

Sample

MEGA[†]

Individualized

Risk Assessment Report

MEGA[†] assesses risk for coarse sexual improprieties¹ and/or sexually abusive behaviors² in youth ages 4 to 19, be they adjudicated youth or non-adjudicated; and/or evaluates progress of the youth every 6 months in terms of increased or decreased risk, thus an outcome measure.

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Disclaimer

MEGA[†] Individualized Risk Assessment Report is based on the premise that the individual administering the questionnaire has been trained on how to complete *MEGA[†]* and abides by all the instructional set parameters in both *MEGA[†] Manual* and *MEGA[†] risk assessment training*.

¹ Coarse sexual improprieties are sexually vulgar comments, expressions, and behaviors evidencing an unsophisticated awareness of psychosexual conditions, or environments, or social situations whereby the youth engages in sexual behaviors that are crude, indecent, and outside the societal norms of propriety (e.g., crude sexual gestures, sexually suggestive and/or vulgar sexual comments, mooning, looking up skirts, a young child rubbing his or her genitals in public or trying to grab another's genitals, a child looking over a stall in a public restroom).

² Sexually abusive behaviors and improprieties of these youth fall along a coercion continuum of low, moderate, high, or very high (lethal) risk; this applies to sexually abusive youth who are either adjudicated or non-adjudicated.

MEGA⁺ Individualized Risk Assessment Report

Informational Section

Youth's Name: Martha T.C. MEGA⁺ Certification Code: 789

Agency/Facility place of MEGA⁺ Risk Assessment: Clinic for the Sexualities

Date MEGA⁺ Completed: 02/02/2013 MEGA⁺ Official score date: 02/02/2013

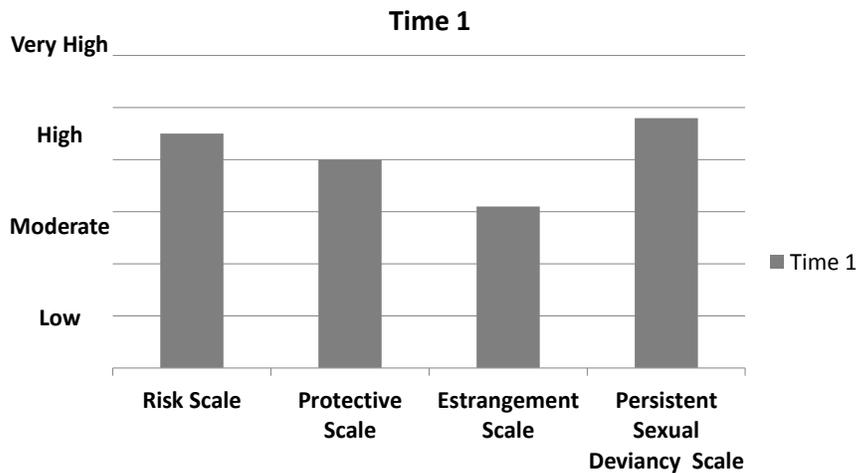
Outcome Measure: Time 1- Baseline

Gender: Female Age: 15 Ethnicity: Caucasian Bilingual: No

Educational Level: High School Marital Status: Single

Place of Residence: Foster Placement

MEGA⁺s Assessed Risk Level Time 1-February 2013



Risk Scale – High
Protective Scale – High
Estrangement Scale – Moderate
Persistent Sexual Deviancy – High

Caution: Clinical research has demonstrated rating bias by treatment providers with regard to reporting progress of individual in treatment; therefore, ideally someone other than the treatment provider completed MEGA^f.

MEGA^f Risk Scale-High

MEGA^f's Risk Scale assesses the youth at the generalized overall potential risk for coarse sexual improprieties and/or sexually abusive behaviors, including both static (historical) factors and dynamic factors that change over time.

On the *Risk Scale*, Martha was *High*. *Risk Scale-High* implies Martha is at an extremely serious potential risk for coarse sexual improprieties and/or sexually abusive behaviors and requires immediate intervention. *Risk Scale-High* youth call for consideration of possible levels of danger and lethality; they need to be further assessed (i.e., a danger to either self and/or others).

Risk Scale-High implies Martha is likely to have an early onset of notable maladaptive behaviors that may or may not have been effectively dealt with by parents and/or other interested and involved parties. Nevertheless, for whatever reasons, these alarming behaviors have persisted and at this juncture, are serious. *Martha is low intellectual functioning accentuating the concern and risk level.*

Risk Scale-High indicates Martha is likely to have had contact with law enforcement, which may or may not have included arrests, charges, and/or adjudications. These contacts with law enforcement are likely related to both non-sexual and sexual behaviors.

Risk Scale-High suggests that Martha's history is likely to have early reports of being demanding, challenging, and/or forceful in interactions with others.

Risk Scale-High children/youth are likely to have a history of two or more victims. *Risk Scale-High* youth are likely have a history of less egregious illegal sexual behaviors (i.e., peeping, voyeurism, indecent exposure, and others) and/or may have committed a sexual offense in a public place. They are likely to have unorthodox, out of the ordinary sexual interests; however, these interests may not necessarily related to sex crimes.

Risk Scale-High youth likely have a history of problems with paying attention in school, and/or daydreaming. *Risk Scale-High* indicates Martha is likely to have a learning disability and/or speech development difficulties (e.g., stuttering), although it is much less common for female youth to have these problems. It is possible that interventions for these difficulties (e.g., speech therapy in early elementary school) have taken place, but were prematurely discontinued.

MEGA^f Protective Scale-High

The *MEGA^f Protective Scale* identifies the elements present that mitigate, or moderate risk. *Protective Scale* is the only scale where *lower scores imply higher concerns*. A low *Protective Scale* score reflects fewer variables available to mitigate risk. On the other hand, a high *Protective Scale* score may reflect improvements over the last 6 months that mitigate risk, even though the youth has a longstanding history of serious and substantially concerning behaviors. Although it is important that the youth's history not be discounted, at the same time one must consider the positive gains (no matter how small) the youth has made over the last 6 months. Nevertheless, with regard to the youth's level of risk, the reference is always the *Risk Scale* that establishes the level of risk for coarse sexual improprieties and/or sexually abusive behaviors.

On *Protective Scale*, Martha is *High*. *Protective Scale-High* implies the youth has established over the last 6 months a consistent pattern of behaviors across a variety of different situations, (i.e., home, school, community) that reflect attitudes that are pro-social. *Protective Scale-High* suggests that over the last 6 months, Martha has demonstrated the ability to be dependable, reliable, and attitudes that are pro-social. Examples of these include getting along better with others (both peers and adults at school and/or work).

Protective Scale-High suggests the youth demonstrates ability to be rule bound, following directions and directives, not needing to be reminded. Over the last 6 months, she may have exhibited a cooperative spirit. She is ready to lend a hand to others and is accommodating. *Protective Scale-High* *Protective Scale-High* youth often have pro-social interests and activities (e.g., team sports, soccer, and baseball).

Protective Scale-High implies there have been notable improvements with regard to parental involvement, cohesion in the family, and/or a stable residence.

MEGA^f Estrangement Scale–Moderate

Estrangement Scale is related to relationships the youth has with others and her manner and/or behaviors in those relationships. On the *Estrangement Scale*, Martha is *Moderate*. *Estrangement Scale-Moderate* implies frustration tolerance is limited as the youth has difficulty managing stressors and becomes quickly impatient in different situations at home and school (e.g., interrupting others, taking things without asking). *Estrangement Scale-Moderate* suggests the youth has been unreliable and not trustworthy over the last 6 months; she is also likely to have been impatient, reactive, and impulsive over the last 6 months.

Estrangement Scale-Moderate suggests the youth has been a victim of abuse (i.e., physical, sexual, neglect and/or emotional abuse).

Estrangement Scale-Moderate suggests the youth historically has had school problems beginning in preschool and/or early elementary school related to getting along with peers. She likely has had a pattern of being disruptive in class, with significant problems in getting along with peers, often challenging authority in various settings, and can be abusive with authority figures (e.g., sarcastic, refusing to answer questions, talking back, being disrespectful). Behavioral problems at school often have risen to levels where authoritative action and intervention were needed (e.g., parent-teacher conferences may have taken place; she may be placed on detention or is suspended and/or expelled from school).

MEGA^f Persistent Sexual Deviancy Scale-High

The *MEGA^f Persistent Sexual Deviancy Scale* alerts one to concerns of sexual historical nature (e.g., youth possibly in the past has sexually abused multiple victims). On the *Persistent Sexual Deviancy Scale*, the youth was *High*. *Persistent Sexual Deviancy Scale-High* implies the youth has considerable multiple historical (static and unchangeable) variables related to her potential risk for coarse sexual improprieties and/or sexually abusive behaviors. *Persistent Sexual Deviancy Scale-High* is significant for a youth in this age group and even more so if the youth is a female.

On the *Persistent Sexual Deviancy Scale*, the youth was *High*. *Persistent Sexual Deviancy Scale-High* implies the youth has considerable multiple historical (static and unchangeable) variables related to her potential risk for coarse sexual improprieties and/or sexually abusive behaviors. The youth's history is likely to have a history of multiple victims, possibly of both genders, related and non-related. Although historical data may be related to

reports of having past multiple victims, there may be no law enforcement involvement to the level of arrests, or charges, or adjudications and/or probation, for such sexual improprieties. Sexually abusive acts are likely to have been progressive and include sexual penetration; although it is unusual for adolescent females to engage in such sexual behaviors, it has been known to occur. She may have unconventional or out of the ordinary sexual interests that *are not* criminal (e.g., cross-dressing, fetishes, sadomasochistic sex). She may have sexual behaviors that lead to or risk physical injury (e.g., inserting objects into her vagina).

The *Persistent Sexual Deviancy Scale* provides information on the youth's sexual behaviors with regard to level of sophistication of sexual behaviors manifested.

Persistent Sexual Deviancy-High suggests the youth has a history of age disparity with victims and the number of victims is likely to be more than two. The *Persistent Sexual Deviancy Scale* assesses whether the youth's sexual behaviors have involved a significant age disparity with victims (e.g., an 11-year-old with a 3-year-old child, an 8 or 6 year old with a 2 year old).. A wide age disparity between the youth and victim(s) speaks to many different issues, some of which relate to emotional and psychological maturity and/or physical development. This is particularly true if the pattern of age disparity is with multiple victims and known to be over time.

MEGA's Scale Combination Profile Summary:

MEGA^d provides the best-educated scientifically based method in assessing level of potential risk for coarse sexual improprieties and/or sexually abusive behaviors of youth, 4-19 years of age, males and/or females, and youth who have low intellectual functioning.

The *MEGA*^d *Individualized Risk Assessment Report* provided the youth's baseline information regarding the level of overall potential risk for coarse sexual improprieties and/or sexually abusive behaviors (*Risk Scale*) and the other scales in the body of this report gave additional risk related information. The *Protective Scale* provided information on the youth's overall general functioning over the last 6 months. The *Estrangement Scale* provided information on interpersonal relationships, impulsivity, and trustworthiness; and *Persistent Sexual Deviancy Scale* provided information on factors related to the youth's sexual improprieties. Each of the respective scales measures a different aspect of the youth and likely accounts for why the findings may at times seem contradictory. The risk assessment report addresses the various risk factors, accompanied by the empirical research literature related to the particular area of risk for sexually abusive behaviors, and includes the cross-validation study findings.

Approximately 60% of the cross-validation sample had profiles of *Low Risk* across three of the respective scales (*Risk Scale*, *Estrangement Scale*, and *Persistent Sexual Deviancy Scale*). These findings are suggestive of youth who have limited histories of serious antisocial and/or criminal activity and no law enforcement history (e.g., adjudications for sexually abusive behaviors). Low risk youth implies that they adhere to the rules, follow directions, have family support, and overall are not impulsive. In contrast, on the fourth scale, *Protective Scale-Low* indicates problems in the youth's functioning over the last 6 months (i.e., the youth has been inconsistent in attendance at school, has not been timely in chores, tasks and assignments that are set forth at home, school, in the community and/or job if the youth is employed).

The following is a summary of the Martha's profile: *Risk Scale-High* implies *Martha is at an extremely serious potential risk* for coarse sexual improprieties and/or sexually abusive

behaviors requiring immediate intervention. *Risk Scale-High* sexually abusive youth are very atypical and even more infrequent when the youth is female. *Risk Scale-High* youth call for consideration of possible levels of danger and lethality; they need to be further assessed (i.e., a danger to either self and/or others). *Risk Scale-High* children/youth are likely to have a recognized pattern of early onset of notable maladaptive behaviors that may or may not have been effectively dealt with by parents and/or other interested and involved parties. Nevertheless, for whatever reasons, these alarming behaviors have persisted and at this juncture, are serious. *Protective Scale-High* indicates Martha is likely to be rule bound, following directions and directives, not needing to be reminded. Over the last 6-months, Martha may have exhibited a cooperative spirit. Youth is ready to lend a hand to others and is accommodating. *Protective Scale-High* implies Martha has established over the last 6-months a consistent pattern of behaviors across a variety of different situations, (i.e., home, school, community) that reflect attitudes that are pro-social. *Estrangement Scale-Moderate* implies frustration tolerance is limited as Martha has difficulty managing stressors and becomes quickly impatient in different situations. Youth is likely to have difficulties with self-monitoring and self-directing. *Estrangement Scale-Moderate* suggests that over the last 6-months, Martha likely has been unreliable, not trustworthy; and impatient, reactive, and impulsive. *Persistent Sexual Deviancy Scale-High* implies Martha has considerable numerous historical (static and unchangeable) variables related to potential risk for coarse sexual improprieties and/or sexually abusive behaviors. Martha is likely to have a history of multiple victims, possibly of both genders, related and non-related.

The comprehensive report provided Martha's baseline with regard to level of risk for coarse sexual improprieties and/or sexually abusive behaviors and identified important risk related variables to be considered for this youth when devising a case plan for intervention and/or risk reduction.

Thank you for including *MEGA*[†] as part of your assessment protocol.

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