Funding Stream
This is funded by Core Services if no other resources are available.

Definition of Service

- **Service goals are centered on promoting child and family safety and family protective capacity.**

- This service should only be utilized with someone who has been criminally charged with a sexual offense. The evaluation must follow the guidelines set by the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB), the information herein is taken from the SOMB guidelines. Because of the importance of the information collected during an evaluation to subsequent sentencing, supervision, treatment, and behavioral monitoring, it is the SOMB’s philosophy that each sexual offender should receive a thorough offense-specific evaluation. A polygraph and arousal screening (PPG or ABEL) are authorized as a separate service if deemed clinically necessary and appropriate. In the event that is authorized, the results will be included in this report.

- **The mental health sex offense-specific evaluation has the following purposes:** to assess overall risk to the community; to provide protection for victims and potential victims; to provide written clinical assessment of a juvenile’s strengths, risks and deficits; to identify and document treatment and developmental needs; to determine amenability for treatment, to identify individual differences, potential barriers to treatment, and static and dynamic risk factors; to make recommendations for the management and supervision of the juvenile; to provide information which can help identify the type and intensity of community based treatment, or the need for a more restrictive setting.

- **The following “evaluation modalities” are required by the SOMB:** examination of juvenile justice information and/or department of human services reports; details of the offense/factual basis and any victim statements including a description of harm done to the victim; examination of collateral information including information regarding the juvenile’s history of sexual offending and/or abusive behavior; a sex offense-specific risk assessment protocol; use of multiple assessment instruments and techniques; structured clinical interviews including sexual history; integration of information from collateral sources; standardized psychological testing if clinically indicated. Arousal screening and polygraph may be completed, if deemed appropriate.

**Estimated Length of Treatment:**
Three to six hours in two to three sessions (does not include time needed for Arousal Screening or Polygraph).

**Frequency of Services:**
Once during pre-sentence investigation.

**Provider Credentials:**
- Must be Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) approved and comply with credentialing guidelines for approval as a Full Operating Level Provider or Associate Level Provider
- **All Evaluators must be an SOMB approved provider** and must act in full compliance with SOMB guidelines
  - or-
  - Must have a Master’s Degree and have submitted an “intent to apply” waiver with the Sex Offender Management Board
- Must have direct weekly supervision by a Full Operating Level Provider
- Must have a minimum of eight (8) documented hours per year of continuing education, training, workshops in Sexual Abuse Treatment
- Must carry a workload no greater than 12 Core Services families per week

**Provider Responsibilities:**
Report required within ten business days of completed evaluation. In the event the release of the report is delayed due to criminal proceedings, a written verification that the report is completed must be sent to the caseworker and the care coordinator within ten days of completion. Call the Care Coordinator within 48 hours of beginning evaluation to request PPG or ABEL Screen authorization if needed.

**Caseworker Responsibilities:**
Caseworker is responsible for providing specific referral question(s) to the Care Coordinator on the referral form; this will enable the provider to most effectively address the relevant issues.

**Staffing:**
Not applicable.