

Family & Environmental Factors

Fact Sheet

(Juvenile Sex Offender = JSO)

The following list contains some of the family and environmental **risk factors** related to juvenile sex offenders:

- ⇒ Chaotic, disorganized families; lack of caregiver supervision
- ⇒ History of physical abuse, sexual abuse and/or trauma
- ⇒ Poor parental sexual boundaries (e.g., lewd behavior, exposure to pornography)
- ⇒ History of maternal sexual victimization
- ⇒ Parental aggression
- ⇒ Exposure to the combination of intimacy and aggression
- ⇒ Substance abuse by the youth
- ⇒ Poor peer relations
- ⇒ School behavior problems
- ⇒ Conduct problems
- ⇒ Pervasive anger
- ⇒ Isolation
- ⇒ Non-sexual, sexual or multiple offense history
- ⇒ Physical assault history
- ⇒ Sexual preoccupation and drive

The following **protective factors** may prevent development of sexual offending behaviors in JSO's:

- ⇒ Supportive family environment
- ⇒ Stable living environment
- ⇒ Stable school environment
- ⇒ Positive support systems
- ⇒ Positive peer relationships