



## \* \* SUMMARY PARAGRAPHS EXPLAINING CLIENT'S ATTAINED SCALE SCORES \* \*

TRUTHFULNESS SCALE: LOW RISK RANGE RISK PERCENTILE: 39  
This youth's response pattern on the Truthfulness Scale is in the Low Risk (zero to 39th percentile) range. This is an accurate Juvenile Disposition Assessment (JDA) profile and other JDA Scale scores are accurate. This individual responded to the JDA test items in a non-defensive, cooperative and truthful manner. The Truthfulness Scale is designed to identify self-protective, recalcitrant and guarded youths who minimize or even conceal self-report information. Denial and distortion are minimal. This person has adequate reading skills and was truthful.

SUICIDE SCALE: PROBLEM RISK RANGE RISK PERCENTILE: 77  
This client scored in the Problem Risk (70 to 89th percentile) range. Any suicidal threats or suicidal ruminations or suicidal ideation should be taken seriously. In interview explore any sense of deprivation of affection and love, feelings of rejection or hopelessness, desperation, serious financial losses or chronic pain. Substance (alcohol or drugs) abuse or impaired stress coping abilities can exacerbate suicidal ideation. Consider referral for psychological or psychiatric evaluation, counseling and treatment as warranted. This is a Problem Risk score.

RESISTANCE SCALE: MEDIUM RISK RANGE RISK PERCENTILE: 57  
This individual's Resistance Scale score is in the Medium Risk (40 to 69th percentile) range. Although usually cooperative, this client is sensitive and some oppositional tendencies are evident. Resistance can be exacerbated by stress and substance abuse. This client needs clearly understood expectations and consequences.

SELF-ESTEEM SCALE: MEDIUM RISK RANGE RISK PERCENTILE: 46  
Average self-esteem is indicated. This client's self-appraisal or self-esteem is generally positive. Self-esteem incorporates an attitude of acceptance--approval versus rejection--disapproval of oneself which includes attitudes, perceptions, feelings and beliefs about oneself. Self-esteem ratings are descriptive of the person one believes oneself to be. This is a Medium Risk score.

VIOLENCE SCALE: MEDIUM RISK RANGE RISK PERCENTILE: 43  
This juvenile's response pattern on the Violence Scale is in the Medium Risk (40 to 69th percentile) range. Check the Truthfulness Scale to be sure the client was truthful. If a valid test and a prior pattern of violence does not exist, then this youth functions somewhere in the normal range, i.e., neither savage nor serene. Any violence would likely be situation specific or reactive in nature. This youth does not present as a violent person. RECOMMENDATIONS: No special terms or conditions of probation are recommended for violence. This client's situation can be considered on its own merits. Anger or violence-related counseling does not appear to be needed at this time. This is a Medium Risk profile.

ALCOHOL SCALE: PROBLEM RISK RANGE RISK PERCENTILE: 81  
This juvenile's score on the Alcohol Scale is in the Problem Risk (70 to 89th percentile) range. Either an established pattern of alcohol use and abuse is present, or this juvenile is a recovering (alcohol problem, but has stopped drinking) alcoholic. Alcohol use or abuse

is likely a focal issue in this juvenile's adjustment problems. An alcohol (beer, wine or liquor) or drinking-related problem is evident. RECOMMENDATIONS: Participation in alcohol-related counseling (individual, family or group), alcohol-related education classes and/or 12-Step community program involvement should be considered. Relapse is possible. If recovering, this individual should continue in counseling (individual or group) or Young People in AA. Family counseling should be encouraged. Reporting of treatment compliance and attendance throughout probation is desirable. With regard to alcohol, moderately intensive probation is recommended.

**DRUGS SCALE: MEDIUM RISK RANGE****RISK PERCENTILE: 56**

This troubled youth's score on the Drugs Scale is in the Medium Risk (40 to 69th percentile) range. Some indicators of drug use are present, yet an established pattern of drug abuse is not evident. RECOMMENDATIONS: Review of this youth's court history appears warranted and if additional drug-related offenses exist, probation and counseling or treatment recommendations should be upgraded accordingly. A fine might be imposed as a possible disposition. If other drug-related arrests exist consideration might be given to a week-end incarceration for the "shock" effect. Community service could incorporate attendance at Narcotics Anonymous (NA) or Cocaine Anonymous (CA) meetings. Credit might be given toward a fine disposition if classes and/or meetings are attended and completed as required. Wherever possible parental involvement should be encouraged. This youth may be in the early stages of drug involvement, consequently we are recommending prompt intervention. This is a Medium Risk Drugs Scale score.

**DISTRESS SCALE: LOW RISK RANGE****RISK PERCENTILE: 36**

This juvenile's score on the Distress Scale is in the Low Risk (zero to 39th percentile) range. Distress refers to both anxiety and depression. This juvenile's self-report does not reflect significant worry, unhappiness, apprehension, guilt or shame. Review of other Juvenile Disposition Assessment (JDA) scales as well as the JDA significant items and the JDA structured interview should provide additional insight and understanding into the youth's situation. RECOMMENDATIONS: Few distress indicators were reported, consequently no distress-related recommendations are made at this time. With regard to distress, the least restrictive probation disposition consistent with public safety is recommended. Distress-related counseling is not needed at this time.

**STRESS COPING SCALE: PROBLEM RISK RANGE****RISK PERCENTILE: 77**

High levels of experienced stress and/or below average stress coping abilities are indicated. Stress can exacerbate other symptoms and contribute to adjustment difficulties. This person manifests impaired stress coping abilities. This person's score on the Stress Coping Abilities Scale is in the Problem Risk (70 to 89th percentile) range.

SECTION 2: SIGNIFICANT ITEMS: These answers are the respondent's self-reported responses. They represent direct admissions or unusual answers, which may help in understanding the individual's situation.

ALCOHOL

- 20. Drinking is becoming a problem
- 33. Last year: drinking problem
- 148. Describes drinking as serious
- 149. Wants alcohol treatment

DRUGS

- 4. Admits used drugs too much
- 56. Has attended NA or CA for help
- 65. Feels different when using drugs
- 89. Admits: has a drug abuse problem

DISTRESS

- 157. Severe level of distress

SUICIDE

- 57. Has threatened suicide before
- 64. "Nobody cares about me anymore"
- 69. Feels profoundly hopeless

RESISTANCE

- 51. Wants help
- 73. Doesn't want or need help
- 129. Rarely patient/tolerant

VIOLENCE

- 84. Lot of hostility toward others
- 101. Not a nonviolent person
- 119. Very often explodes, blows-up

MULTIPLE CHOICE: These answers reflect the youth's opinions with all their biases, defensiveness and minimization. Sometimes comparison of a youth's subjective answers with their objective scale scores facilitates insight and client understanding.

- 148. Drinking a moderate problem
- 149. Undecided about treatment
- 150. Not a recovering person
- 151. Drug use is not a problem
- 152. No need for alcohol treatment
- 153. Never been a gang member
- 154. Not a danger to self or others
- 155. Been told has a positive att
- 156. No problem (no resentment)
- 157. Rates 9-10 (severe distress)
- 158. Not angry or hostile
- 159. No need for counseling

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS

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STAFF MEMBER SIGNATURE

DATE

JDA RESPONSES

1- 50	TTTTTTTTFFT	FFTFFTFFTT	FFFFTTFFFF	FTFFFFFFFF	FFFFTFFFFF
51- 100	FTFFTTTTFFF	TFFTTFFFTT	TTTTFFTTFFF	TFFTTFFTTT	FTFFFFTTTT
101- 150	FFFFFTFFFF	FTFOFOFTOF	F222122212	2132212222	2322232224
151- 159	444444444				