# MEGA<sup>\$</sup> Individualized Outcome Risk Assessment Report

*MEGA<sup>\*</sup>* assesses risk for coarse sexual improprieties<sup>1</sup> and/or sexually abusive behaviors<sup>2</sup> 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

 $MEGA^{\checkmark}$  Individualized Risk Assessment Report is based on the premise that the individual administering the questionnaire has been trained on how to complete  $MEGA^{\checkmark}$  and abides by all the instructional set parameters in both  $MEGA^{\checkmark}$  Manual and  $MEGA^{\checkmark}$  risk assessment training.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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<sup>5</sup> Individualized Risk Assessment Report

Informational Section

Youth's Name: Andre T.C. MEGA<sup>s</sup> Certification Code: 1819

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

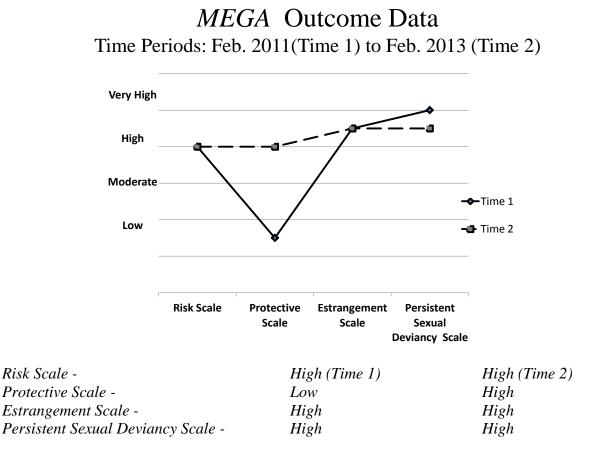
Date MEGA<sup>5</sup> Completed: 02/02/2013 MEGA<sup>5</sup> Official score date: 02/21/2013

Outcome Measure: Time 2

Gender: Male Age: 13 Ethnicity: Caucasian Bilingual: No

Educational Level: Jr. High Marital Status: Single

Place of Residence: Residential/Group home



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 the  $MEGA^{s}$  risk assessment questionnaire.

#### MEGA<sup>S</sup>-Individualized-Outcome Comparative Analysis

Period examined Feb. 2011 (Time 1) through February 2013 (Time 2)

#### MEGA<sup>5</sup> Risk Scale - High

 $MEGA^{\circ}$ '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*, Andre was *High. Risk Scale-High* implies Andre 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* youth are 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.

*Risk Scale-High* implies Andre may have a history of making general threats verbally and a history of threats of making bodily harm and/or threats of lethal consequences. The few peers and friends with whom he does associate often have a negative influence related to their own antisocial history, which may include criminal behaviors that have been adjudicated. Although his recent behaviors (over the last 6 months) may have become increasingly pro-social, he is prone to have difficulty getting along with others and likely has a history of becoming aggressive and/or coercive, including reports that a history of threats of making bodily harm and/or threats of lethal consequences.

At baseline in February 2011 (Time 1), Andre was at *Risk Scale-High;* the level of potential risk for coarse sexual improprieties and/or sexually abusive behaviors has not decreased, but rather has remained the same.

#### *MEGA<sup>S</sup>* Protective Scale - High

The *MEGA<sup>s</sup>* 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 Andre has a longstanding history of serious and substantially concerning behaviors. Although it is important that Andre's history not be discounted, at the same time one must consider the positive gains (no matter how small) Andre has made over the last 6 months. Nevertheless, with regard to Andre'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*, Andre is *High. Protective Scale-High* implies Andre 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, Andre 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* implies Andre is likely to be rule bound, following directions and directives, not needing to be reminded. Over the last 6 months, he may have exhibited an accommodating spirit.

On *Protective Scale* in February 2011 (Time 1), Andre was found to be *Protective Scale-Low*. *Protective Scale-Low* implying the youth likely has been uncooperative and not apt to be helpful to others, and lacked pro-social interests and activities (e.g., involvement in athletic team sports).

Andre has significantly improved scores on this scale evidenced by the *Protective Scale-High* suggesting that he is making significant efforts to be more prosocial in his interactions and relationships with others.

#### MEGA<sup>S</sup> Estrangement Scale - High

*Estrangement Scale* is related to relationships Andre has with others and his manner and/or behaviors in those relationships. On the *Estrangement Scale*, Andre is *High*. *Estrangement Scale-High* indicates a youth with a significantly chronic of deficiencies in selfnavigation and self-governance. He is impulsive, becomes quickly impatient and reactive in response to various situations at home, and school; this has been chronic pattern since early childhood. This does not mean he does not make efforts to self-correct, as this can sometimes be observed. However, for whatever reason these efforts are not sustained to the level of significance needed for a consistent manifestation of improved self-governance over a period of time (a minimum of 6 months). There may be other outside variables, unrelated to Andre's ability to control or change the situation that are contributing to Andre's difficulties in selfgoverning (e.g., a parent who is unreliable in getting him to appointments, transportation difficulties, etc.).

*Estrangement Scale-High* implies Andre has a chronic pattern of dishonesty beginning as early as preschool and early elementary school) (e.g., he may be manipulative, confrontational, and insincere). He is not likely to take responsibility for his actions. Although he attempts to be apologetic for infractions, these attempts are likely disingenuous. Andre is not likely to be trusting of others. He has a chronic and persistent history of school problems (beginning in preschool and/or early elementary school) related to relationships with peers.

On the *Estrangement Scale*, in February 2011 (Time 1), Andre on was *High*. The current (Time 2) assessment finds the *Estrangement Scale* score elevated, suggesting the chronic pattern of dishonesty may have evolved to levels that are more sophisticated and calculating.

#### **MEGA<sup>\$</sup>** Persistent Sexual Deviancy Scale - High

The *MEGA<sup>s</sup> 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*, Andre was *High. Persistent Sexual Deviancy Scale-High* implies Andre has considerable multiple historical (static and unchangeable) variables related to his 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. *Persistent Sexual Deviancy Scale-High* implies Andre 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 several victims, there may be no law enforcement involvement to the level of arrests, or charges, or adjudications and/or probation. Sexually abusive acts are likely to have been progressive and include sexual penetration. Andre may have unconventional or out of the ordinary sexual interests that *are not* criminal (e.g., cross-dressing, fetishes, sadomasochistic sex). He may have sexual behaviors that lead to or risk physical injury (e.g., inserting objects into his anus). The *Persistent Sexual Deviancy Scale* provides information on Andre's sexual behaviors with regard to level of sophistication of sexual behaviors manifested. *Persistent Sexual Deviancy Scale-High* implies that it is likely that Andre has engaged in complex and extensive sexual behaviors (e.g., full vaginal intercourse, oral sex, and/or anal intercourse), however these are sexual behaviors normally developed in later adolescent years.

*Persistent Sexual Deviancy Scale-High* suggests Andre 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 Andre'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). Age disparity found in such cases is concerning because it implies Andre has serious difficulties with regard to psychosexual development. A wide age disparity between Andre 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. There has been no change on this scale since baseline in Time 1.

#### *MEGA<sup>\$</sup>*'s Scale Combination Profile Summary:

Risk Scale-High implies Andre is at an extremely serious potential risk for coarse sexual improprieties and/or sexually abusive behaviors requiring immediate intervention. Risk Scale-*High* youth call for consideration of possible levels of danger and lethality; Andre needs to be further assessed (i.e., a danger to either self and/or others). The *High Risk* level for potential risk for coarse sexual improprieties and/or sexually abusive behaviors, has not decreased, but rather has remained the same. Protective Scale-High indicates Andre is likely to be rule bound, following directions and directives, not needing to be reminded. Over the last 6 months, Andre may have exhibited a cooperative spirit. Youth is ready to lend a hand to others and is accommodating. Protective Scale-High implies Andre 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-High indicates Andre has a significantly chronic history of deficiencies in self-navigation and self-governance. Estrangement Scale-High suggests Andre can be most unreliable and not trustworthy, and is likely to have been impatient, reactive, and impulsive over the last 6 months. This does not mean Andre does not make efforts to self-correct, as this can sometimes be observed. However, for whatever reason these efforts are not able to be sustained to the level of significance needed for a consistent manifestation of improved self-governance over a period time (a minimum of 6 months). Persistent Sexual Deviancy Scale-High implies Andre has considerable numerous historical (static and unchangeable) variables related to potential risk for coarse sexual improprieties and/or sexually abusive behaviors. Andre is likely to have a history of multiple victims, possibly of both genders, related and non-related.

The comprehensive report provided Andre's current risk level for coarse sexual improprieties and/or sexually abusive behaviors. The findings also gave a comparative analysis for a specified period identifying important risk related variables.

*MEGA<sup>3</sup>* 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.

Thank you for including *MEGA<sup>s</sup>* as part of your assessment protocol.

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