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To: JCP Lead Agencies and Juvenile Department Directors

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Subject: Changes to the JCP Assessment and Reassessment for JJIS Version

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (JCPAC) and the JJIS Data and Evaluation Committee (a partnership of Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association (OJDDA) and the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA)), announce minor changes to the JJIS JCP Assessment and Reassessment tools.

The assessments in JJIS are used by juvenile departments to assess youth referred to juvenile departments

The name of the tool (JCP Assessment 2006.1) will not be changed; however, the footer date on the tools and related documents will be updated to October 2010 (**the effective date of the changes is October 1, 2010**). Copies of the revised tool and instructions are attached with this announcement.

The changes are described as follows (the numbers refer to the items on the tool):

1.5

Reduced number of choices in order to assure an updated Risk Score every time a Reassessment is completed. Changed the answer choices as follows:

Old Answer	New Answer
Initial Assessment	Initial Assessment
JCP Risk Reassessment	Reassessment
JCP Program Evaluation Assessment	Inactivated
Combined JCP Risk and Program Evaluation Assessment	Reassessment for Youth in JCP Prevention Program

3.3

Added the following underlined language to Question Help . . .

Youth has one or more friends or routine contact with peers who have been suspended in the last six months, expelled, or dropped out of school.

3.7

Added the following language to Question Help . . .

Neighborhood should be defined as the area around which the youth is living.

7.2

Youth lacks empathy, remorse, sympathy, or feelings for his or her victim(s).

Updated Question Help

Check “yes” if youth lacks empathy, etc. for victim; check “no” if youth has empathy for victim.

Other minor updates in wording include (updates in **BOLD and RED**):

- PF2.1: Has significant attachments, beliefs, commitment and/or involvement with and within his/her school; **youth** motivated to do well in school.
- R3.3: Associates with one or more friends who have been **suspended in the last 6 months**, expelled, or dropped out of school.
- R4.3: Misdemeanor or felony charges, such as burglary, theft, assault, vandalism. Exclude curfew, truancy **runaway**, **minor in possession (MIP) of alcohol or tobacco**, incorrigibility, technical probation violations, and/or violations of local ordinances and infractions.
- R4.4: Misdemeanor or felony charge. Exclude curfew, truancy **runaway**, **minor in possession (MIP) of alcohol or tobacco**, incorrigibility, technical probation violations, and/or violations of local ordinances and infractions.
- C4.7: In past month, youth has run away **for at least one day/night**.
- R4.8: Youth has been charged with a violent crime, been violent or extremely threatening/aggressive to others **or uses physical force to solve problems**. Limit to harm or serious threats such as robbery, carried a handgun or other illegal weapon, has been in a fight with a weapon, physically attacked someone with the idea of seriously hurting him/her, sexually assaulted someone, or driven a vehicle after drinking or using illegal drugs.

In addition to these changes, **Instructions for the JCP Risk Assessment 2006.1** and other supporting documents have been updated to reflect the changes and to establish language consistent with the language used on the tool itself.

Please feel free to contact us or Anya Sekino (anya.sekino@state.or.us) if you have any questions or concerns.