Indiana Risk Assessment System - Community Supervision Tool (IRAS-CST) Scoring Guide

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Introduction

The following scoring guide is intended to be a user’s guide for the Indiana Risk Assessment System – Community Supervision Tool (IRAS-CST), which was developed by the Center for Criminal Justice Research at the University of Cincinnati. The scoring guide will give a brief overview of the assessment tool followed by an item-by-item explanation of scoring criteria.

Overview of the Community Supervision Tool (CST)

The Community Supervision Tool (CST) is designed to be used with offenders in the community. This can include those on probation or parole, as well as offenders in residential facilities and other community alternatives (such as day reporting centers). The instrument was designed to be administered through file review and a structured interview, although some items can be obtained through a self-report questionnaire. The CST consists of 35 items across seven domains: 1) Criminal History; 2) Education, Employment, and Financial Situation; 3) Family and Social Support; 4) Neighborhood Problems; 5) Substance Use; 6) Peer Associations; and 7) Criminal Attitudes and Behavioral Patterns.

As elaborated later in this guide, each item is scored using specific criteria and the scores can range from 0 to 2, depending on the item. The final score is a summed product of each of the individual items creating a range between 0 and 49. The higher the score, the greater the risk the individual poses. The following cutoff scores and failure rates have been established for this instrument:

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Reassessment

Reassessment should be done at set intervals (no earlier than six months from the most recent assessment) or if a critical incident has occurred.
General Assessment Information

Information to score this assessment should be gathered from the interview with the offender and verified with available criminal history reports or other collateral sources. For this reason, the following terms should be clarified:

- **Arrest vs. Conviction:** Items which ask about arrests are inquiring to times the offender was taken into custody, for a misdemeanor or felony, regardless of the final disposition. There are a variety of reasons why a charge might not become a conviction: dismissal, court diversion in lieu of conviction, etc. For clarification, convictions are findings of guilt by a court which result in a criminal record.

- **Prior:** Items which ask about prior incidents are inquiring about events which occurred before the current offense. Current offenses should not be considered when scoring these items. For example, an offender who is being assessed for their third conviction would only have two prior convictions.

- **Current:** Items which ask about current behavior should focus on the last six month period prior to the assessment, unless otherwise stated.

- **Incarceration:** Items which ask about prior incarcerations in a secure correctional facility are inquiring about custodial sentences imposed as punishment upon conviction. Jail incarceration which result from pretrial detention or other non-court issued confinement should not be scored as a yes. Jail stays resulting from probation violations should be counted in this question.

Accuracy of Information

An accurate assessment requires accurate information. There are several sources of information that should be used: official records, offender interview, self-report questionnaire, and collateral sources. Remember the following tips:

- Ask the right questions in the right way – follow the questionnaire.
- Use effective interviewing techniques – probe and allow offender to talk.
- Get the quality and depth of information needed – take your time and do not rush.
- Get collaboration from collateral sources – when in doubt, double check information.
- Score accurately – double check scoring, follow scoring guide, and consult with supervisor if in doubt about an item.
1.0 Criminal History Section

The criminal history section examines aspects of the individual’s criminal behavior that correlates with recidivism. It is well documented that past criminal behavior is predictive of future criminal behavior. As such, 6 items are included in this domain, with a total possible score of 8.

1.1 Most Serious Arrest Under Age 18:

Score this item as 0 if the offender does not have a prior arrest or charge under the age of 18, or if arrest/charge was for a status offense. Status offenses include: unruly, runaway, truancy, or other charges that if committed by an adult would not result in charges. Score as 1 if the offender was arrested/charged under the age of 18 for a misdemeanor. Score as 2 if first arrest/charge under 18 was for a felony. Do not count arrests/charge for status offenses. If the age at first arrest is unknown, use the age at first conviction. If youth was arrested/charged but level cannot be determined, score as 1.

1.2 Number of Prior Adult Felony Convictions:

Score this item as 0 if the offender does not have any prior adult felony convictions. Score as a 1 if the offender has one or two felony convictions as an adult. Score as a 2 if the offender has three or more prior adult felony convictions. All felony convictions are tallied regardless of if they were from a single arrest event or multiple events over the course of time. Only the final dispositions are considered for scoring. For example, any prior felony charge which was pled to a misdemeanor would not count. In addition, any alternative to a conviction (i.e., diversion) would not count. For Federal offenses, if level of offense is unknown, the offense should be matched to state code. For military offenses, the level of offense should be applied to state code. Generally, if confinement in a military offense occurs it should be considered a felony level offense.

1.3 Prior Sentence as an Adult to a Jail or Secure Correctional Facility:

For the scoring of this item, secure correctional facilities include prison, jail, boot camps, or a community based correctional facility. Score this item as 0 if the offender has never been sentenced to a secure correctional facility. Score as 1 if the offender has previously been sentenced to a secure correctional facility. Only count sentences that are associated with a conviction in an adult court. Credit for time served granted by the court at sentencing counts for this item. Jail incarcerations which are a result from pretrial detention or other non-court issued confinement should not be counted when scoring this item. Secure correctional facilities are defined are 24/7 locked facilities that do not permit the offender to leave without facility staff.
1.4 Received Official Misconduct while Incarcerated as an Adult:

Score this item as 0 if the offender has never been sentenced to a jail or secure correctional facility or, if sentenced, the offender has never received an official misconduct. Score as 1 if the offender has been incarcerated in a correctional facility as an adult and has received an official misconduct within the facility. To be scored, this sanction must have resulted in a written behavioral report, a hearing officer finding, or a formal finding from a rule infraction board. Do not count informal warnings from correctional staff which did not result in a formal sanction.

1.5 Prior Sentence to Community Supervision as an Adult:

Score this item as 0 if the offender has never been sentenced to community supervision as an adult. Score as 1 if the offender was placed on community supervision prior to the current offense. This is independent of whether or not the offender violated or was successful under supervision.

1.6 Community Supervision Ever Been Revoked to Prison for Technical Violation as an Adult:

For purpose of this item, a technical violation is defined as any violation of community supervision rules including, new arrest, drug test failures, missed appointments, etc. Score this item as 0 if the offender has either never been under community supervision or if supervision has never been revoked and the offender sent to prison for a technical violation. Score this item as 1 if the offender ever had community supervision revoked for any reason and was sent to prison. This can include community supervision, probation, or parole supervision.

Examples: Offender is found to have violated community supervision by the court for the commission of a new offense. The court revokes the offender’s community supervision and orders the offender to serve the remainder of the sentence for that case number at DOC then this would be scored as a 1. If the offender is found to have violated community supervision by the court, but the case is closed as a result and no prison time is served post revocation on that case number, then this item would be scored as a 0.

2.0 Education, Employment, and Financial Situation

This section examines the educational attainment of the offender, as well as employment, use of time, and financial situation. Both current and past events are included. There are 6 items in this domain with a total possible score of 6.
2.1 Highest Education:
Score this item as 0 if a high school degree has been earned. This item is also scored as 0 if the offender has earned a GED plus a 2-year Associates Degree or Certificate. Score as 1 if the offender does not have a high school diploma. GED is scored as 1. 

*Note: This item can be scored from interview or self-report questionnaire. Question 1 on Self-Report.*

2.2 Ever Suspended or Expelled From School:
Score as 0 if the offender has never been expelled or suspended from school. Score as 1 if the offender reports having been expelled or suspended from school. Do not count in-school suspensions. These scores should be assessed regardless of the age of the offender. 

*Note: This item can be scored from interview or self-report questionnaire. Question 2 on Self-Report.*

2.3 Employed at the Time of Arrest:
Score as 0 if the individual was legally employed (either part-time or full-time) at the time of arrest for the current offense. If the individual is disabled or retired, score as 0. Score as 1 if the offender was unemployed at the time of arrest or working under the table. If self-employed, this must be verified. Note: if the work is temporary and the hours are inconsistent from week to week, score as 1. Only employment should be considered for this item; do not take into account education status or taking care of family/household. 

*Note: This item can be scored from interview or self-report questionnaire. Question 10 on Self-Report.*

2.4 Currently Employed/School:
Score as 0 if the offender is currently legally employed and either: works 30 hours or more a week (full-time), is verifiably disabled and unable to work, is retired and existing on a pension, is a seasonal worker but the income covers expenses year round, is a full-time homemaker whose job it is to maintain the house and care for dependents, or is currently attending school full-time (or part-time schooling co-occurring with a part-time job). If self-employed, this must be verified. Only legal employment should be considered. If the individual is unemployed or employed less than 30 hours, score as 1. If the work is temporary and the hours are inconsistent from week-to-week, score as 1. 

*Note: This item can be scored from interview or self-report questionnaire. Question 12 on Self-Report.*

2.5 Better Use of Time:
Score this item as 0 if 50 percent or more of the offender’s time is structured. This can include school, work, and structured activities (such as church, taking care of a family member, or other prosocial activities). Score as 1 if less than 50 percent of the offender’s time is structured. This item should be scored based on the past 6 months. If in a correctional facility consider the time in the community as well as the offender's use of free time while in the facility. 

*Note: This item can be scored from interview or self-report questionnaire. Question 14 on Self-Report.*
2.6 Current Financial Situation:

Score as 0 if the offender’s current financial situation is stable, if they have some savings, a source of income, and they are able to manage needs and debts reasonably well. Score as 1 if the offender has difficulty paying bills, does not have a reasonable plan for short term management of finances, and is uncertain about how they will get by in the immediate future. This item should be scored based on the past 6 months. Note: This item can be scored from interview or self-report questionnaire. Question 17 on Self-Report.

If scored from Self-Report, score 1 or 2 as 1 and 3 or 4 as 0.

3.0 Family and Social Support

The family and social support section examines the family and social support of the offender. Research has shown that an individual’s family and social support can influence the probability of future criminal behavior. Individuals with family and social support systems who are supportive or tolerant of criminal behavior are more likely to engage in criminal behavior. Alternatively, individuals who have a strong family or social support network that condemns criminal activities reduces the likelihood that an individual will engage in future criminal behavior. There are 5 items in this domain with a total possible score of 5.

3.1 Parents have a Criminal Record:

For the purpose of this assessment parent includes any individual(s) that the offender identifies as a parental figure, or who had a significant role in raising them. Criminal record includes any conviction for a misdemeanor or a felony. Consider the criminal history of all parental figures who meet the criteria. For instance, an offender who identifies a mother, step-father, and biological father as a parental figure or who was involved in raising them would have 3 individuals to consider. Score this item as 0 if no parents have a criminal record. Score this item as 1 if parent, step-parent, or parental figure has a criminal record.

3.2 Satisfied with Current Marital or Equivalent Situation:

Score this item as 0 if the offender is reasonably satisfied with his or her current relationship. Also score as 0 if the offender is single and satisfied. Score as 1 if there are significant conflicts or problems resulting in dissatisfaction. Note: This item can be scored from interview or self-report questionnaire. Question 16 on Self-Report.

If scored from Self-Report, score 1 or 2 as 1 and 3 or 4 as 0.

3.3 Emotional or Personal Support Available from Family or Others:

Score this item as 0 only if the offender believes that family or close friends offer very strong emotional or personal support. Score as 1 if the offender does not believe that they have very
strong emotional or personal support from their family or close friends. *Note: This item can be scored from interview or self-report questionnaire. Question 19 on Self-Report.*

If scored from Self-Report, score 1 thru 4 as 1 and 5 as 0.

3.4 Level of Satisfaction with Current Level of Support from Family or Others.

Score this item as 0 if the offender is extremely satisfied with the level of support they receive from family and friends, regardless of how they rate the level of support. Score as 1 if they are not satisfied or somewhat satisfied with level of support or if concerns are expressed. *Note: This item can be scored from interview or self-report questionnaire. Question 20 on Self-Report.*

If scored from Self-Report, score 1 thru 4 as 1 and 5 as 0.

3.5 Stability of Residence:

Score this item as 0 if the offender has lived in a stable residence over the past 12 months. Stable residence includes living with family, contractual agreement (pays rent), receives mail, helps pay the bills, has a key, few moves, etc. Score as 1 if the offender has had three or more address changes in the past 12 months or if living arrangements have otherwise not been stable (such as sleeping on a friend’s couch, no permanent address, or being constantly thrown out of the house). *Note: Question 4 on Self-Report pertains to the number of times the offender has moved in the past year; however, interviewer should still probe about other issues related to stability.*

4.0 Neighborhood Problems

*This domain is designed to examine the current neighborhood where the offender resides. There are 2 items in this domain with a total possible score of 3.*

4.1 High Crime Area:

This item pertains to the neighborhood where the offender resides. Indicators to look for include: drugs are readily available, the neighborhood has a high proportion of offenders, criminal activities are common, or the police frequent the area. Score as 0 if the offender resides in a relatively crime free neighborhood. Score as 1 if the neighborhood is considered a high crime area. If the offender is living in a residential program or halfway house rate the offender’s neighborhood they were living in prior to the facility. *Note: This item can be scored from interview or self-report questionnaire. Question 9 on Self-Report.*

4.2 Drugs Readily Available in Neighborhood:

This item pertains to the neighborhood where the offender resides, and can be scored as 0, 1, or 2. If the offender resides in a neighborhood where drugs are not readily available, score as 0. Score as 1 if drugs are somewhat available in the offender’s neighborhood. Score as 2 if drugs are easily available. If the offender is living in a residential program or halfway house rate the offender’s neighborhood s/he was living in prior to the facility. *Note: This item can be scored*
from interview or self-report questionnaire. Question 15 on Self-Report.

If scored from Self-Report, score 4 as 0, 2 or 3 as 1, and 1 as 2.

5.0 Substance Use

The substance use section examines the occurrence of substance use in the offender’s life and the extent to which substance use has caused problems across varying aspects of the offender’s life. Substance use can be pervasive in its ability to influence multiple aspects of a person’s life, including involvement with the legal system, issues with loved ones and friends, health and social service problems, and its interaction with seeking or maintaining employment. For this domain, alcohol and drug use is separated. There are 5 items in this domain with a total possible score of 6.

5.1 Age First began Regularly Using Alcohol:

For the purposes of assessment, regular use does not include having a sip or socially used a few times, but rather look for a pattern of use (e.g., drank most weekends). Score this item as 0 if the offender did not start regularly using alcohol until 17 years of age or older. If the offender has never regularly used alcohol, score as 0. If regular use before age 17, score as 1. Note: This is Question #5 on Self-Report; however, interviewer should still probe about other issues related alcohol use.

5.2 Most Recent Period of Abstinence from Alcohol:

The purpose of this item is to determine if the offender has a problem with alcohol and if so, has the offender abstained from alcohol recently. Score this item as 0 if the offender has never had a problem with alcohol or if s/he has been abstinent from alcohol in the past 6 months. Score as 1 if the offender has ever had a problem with alcohol and has not abstained for the past six months. Do not count periods of incarceration. Note: This is Question #6 on Self-Report; however, interviewer should still probe about other issues related to alcohol use.

5.3 Ever Used Illegal Drugs:

Use includes current or past use. For the purposes of this item, assessor can rely on interview, official records, results from drug tests, or other verifiable sources. Score this item as 0 if the offender has never used illegal drugs or prescription drugs for recreational use. Score as 1 if the offender has used illegal drugs or abused prescription drugs (including use for recreational purposes).

5.4 Drug Use Caused Problems:

This item can be scored as a 0, 1, or 2. Score as 0 if the offender’s drug use has never led to problems (legal, employment, social, medical, and/or family). Score as 1 if the offender's drug use has caused problems in the past. Score as 2 if the offender's drug use poses a current problem. Take into consideration the most recent 12 month period.
5.5 Drug Use Caused Problems with Employment:

Score this item as 0 if the offender has not had any drug use related problems with employment in the past 6 months. Score as 1 for those offenders who have been fired from their job, routinely have been criticized on the quality of their work due to drug use at work, missed work due to drug use, have been caught being under the influence during work, or have been denied a job due to an inability to pass a drug test in the past 6 months. If the offender self reports problems at work due to drug use this item should be scored a 1. Missing work because of court appearances or time in jail does not count, even if it is substance abuse related. If the offender is unemployed, but has not had a work related problem with drug use, score as a 0. Default scoring: If this question is scored yes, Item 5.4 must be scored a 2.

6.0 Peer Associations

*Items in this section are designed to examine the peer associations of the offender, how much contact they have, and how much they engage in criminal activities. There are 4 items in this domain, with a total possible score of 8.*

6.1 Criminal Friends:

This item can be scored as 0, 1, or 2, depending on the percentage of friends who engage in criminal behavior whether or not they have been arrested. Do not consider acquaintances but do consider those people that the offender spends time with even though s/he does not necessarily identify them as a close friend. Consider family members, spouses/significant others, and co-workers whom they engage socially. Score this item as 0 if the offender does not have any friends who have a criminal record and/or engage in criminal behavior. Those offenders who have some criminal friends score as follows: If less than half of their friends are involved in criminal behavior, score as a 1. For those offenders that have 50% or more of friends engaging in criminal behavior or activities, score as a 2. If the offender has only one close friend and that individual is criminal, score as a 2. If the offender’s friends have engaged in criminal behavior in the past, but are currently crime free (generally more than 5 years) then those friends should be considered pro-social. *Note: This item can be scored from interview or self-report questionnaire. This is Question #8 on Self-Report; however, interviewer should still probe about friendships.*

6.2 Contact with Past Criminal Peers:

The purpose of this item is to determine if the offender has established a clear plan to avoid past criminal associates. This item can be scored as 0, 1, or 2. For the purpose of this item, past associates include friends, family members who the offender engages with socially, spouses/significant others, as well as acquaintances and co-defendants. Score as 0 for those offenders who are not at risk of reconnecting with prior criminal associates. This could be either that the individual is taking purposeful actions to avoid contact and distancing themselves from prior criminal associates, or they had no prior criminal associates. A score of 1 should be assigned to those offenders who are at some risk of reconnecting with prior criminal associates. These offenders will report not having an interest in re-engaging with past criminal associates.
but do not have a clear and purposeful plan to avoid criminal others. A score of 2 should be assigned to those offenders who, by verbal or behavioral indicators, have demonstrated that they are still in contact with criminal friends and associates or actively seek out old criminal friends. Any individual who has made it clear that they will resume any type of social relationship (romantic included) with a minimum of one past criminal other should be scored a 2.

6.3 Gang Membership:

This item can be scored as a 0, 1, or 2, depending on the offender’s current or past gang involvement. Score as 0 if the offender has never been involved in a gang. Score as a 1 if the offender has been in a gang previously, but is not currently active. For those offenders who are currently in a gang, score as a 2. For purposes of this item, gang is defined as a group of 3 or more individuals engaging in a criminal enterprise to gain money, property, notoriety. **Note:** It is recommended that both self reported affiliation and/or official records be used to score this item.

6.4 Criminal Activities:

The purpose of this item is to assess the offender’s participation in activities which have the potential to result in criminal behavior. This item can be scored as a 0, 1, or 2, depending on the offender’s identification and participation in prosocial activities. In addition to the specific questions for this item, the interviewer should score this item from the totality of the responses in the interview. It should be noted this item pertains to activities that are directly related to criminal behavior and not simply non-productive activities (i.e., videogames or watching television). Score as 0 if the offender has a strong identification and participation in prosocial activities while avoiding antisocial behavior. This can include time and activities with family, work, school, sports, hanging out with prosocial friends, engaging in hobbies, clubs, church, and other prosocial activities. If the offender has engaged in a pattern of criminal behavior (not just criminal charges/convictions) in the past 12 months, this item must be scored at least a 1. Score as 1 for offenders with a mixture of prosocial and procriminal identification and participation. These are offenders who, while engaging in prosocial activities, like work or family, also engage in behavior that puts them at risk for criminal conduct. The pattern of prosocial behavior must be more than one or two activities but balance the antisocial activities equally. Score this item as 2 if the offender has a strong identification and participation with criminal activities. These are offenders who identify with the criminal element, see crime as a way of life, and if they are engaged in prosocial activities these activities will involve some elements of antisocial behavior (drinking, using drugs, fighting, stealing, etc).

7.0 Criminal Attitudes and Behavioral Patterns

*This section addresses the criminal attitudes of the offender, as well as some personality traits that can often lead to criminal behavior. In addition to the specific questions for this item, the interviewer should score this item from the totality of the responses in the interview. Listen for rationalizations, minimizations, and justifications of behavior throughout the interview. There are 7 items in this domain with a total possible score of 13.*
Neutralization techniques include:

- Denial of Responsibility: The offender will state that criminal acts are due to factors beyond their control
- Denial of Injury: The offender admits responsibility for the act, but minimizes the extent of harm or denies any harm
- Denial of the Victim: The offender reverses the role of offender and victim and blames the victim
- “System Bashing”: The offender believes that those who disapprove of the offender’s acts are defined as immoral, hypocritical, or criminal themselves, since, after all, “everyone does it”
- Appeal to Higher Loyalties: This will be common with gang members, who believe that they “Live by a different code” – the demands of larger society are sacrificed for the demands of more immediate loyalties

Other things to listen for include: negative expression about the law (the law is unfair); negative expressions about conventional institutions, values, rules, and procedures, including authority (i.e., work is for others); negative expressions about self-management of behavior, including problem solving ability (i.e., “I have never been good at that”); negative attitudes toward self and one’s ability to achieve through conventional means (i.e., “work is not for me”; “I have never done well in school”); and lack of empathy and sensitivity toward others (i.e., “who did I hurt besides myself?”).

7.1 Criminal Attitudes:

This item can be scored as 0, 1, or 2. This item is designed to gauge the offender’s attitudes/beliefs supporting criminal behavior. Assessors should listen for justifications and minimizations, bragging about past criminal acts, and other verbal or behavioral indicators. Score this item as 0 if the offender shows genuine remorse, does not justify/rationalize their criminal behavior, takes no pride in their criminal behavior, and accepts responsibility for their actions (prosocial values). For those offenders who have some justifications or minimizations, takes some pride in the behavior, or denies some responsibility for the offense score as a 1 (some antisocial values). These are individuals who, while generally prosocial, may not accept full responsibility for acts, or may see it happening again under the same circumstances. Score as 2 for those offenders who specifically state that what they did was acceptable, have a range of antisocial/pro-criminal attitudes, takes limited responsibility, or who takes responsibility but is proud of their behavior (a pattern of antisocial attitudes).

7.2 Expresses Concern about Others

This item can be scored as 0, 1, or 2. This item examines the degree to which the offender is generally capable of expressing concern about non-victims. For those offenders who generally
express concern about others, score as a 0. Score as 1 for those offenders who express concern for immediate friends/family only. For those offenders who do not express concern about others, score as a 2.  

*Note: This item can be scored from interview or self-report questionnaire. Question 21 on Self-Report.*

If scored from Self-Report, score 1 or 2 as 0, 3 as 1, and 4 or 5 as 2.

### 7.3 Feels Lack of Control Over Events:

This item can be scored as a 0, 1, or 2. This item examines the degree to which the offender feels in control of events affecting his or her life. For those offenders who feel like they have control over their lives and events surrounding them, score as a 0. A score of 1 should be given to those offenders who express some concern about controlling events in their lives, feel that they cannot always cope with day-to-day activities, but in general are able to handle situations as they appear. A score of 2 should be given to those offenders who do not feel like they have much control over events in their lives and who are having a difficult time coping with day-to-day stress. This item should take into consideration the most recent 6 month period.  

*Note: This item can be scored from interview or self-report questionnaire. Question 23 on Self-Report.*

If scored from Self-Report score 4 or 5 as 0, 3 as 1, and 1 or 2 as 2.

### 7.4 Sees No Problem in Telling Lies:

This item is designed to measure the degree to which the offender sees no problem in telling lies or being honest. For those offenders who believe that it is wrong to lie, except for small white lies (e.g., not to hurt someone’s feelings), score as a 0. For those who justify lying, are willing to do it to get ahead, or see no real problem in lying, score as 1. The offender’s willingness to tell the truth during this interview should be taken into account.  

*Note: This item can be scored from interview or self-report questionnaire. Question 22 on Self-Report.*

If scored from Self-Report, score 1 as 0 and 2 thru 5 as 1.

### 7.5 Engages in Risk Taking Behavior:

This item can be scored as 0, 1, or 2 and should take into consideration the most recent 12 month period. This item examines the degree to which the offender engages in risk taking behavior that is dangerous or exciting for the offender. For those offenders who do not generally engage in risk taking behavior (e.g., the current criminal activity appears to be an exception), score as a 0. A score of 1 should be assigned to those offenders who take some risk. Assign a score of 2 to those offenders who generally place themselves in risky situations, routinely put themselves in harm's way (physical) or find it exciting to take risks. Interviewers should look for a pattern of risk taking behavior that can include non-criminal activities but not limited to non-criminal activities alone.  

*Note: This item can be scored from interview or self-report questionnaire. Question 24 on Self-Report.*

If scored from Self-Report, score 4 or 5 as 0, 3 as 1, and 1 or 2 as 2.
7.6 Walks Away from a Fight:

This item can be scored as 0, 1, or 2. This item examines the degree to which the offender is willing to walk away from a fight in the past 6 months. For those offenders who generally walk away from a fight and see themselves as someone who generally avoids fights, score as a 0. Score as 1 those offenders who do not seek fights and generally try and avoid them, but for whom it sometimes finds them. For those offenders who do not avoid fights, see themselves as not usually walking away from a fight, or actively seek it out, score as a 2. Ultimately, this item is designed to measure the offender’s support for fighting as well as the skill of walking away from a fight. If the offender believes it is ok to fight but has not had an opportunity in the past 6 months this item should be rated a 2. Note: This item can be scored from interview or self-report questionnaire. Question 25 on Self-Report.

If scored from Self-Report, score 1 or 2 as 0, 3 as 1, and 4 or 5 as 2.

7.7 Believes in “Do Unto Others Before They Do Unto You”:

This item can be scored as a 0, 1, or 2, and examines the degree to which the offender believes in “doing unto others before it is done to them.” Score as 0 those offenders who generally disagree with this statement. For those offenders who are ambivalent or say it “depends on the situation,” score as a 1. Score as 2 those offenders who agree with this statement. Note: This item can be scored from interview or self-report questionnaire. Question 26 on Self-Report.

If scored from Self-Report, score 4 or 5 as 0, 3 as 1, and 1 or 2 as 2.