ❖ Treatment needs
- ❖ Recommendation for psychiatric evaluation

**Psychiatric Evaluation**

**Purpose: Medication determination**

**Elements:**

- Medication assessment

**Use When:**

- Psychological or PTA recommends medication assessment.

**Recommendations Include:**

- ❖ Need for medication

# Administrative Office of Probation

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