



DIVISION OF YOUTH CORRECTIONS
Colorado Department of Human Services
Vulnerability Assessment Instrument: Risk of Victimization
and/or Sexually Aggressive Behavior/Violent Behavior

Youth's Name: _____
 Trails ID#: _____ Sex: ___ Race: ___ DOB: _____
 Facility/Program: _____
 Date of Assessment: _____

Results:	
Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vulnerability Victimization Sexually Aggressive Violent Aggressive	

Youth Interview:

1. Age of Youth

16 TO 20 YEARS	SCORE 0	
13 TO 15 YEARS	SCORE 1	
11 TO 12 YEARS	SCORE 2	
10 YEARS	SCORE 3	

2. Experience in Institution

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

		Score
NO	SCORE 2	
YES	SCORE 0	

Does the juveniles' response match collateral information? YES (move to question 3) NO (Move to Question 2a.)

2a. Provide relevant information below. Indicate score changed

3. 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/No (Yes score 0, No score 1)
- Do you find it easy to make friends? Yes/No (Yes score 0, No score 1)
- Do you feel OK about being in groups of people you don't know well? Yes/No (Yes score 0, No score 1)

Award a score of 1 for each No answer.

SCORE (0-3)		
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Does the juveniles' response match collateral information? YES (move to question 4) NO (Move to Question 3a.)

3a. Provide relevant information below. Indicate score changed

4. 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 youths?

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:

Does the juveniles' response match collateral information? YES (move to question 5) NO (Move to Question 4a.)

4a. Provide relevant information below. Indicate score changed

5. 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	

Does the juveniles' response match collateral information? YES (move to question 5b.) NO (Move to Question 5a.)

5a. Provide relevant information below. Indicate score changed

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5b. 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 Local Social Services and/or Law Enforcement. If youth reports abuse, follow agency reporting procedures

NO	SCORE 0	
YES	SCORE 4	

Does the juveniles' response match collateral information? YES (move to question 6) NO (Move to Question 5c.)

5c. Provide relevant information below. Indicate score changed

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6. Offense Type

Ask: **Have you ever been arrested on a sexual offense?**

NO	SCORE 0	
YES	SCORE 4	

Does the juveniles' response match collateral information? YES (move to question 6b.) NO (Move to Question 6a.)

6a. Provide relevant information below. Indicate score changed

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6b. Ask: Have you ever engaged in behavior that you would consider sexually aggressive?

NO	SCORE 0	
YES	SCORE 4	

Does the juveniles' response match collateral information? YES (move to question 7) NO (Move to Question 6c.)

6c. Provide relevant information below. Indicate score changed

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7. Violent offense

Ask: **Have you ever been arrested on a violent offense? – Utilize Criteria guide for list of offense types and criteria for determination of violence.**

No	SCORE 0	
YES	SCORE 4	

Does the juveniles' response match collateral information? YES (move to question 8) NO (Move to Question 7a.)

7a. Provide relevant information below. Indicate score changed

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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 classes?

NO EVIDENCE	SCORE 0	
EVIDENCE	SCORE 2	

9. "Lack of fit" with 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 a check ✓ in applicable box)

Look for features of the youth's physical appearance such as:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Build
<input type="checkbox"/>	Looks younger than stated age
<input type="checkbox"/>	Impaired vision (requires glasses)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pronounced disfigurement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical disability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deaf
<input type="checkbox"/>	Appears frail, weak
Look for features of the youth's presentation and behaviors such as:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inappropriate verbal behavior (e.g., giggling, odd remarks)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inappropriate physical behavior (boys wearing makeup, sexual behavior)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hunched fearful posture (e.g., very fearful, very shy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Obvious effeminate behavior
<input type="checkbox"/>	Acts of Aggression – observation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth's behavior with the sibling(s)/residents
<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth's behavior in school
<input type="checkbox"/>	Speech impediment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Appears slow or "dull"
<input type="checkbox"/>	Behaviors that are likely to irritate and annoy other youths (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 FEATURE		SCORE 0
TWO OR THREE FEATURES		SCORE 2
MULTIPLE FEATURES (FOUR OR MORE FEATURES)		SCORE 4

Overall Risk Score

VULNERABILITY TO VICTIMIZATION

1. Age of Youth Score ___

2. Experience in institution Score ___

3. Social Skills Score ___

4. Perception of Risk Score ___

5a. History of Victimization Score ___

5b. Sexual Experience Score ___

8. Intellectual Impairment Score ___

9. Lack of "Fit" Score ___

OVERALL SCORE _____

Score of 9 or higher indicates yes to VV

SEXUALLY AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR

6a. Sexual Offense Score ___

6b. Sexual Aggression Score ___

OVERALL SCORE _____

Score of 4 or higher indicates yes to SAB

VIOLENT AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR

7. Violent Offense Score ___

OVERALL SCORE _____

Score of 4 indicates yes to VAB

<u>Results</u>		<u>NDR / Roommate Status</u>			
Yes	No			NDR	Roommate
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vulnerability Victimization		Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sexually Aggressive		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Violent Aggressive			

Screener: _____ **Date / Time Screened:** _____

Supervisor Review: _____ **Date / Time Reviewed:** _____

Classification Override

Override Date/Time: _____ Initiated by: _____

Override justification comments:

Signature: _____

Supervisor Review / Approval: _____ Date / Time: _____

Comments:

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