

# Psychosocial & Mental Health of Children in Conflict with the Law (Age 16 to 18 Years)

## Preliminary Individual Assessment Report for Juvenile Justice Board

Community Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service Project

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As per the JJ Act 2015, the objective of the preliminary assessment of a child, is to 'evaluate the role of the child in the alleged offence, as well as his mental condition and background'. In keeping with this, the psychosocial and mental health assessment report provides information on the child's mental condition and background, namely the developmental level of the child, family history and relationships, school and education, involvement in child labour, peer relationships and experiences of trauma and abuse; it also provides information on any mental health disorders and developmental disabilities that the child may have. Finally, the report makes recommendations for treatment and rehabilitation interventions for the child. The report presents the above-said information using the framework proposed by JJ Act 2015 i.e. whether the child has the mental and physical capacity to commit the offence, the circumstances of the offence committed, whether the child knew the consequences of the offence.

**This assessment report is dated:**

**Name of Child:**

**Age:**

**Sex:**

**Male**

**Place of Origin:**

### A. Mental & Physical Capacity to Commit Alleged Offence

The child's ability to make social decisions and judgments are compromised due to:

Life skills deficits (emotional dysregulation/ difficulty coping with peer pressure/ assertiveness & negotiation skills /problem-solving/ conflict-resolution/ decision-making)	
Neglect / poor supervision by family/poor family role models	
Experiences of abuse and trauma	
Substance abuse problems	
Intellectual disability	
Mental health disorder/ developmental disability	
Any other (specify):	
No treatment/ interventions provided so far to address the above issues	

\*NA- Not applicable

### B. Circumstances of Alleged Offence

Family History:

School History:

Child Labour:

Peer Relationships:

Abuse and Trauma:

Mental Health Disorder/ Developmental Disability:

**C. Child's Knowledge of Consequences of Committing the Alleged Offence**

Child's Understanding of Social/ Interpersonal and Legal Consequences of Committing Offence:

**D. Other Observations & Issues**

**E. Recommendations**