

Juvenile Sexual Offense Recidivism Risk Assessment Tool-II (JSORRAT-II):

The JSORRAT-II was developed and cross-validated by Dr. Douglas Epperson using an actuarial approach in an attempt to bring greater accuracy and utility to risk assessments for male juveniles who have offended sexually, recognizing the potential for accurate risk assessment to inform a range of decisions, including placement, programming, supervision, and other resource allocation decisions.

The JSORRAT-II is a 12-item actuarial risk assessment tool initially developed for Utah Juvenile Justice Services to provide empirically-based estimates of risk for future juvenile sexual offending by male juveniles in the juvenile justice system for prior sexual offenses. The items are generally behaviorally anchored and are scored by evaluators based on a review of relevant reports in juvenile justice case files. Two reliability studies confirmed that with appropriate training, the JSORRAT-II can be scored by evaluators with a very high degree of consistency. The JSORRAT-II was recently successfully validated in Utah, and a validation study in Iowa is nearing completion. Additional validation studies are in the planning stage for a west coast state and a southern state.