

APPENDIX 6

Portland State University CSEC Screening Interview

Important information for using the CSEC Screening Interview

This instrument identifies risk factors commonly associated with CSEC. It was developed by Emily Salisbury, PhD, Assistant Professor, Division of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Portland State University, with assistance from Kelli Russell, a CSEC consultant and trainer. Dr. Salisbury may be reached at [salisbej@pdx.edu] or at 503-725-5238.

1. The instrument was designed as an interview to be conducted by intake officers in juvenile detention for a population of youth in Clark County, Washington. Therefore, the tool may need to be revised for different populations and locations. It was intended for screening of both girls and boys.
2. Since the tool will need adjustment based on the setting in which it is implemented, it is imperative to assess the intake process at each setting prior to implementation, particularly a) staffing, b) where in the intake process the screening can most effectively be conducted, and c) whether advocates are available 24/7. Additionally, agencies adopting the tool should have protocols in place addressing the need of clients for sexual assault nurse exams (SANE) and/or general medical attention. (The need for SANE is not always disclosed by victims during intake but may present in conversations while the victim is in other stages of care or custody.)
3. In Clark County, there was often only one window of opportunity to gain trust with CSEC victims. Therefore, it is important that agencies that plan to administer the tool assess in advance their capabilities and take steps to strengthen their processes so as to reduce the risk of inadvertently breaking or failing to establish trust with the CSEC victims they serve.
4. The goal goes beyond simply identifying CSEC victims. The intent is to ensure a coordinated and sustained diversion of CSEC victims from the juvenile justice system to advocates and resources. Thus the screening tool is meant to be used in conjunction with an established referral process and any agency wanting to use it must have established relationships with community advocates and key stakeholders (presiding judges, prosecutors, youth service providers and others) in place before implementation.
5. The instrument should be implemented only by staff trained on CSEC generally and on trauma-informed interviewing; this is important to ensure that those administering the tool understand CSEC risk factors and how various responses to questions may be associated with such risk factors.
6. Support from the top of the agency is necessary to ensure success.
7. Agencies that implement the tool need to be prepared to triage victims of abuse and neglect who may not formally be defined as CSEC. Reports of victimization will likely increase after implementation of the tool.
8. The questionnaire is not a validated tool; research has not been conducted to determine its predictive ability or accuracy in identifying CSEC victims as opposed to victims of non-CSEC abuse or even non-abused youth.

The CSEC Screening Interview

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Interview Date:	Youth Sex:
Youth Name:	Interviewer Name:
Youth Date of Birth:	Interviewer Sex: M F
Youth Age:	Referrals Made:
Youth Race:	Comments regarding referrals:

Directions: Staff completing this tool should:

- A. Ask each question in the interview and indicate 'NR' if the youth refuses to respond after prompting
- B. Be aware of the attitude and demeanor of the youth during the interview and record observations at the end of the tool

Interview:

1. Where are you living right now?

Is this where you are sleeping too?

2. Are you living with anyone?

No

Yes (Ask question 2a)

2a. Who are you living with?

3. Where are you from originally?

4. Have you ever run away from home?

No

Yes (Ask question 4a)

4a. About how many times have you run away?

(If youth has difficulty, ask if one time, 2-3 times, 4-6 times, 6-10 times, more than 10)

5. Have you ever been in foster care?

No

Yes

6. Does someone take care of you when you need help? No Yes (ask question 6a)

6a. Who takes care of you?

7. Have you had any contact with police before you came here? No Yes (ask question 7a-7c)

7a. About how many contacts with police have you had?
(if youth has difficulty, ask if one time, 2-3 times, 4-6 times, 6-10 times, more than 10)

7b. What cities did these police contacts take place in?

7c. How many of these contacts resulted in your arrest?
(if youth has difficulty, ask if one time, 2-3 times, 4-6 times, 6-10 times, more than 10)

READ to youth if appropriate, such as if youth is in a detention facility:

“Another staff member is going to review the answers you give me after I put this sheet in a place that only the staff person has access to. If the staff person needs more clarification on some of your answers, he or she might ask to talk with you a little more. At that point, you can decide whether you want to talk with him or her – ok?”

INTERVIEWER OBSERVATIONS:

Does youth have current address/contact information?	NO	YES
Personal Items: (hotel keys, large amounts of cash, Viagra pills, condoms, etc.)		
Visual evidence of brands/tattoos?	NO	YES
Description?		
Suspected or disclosed gang affiliation?	NO	YES
Name of gang, if known:		
Evidence of abuse? (ligature marks, burns, bruises?)	NO	YES
Description?		
Is CPS/DSHS involved?	NO	YES
Name and location of caseworker if applicable _____		
General observations: Be specific and include any information from presenting agencies, attitude of the youth, if youth came in with an adult other than parent or guardian, etc.		
Did youth:		
Self Disclosed CSEC?	Non-Disclosed Suspected CSEC?	Non-Disclosed, not suspected CSEC?