

## USER FRIENDLY GUIDE TO THE SCREENING RISK INSTRUMENT

- AREA 1. – You pick only one for this area, choose the highest scoring offense that is applicable.
- a. See attached list of 707(b) offenses.
  - b. Does not include air rifles, paint guns, or bb guns.
  - f. Actual sales, not possession for sale.
  - g. This includes a minor who has court ordered gang terms or was required to register as a gang member with the police department.
  - j. This is an either/or – either a violent misd. OR possession of a weapon (other than a loaded firearm.)
- AREA 2.
- a. This means either the minor turned him/herself in at Juvenile Hall, the Police Station, or called to ask to be picked up.
  - b. Law enforcement had to find minor and make the arrest.
  - c. Minor either fought or ran when there was an attempt to apprehend.
- AREA 3. – **Read these carefully, this is the most complicated area.**
- a. There is a typed petition that has already been filed with the court.
  - b,c,d. – Offense is a law violation, NOT a probation violation.
  - e. Any type of informal probation.
  - f. This is what the minor admitted to in the other jurisdiction.
- AREA 4.
- b. Failure to appear for court.
  - c. Has not been filed in court (must be an open referral not yet addressed.)
- AREA 5.
- a. This is a previous offense, if current, should score under area 3 a.
- AREA 6. **Maximum one point per line and three points per section**
- a. This is simply if there is an adult relative or caretaker able to assume responsibility for the minor. This is not an area where you judge the character of the guardian or make a decision about long term placement of the minor.
- AREA 7. **Maximum one point per line and three points per section**
- a. Chronic, long term unauthorized time away from home. Does not include coming home late.
  - d. Minor is being brought to Juvenile Hall for more than one offense. Do not include clear overcharges such as burglary and possession of stolen property for the same property. However, two separate burglaries or a burglary and then resisting arrest would count.
- AREA 8. – **(FOR CURRENT OFFENSE ONLY)**
- a – b. This could be through contact with victim, witness or a third party.
  - c. This could be a repeat burglary or molest. This would not include the minor beating up a victim and then later, in an unrelated event, beating up the victim's brother. This relates to stalking and predatory behavior.
  - e. This could be a molest or burglary of a close neighbor but would not include an assault at school if the minor is now suspended. The minor and victim would have to be in close proximity with no way to avoid one another. To qualify for this, the minor has to have easy access AND the crime is violent or a residential burglary.

AREA 9 .

- a. Does the minor have a clean and sober support system in place? This could range from the PARK/GROW programs, scheduled AA/NA meetings, or something more formal such as The CAMP.
- b. This should be verified with the guardian or another reliable party.

**REMEMBER TO PICK ONLY ONE**

- c. This could be information from the school or parent but must be factual and not simply suspicion. Example – marijuana found in minor's room, smelling of alcohol at school or when coming home.
- d. Minor admits to having used IV drugs in the past 72 hours; minor has fresh injection sites, or minor was arrested for IV drug use.
- e. This is usually a new intake who admits to using a narcotic everyday for at least a month (not alcohol or marijuana).
- f. An example of this would be a parent calling in several times a week saying that their child was drinking. This information should be in the chronos.
- g. For at least 30 days.
- h. For at least 30 days.

**Don't forget that if you are going to override a case (either way – to release over a 10 or to hold under a 10) you must justify this in the override section.**