

## Juvenile Justice Module (9)

**Question to Consider for this Module:** What is the nature of the youth's involvement in the juvenile justice system? **Please rate the highest level from the past 30 days unless otherwise indicated.**

<b>SERIOUSNESS</b> - This item rates the seriousness of the youth's criminal offenses.	
<p><b>Questions to Consider</b></p> <p>→ What are the behaviors/actions that have made the youth involved in the juvenile justice system?</p>	<p><b>Ratings &amp; Definitions</b></p> <p><b>0</b> Youth has engaged only in status violations (e.g. curfew).</p> <p><b>1</b> Youth has engaged in delinquent behavior.</p> <p><b>2</b> Youth has engaged in criminal behavior.</p> <p><b>3</b> Youth has engaged in delinquent criminal behavior that places other citizens at risk of significant physical harm.</p>
<b>HISTORY</b> - This item rates the youth's history of delinquency. Please rate using time frames provided in the definitions.	
<p><b>Questions to Consider</b></p> <p>→ How many criminal/delinquent behaviors has the youth engaged in?</p> <p>→ Are there periods of time in which the youth did not engage in criminal behaviors?</p>	<p><b>Ratings &amp; Definitions</b></p> <p><b>0</b> Current criminal/delinquent behavior is the first known occurrence.</p> <p><b>1</b> Youth has engaged in multiple criminal/delinquent acts in the past one year.</p> <p><b>2</b> Youth has engaged in multiple criminal/delinquent acts for more than one year but has had periods of at least 3 months where s/he did not engage in delinquent behavior.</p> <p><b>3</b> Youth has engaged in multiple criminal/delinquent acts for more than one year without any period of at least 3 months where s/he did not engage in criminal/delinquent behavior.</p>
<b>ARRESTS</b> - This item rates the youth's history of arrests in the juvenile justice sector.	
<p><b>Questions to Consider</b></p> <p>→ Has the youth been arrested? If so, how often? When?</p>	<p><b>Ratings &amp; Definitions</b></p> <p><b>0</b> Youth has no known arrests in past.</p> <p><b>1</b> Youth has history of delinquency, but no arrests past 30 days.</p> <p><b>2</b> Youth has 1 to 2 arrests in last 30 days.</p> <p><b>3</b> Youth has more than 2 arrests in last 30 days.</p>
<b>PLANNING</b> - This item rates the premeditation or spontaneity of the criminal acts.	
<p><b>Questions to Consider</b></p> <p>→ Does the youth engage in preplanned or spontaneous criminal acts?</p>	<p><b>Ratings &amp; Definitions</b></p> <p><b>0</b> No evidence of any planning. Delinquent behavior appears opportunistic or impulsive.</p> <p><b>1</b> Evidence suggests that youth places him/herself into situations where the likelihood of delinquent behavior is enhanced.</p> <p><b>2</b> Evidence of some planning of delinquent behavior.</p> <p><b>3</b> Considerable evidence of significant planning of delinquent behavior. Behavior is clearly premeditated.</p>

**COMMUNITY SAFETY** - This item rates the level to which the criminal behavior of the youth puts the community's safety at risk.

**Questions to Consider**

- Is the delinquency violent in nature?
- Does the youth commit violent crimes against people or property?

**Ratings & Definitions**

- 0** Youth presents no risk to the community. S/he could be unsupervised in the community.
- 1** Youth engages in behavior that represents a risk to community property.
- 2** Youth engages in behavior that places community residents in some danger of physical harm. This danger may be an indirect effect of the youth's behavior.
- 3** Youth engages in behavior that directly places community members in danger of significant physical harm.

**LEGAL COMPLIANCE** - This item rates the youth's compliance with the rules of the court and probation.

**Questions to Consider**

- Is the youth compliant with the terms of their probation?
- Is the youth attending appointments, school, etc.?
- Is the youth actively or frequently violating probation?

**Ratings & Definitions**

- 0** Youth is fully compliant with all responsibilities imposed by the court (e.g. school attendance, treatment, restraining orders) or no court orders are currently in place.
- 1** Youth is in general compliance with responsibilities imposed by the court. (e.g. occasionally missed appointments).
- 2** Youth is in partial noncompliance with standing court orders (e.g. youth is going to school but not attending court-order treatment).
- 3** Youth is in serious and/or complete noncompliance with standing court orders (e.g. parole violations).

**PEER CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR (INFLUENCES)** – This item rates the level to which the youth's peers engage in criminal behavior.

**Questions to Consider**

- Do the youth's friends also engage in criminal behavior?
- Is the youth's peer group involved in criminal justice system or parole/probation?

**Ratings & Definitions**

- 0** Youth's primary peer social network does not engage in delinquent behavior.
- 1** Youth has peers in his/her primary peer social network who do not engage in delinquent behavior but has some peers who do.
- 2** Youth predominantly has peers who engage in delinquent behavior but youth is not a member of a gang whose membership encourages or requires illegal behavior as aspect of membership.
- 3** Youth is a member of a gang whose membership encourages or requires illegal behavior as an aspect of gang membership.

**PARENTAL CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR (INFLUENCES)** - This item rates the level to which the youth's parents are involved in criminal behavior.

**Questions to Consider**

- Do the youth's parents engage in criminal acts?
- Is either of the youth's parents in jail? If so, do they have contact with the youth?

**Ratings & Definitions**

- 0** There is no evidence that youth's parents have ever engaged in criminal behavior.
- 1** One of youth's parents has history of criminal behavior but youth has not been in contact with this parent for at least one year.
- 2** One of youth's parents has history of criminal behavior and youth has been in contact with this parent in the past year.
- 3** Both of youth's parents have history of criminal behavior.

**ENVIRONMENTAL INFLUENCES** - This item rates the influence of community criminal behavior on the youth's delinquency.

**Questions to Consider**

- Does the youth live in a neighborhood/community with high levels of crime?
- Is the youth a frequent witness or victim of such crime?

**Ratings & Definitions**

- 0** No evidence that the youth's environment stimulates or exposes the youth to any criminal behavior.
- 1** Mild problems in the youth's environment that might expose the youth to criminal behavior.
- 2** Moderate problems in the youth's environment that clearly expose the youth to criminal behavior.
- 3** Severe problems in the youth's environment that stimulate the youth to engage in criminal behavior.