

MISSOURI DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES SERIOUSNESS SCALE

Youth=s Name:	DYS #:	SC:	Date:
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I.	1. <u>Seriousness of Committing Offense</u>		Score
	Most Serious.....	10	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
	Moderately Serious.....	4	
	Least Serious.....	2	

	2. <u>Seriousness of Prior Adjudications</u>		Score
	Most Serious	10	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
	Moderately Serious.....	4	
	Least Serious	2	
	Not Applicable.....	0	

	3. <u>Prior Adjustment in Residential Placement</u>		Score
	Severe Problems	3	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
	Moderate Problems	2	
	Minimal Problems	1	
	No Problems/NA.....	0	

Seriousness Level Total	
Risk Total (from page 1 of Risk Assessment)	

II. Has this case been designated high profile? ___ Yes ___ No
 If **Yes**, complete next four items:
 Explanation: _____

Supervisory signature: _____ Date: _____
 Regional Administrator signature: _____ Date: _____
 Date copy sent to Deputy Director - Treatment Services _____

III. PLACEMENT/ LENGTH OF STAY GRID: (Mark where risk score and seriousness level intersect)

S E R I O U S N E S S	Most Serious 10+	Moderately Secure Residential LOS= 4-6 Mos.	Secure Residential LOS= 6-9 Mos.	Secure Residential LOS= 9-12+ Mos.
	Moderately Serious 6-9	Community-based Residential LOS= 1-4 Mos.	Moderately Secure Residential LOS= 4-6 Mos.	Secure Residential LOS= 6-9 Mos.
	Least Serious 2-5	Non-residential LOS= 0 Mo.	Community-based Residential LOS= 1-4 Mos.	Moderately Secure Residential LOS= 4-6 Mos.
		Lowest risk 2-10	Moderate risk 11-17	Highest risk 18-22
RISK OF RE-OFFENDING				

Placement/LOS * _____
 *If different from what grid indicates, attach placement/LOS exception form. Placement/LOS more than one grid cell (horizontally or vertically) removed, or one cell diagonally removed requires prior approval of the Regional Administrator.

DEFINITIONS OF SERIOUSNESS FACTORS

I. 1. Seriousness of Committing Offense:

- X Most Serious = The committing offense is one of the following dangerous felonies: first degree murder, second degree murder, first degree assault, forcible rape, forcible sodomy, first degree robbery, distribution of drugs; or represents a violent felony against a person involving a weapon/injury.
- X Moderately Serious = The committing offense represents a felony not included above.
- X Least Serious = The committing offense represents non-felony crimes and status offenses.

2. Seriousness of Prior Adjudications:

- X Use the definitions of offense seriousness as above applied to the most serious prior adjudication. Mark Anot applicable@ if there have been no prior adjudications.

3. Prior Adjustment in Residential Placement:

- Residential placement includes detention, DYS or other governmental or private residential facilities, or hospitalization for mental illness or substance abuse treatment.
- X Severe Problems = Assault with injury or weapon while in residential placement, including sexual assault while in residential placement. Escape or attempt from a secure facility. Arson. One or more suicide attempts.
- X Moderate Problems = Any other assault or property damage while in residential placement. Escape or attempted escape from staff secure facility. Self-mutilation or other injury.
- X Minimal Problems = Chronic pattern of non-compliance in a residential placement.
- X None/NA = No history of residential placement or significant problems in placement.

II. High Profile Case:

- X A high profile case is one in which there are extraordinary court concerns, community reaction, media attention or other extenuating circumstances, sensational in nature, which must be considered in the decision making process. Designation as a high profile case always requires review by the Service Coordinator Supervisor (SCS) and Regional Administrator (RA), and notification of Deputy Director - Treatment Services prior to placement.

III. Placement/ Length of Stay Grid:

LOS = Length of stay in residential treatment, as stated in months. 12+ Mos. LOS is provided for certain high profile cases when deemed appropriate in consultation with SCS, RA, and Deputy Director of Treatment Services or designee.

Placement=

- X Non-residential = community care, no residential placement
- X Community-Based residential = placement in community-based, staff secure facilities
- X Moderately secure residential = moderate level, staff secure facilities such as park camps
- X Secure residential = institutional level, building secure facilities

Discretion: The classifying staff may increase or decrease the placement level/LOS one step horizontally or vertically at their discretion. For example, if the grid indicates moderately secure residential, LOS 4-6 mos., the classifier may opt for either secure residential/6-9 mos., or community-based residential/1-4 mos. instead. When staff discretion is used, an exception form will be completed by the SC and signed by the SCS and RA. Placement more than one grid cell removed horizontally or vertically, or one grid cell diagonally, requires prior approval by the RA. If exception to LOS initially established is requested, an exception form is to be submitted by SC at the time that need for adjustment of LOS is identified, and approved by the SCS and RA as described above.