

Probation Psychological and Neuropsychological Evaluation Referral

Minor's Name: _____

ID #: _____

Minor's DOB: _____

Probation Officer: _____

PO Telephone: _____

Date of Court Order: _____

Report Due to Optum (no later than 2 days prior to court): _____

Accepting Evaluator: _____

Date Accepted: _____

Optum Fax Number: 877-624-8376

Guidelines for Probation Psychological and Neuropsychological Evaluations

- **Psychological evaluations** are indicated when the Court suspects that the juvenile presents with a mental health or substance abuse problem. This type of evaluation should address the psychological factors related to the delinquency issues. **Note to evaluator:** Please utilize standardized and empirically validated procedures for assessment of intellectual functioning, academic achievement, personality and psychopathology, and risk factors.
- **Neuropsychological evaluations** are indicated *after* a comprehensive psychological evaluation has been completed and a neuropsychological evaluation has been recommended. This type of evaluation should identify neuropsychological deficit(s), if present, and recommend appropriate treatment, rehabilitation and educational remediation for a minor.
- Please note, psychological evaluations and neuropsychological evaluations are completed by evaluators with a PhD or PsyD. Evaluators with an MD or DO and who are approved to conduct psychiatric evaluations are not to accept psychological or neuropsychological evaluations.

Specialized Referral Questions:

Family Violence Evaluations Only (In addition to questions 1-7 below, please respond to the following):

- What level of risk does the minor present to him or herself or to family members if placed back in the family home? What placement is recommended if the family home is not feasible?

Fire Setting Evaluations Only (In addition to questions 1-7 below, please respond to the following):

- What level of risk does the minor present for fire setting?

Sexual Offender Evaluations Only (In addition to questions 1-7 below, please respond to the following):

- What level of risk does the minor present for sexual acting out/sexual assaultive behaviors?

Neuropsychological Evaluations Only:

- Please address the following specific behaviors or issues with a suspected neuropsychological cause:

Required Referral Questions for All Cases:

- 1) Briefly summarize the minor's current behavioral and emotional functioning. Include strengths as well as weaknesses. Relevant risk factors such as antisocial attitudes and associations, dysfunctional family dynamics (including history of abuse and/or domestic violence), or trauma history should be included.
- 2) Describe the minor's intellectual functioning (IQ), current educational achievement, and any learning disabilities.
- 3) Does the minor have a mental health diagnosis?
- 4) Does the minor have a substance abuse or dependence diagnosis?
- 5) Is there any history or evidence of self-harming behaviors, aggressive or assaultive behaviors, sexual acting out, fire setting, or participation in gangs?
- 6) What interventions and treatment services are recommended to address the mental health or substance abuse issues identified? Is a referral for psychiatric evaluation for medications advised?
- 7) What, if any, additional case specific questions should this report address?
