



How Dangerous Are They? Risk Assessment for Youth Offenders

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Scenario 1

Robert, age 16, was committed to the Oregon Youth Authority in January 2010 when he was found to be in violation of his probation on a charge of Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle. He was ordered to pay restitution of about \$900 for damage to the car he stole. He was originally placed on probation in August 2009.

Robert is a freshman in high school and is not on an IEP. He generally receives slightly below average grades and has few behavior problems in school. He occasionally struggles in math and English. Robert has history of alcohol use and was intoxicated when he stole the car. He had previously been referred to the court for Theft 2 and Burglary I, as well as Assault IV. He was placed on probation for Assault IV in July 2009.

Robert's mother has been supportive of his treatment; her husband, who has been part of the family for eight years, has a good relationship with Robert. Both work full time. Robert also has two adult siblings.

What do you think OYA Case Review report identifies as Robert's risk?

Scenario 2

Tyler, age 16, was committed to the Oregon Youth Authority on June 23, 2009. The commitment offenses were two counts of Sodomy in the First Degree and two counts of Sex Abuse in the First Degree. The victim was a family friend, age 7.

Tyler's parents separated when he was two years old. Tyler was four years old when he last saw his father. Tyler's mother has three other children with her current partner; all three are younger than Tyler. Tyler's mother stays at home with the children, and her partner works full time. Tyler has no known history of alcohol or drug use. He is a good student, receiving mostly A's and B's. He is well liked by teachers, although he has struggled with peer relationships. He often associates with younger peers.

Before being placed in residential care, Tyler was in outpatient sex offender treatment. He failed his first polygraph, after which he disclosed that he had engaged in sexual contact with his half-siblings. No new charges were filed in regard to the half-siblings.

What do you think OYA Case Review report identifies as Tyler's risk?

Scenario 3

Luis, age 15, was committed to the Oregon Youth Authority in December 2009 when he was adjudicated on the following charges: Burglary in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, Sex Abuse I, a Class B Felony, and Attempted Sex Abuse I, a Class C Felony. Charges of Theft II and four other sexual offenses were dismissed in a plea bargain. His victims in the sex offenses were family friends.

Luis's family consists of his parents, his two younger brothers and a younger sister. Luis's father is currently on probation for DUII. One of his brothers has significant medical issues after he contracted meningitis about two years ago. Luis's mother spends a great amount of time tending to the brother's medical needs.

Luis's parents reported that he has a long history of behavior problems, which worsened after his brother's illness. He was diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in the second grade and has been on medication since then. He continues to struggle in school but is motivated to earn at least average grades so that he can play on the soccer team at school. He ran from the school yard in the third grade and was struck by a car; he was hospitalized for three days due to a closed head injury. Luis's uncle introduced him to on-line pornography when Luis was 12. Luis's father was initially resistant to participating in Luis's treatment but his mother has been involved consistently when she is not dealing with Luis' brother's medical treatment.

What do you think OYA Case Review report identifies as Luis's risk?

FINDINGS:

Public Safety:

The current Case Plan and placement provide for community safety consistent with commitment offense(s) and commitment court order(s).

What are the specific safety concerns or risks in this case?

What has been done to address these safety concerns or risks?

How does the placement address these safety concerns or risks?

How does the placement protect the safety of the victim(s) in this case?

How does the placement protect the safety of the public in this case?

Youth Reformation:

The current placement and services provide adequate opportunity for the youth offender's reformation.

What are the specific needs related to the youth's reformation, including physical health, mental health, educational and independent living needs?

What services are being provided to address these needs?

How do these services address these needs?

What other services are needed to help reduce any risk(s) the youth presents to the community or his victims?

What evaluations of the youth have been completed? Are there any recommendations from the evaluations that need to be implemented?

The post placement goal is:_____

If appropriate, is there is an appropriate transition plan being developed? Is the goal realistic? If not, what other services or safeguards need to be put in place to support the youth and to protect the community and victim?

The projected achievement date for the goal is:_____.

Is this date realistic?