

# Drug Offender Profiles: Evaluation/Referral Strategies

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## DRUG OFFENDER PROFILES: EVALUATION/REFERRAL STRATEGIES

The purpose of this instrument is to provide the probation officer with a systematic method of evaluating an individual probationer's illicit drug use and to assist the officer with referral and supervision strategies appropriate for a given type of drug user. The instrument is comprised of three parts: the individual assessment interview, the officer's impressions of the probationer during the interview process and an answer sheet for the development of probationer profiles to assist the officer in referral and supervision strategies.

This assessment instrument was developed in 1988 in response to a growing need in the Texas probation system for the identification, referral and supervision strategies for drug offenders. In order to not duplicate other types of information already gathered by Texas probation officers, certain documents should be made available to the officer before or during the assessment process. Those documents include: the probationer's criminal history, the department's intake form, the pre-sentence investigation (where available), case classification (if completed) and any previous treatment information available. These documents will assist the officer in verifying certain information asked during the interview.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION

Each section develops information about the probationer's drug use and lifestyle. These sections are Personal Drug Use, Drug Use and Criminal Behavior, Consequences of Use, Treatment History, Probationer's Reality and Officer's Impressions. Questions should be asked in the order presented in the instrument (left column), answers should be chosen based upon responses listed (middle column) and guidelines to interpret/mark the answers are given for clarification (right column). Finally, the answer sheet is to be completed and returned to the Texas Adult Probation Commission (TAPC).

Follow-up information is encouraged if the probationer offers statements or comments that will enhance the information being sought. **However**, the questions **should not** be "interpreted" by the officer. Rather, the officer should interview in a conversational style, asking the questions in a manner that does not change their meanings.

**Given that the instrument was developed to assess illicit drug use patterns, the officer is not to solicit or directly inquire about the probationer's use of alcohol. However, if the probationer spontaneously alludes to alcohol, that information may be documented on any of the items.**

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Probationer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Officer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ FEB 5 1990

Cause # \_\_\_\_\_ Offense \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

ACQUISITIONS

## DRUG OFFENDER PROFILES: EVALUATION/REFERRAL STRATEGIES

You and I will be talking about the types of drugs you have used as well as your feelings and experiences concerning your drug use. Your willingness to discuss this openly will assist me in developing a plan to help you successfully complete your probation.

### Personal Drug Use

*Responses for questions 1 - 5 are to be marked on the grid below:*

Question	Inh	Mar	Barb	Amph	Hallc	Coke	Crack	Heroin	OthrNarc	PCP	Other
1) ever used											
2) age at 1st use											
3) 5 times/more											
4) prescribed											
5) overused											

#### QUESTIONS

#### RESPONSES

#### GUIDELINES

1. Which drugs have you used - even once - at any time in your life?

*Mark all that apply next to #1 on grid above.*

2. How old were you when you first tried those drugs?

- (a) 10 years or less
- (b) 11 - 15 years
- (c) 16 - 19 years
- (d) 20 years or older

*Mark age of 1st use for EACH drug that probationer has tried.*

3. Which of those drugs have you used more than five times in your life?

*Mark all that apply next to #3 on grid above.*

4. Were any of these drugs prescribed for you by a doctor?

*Mark all that apply and ask reasons for any prescriptions.*

5. Did you take more than was prescribed or take it more often than instructed?

*Mark any misuse next to #5 on grid above.*

Responses for questions 6 - 10 should be marked on grid below:

Question	Inh	Mar	Barb	Amph	Halc	Coke	Crack	Heroin	OthrNarc	PCP	Other
6) last use											
7) high all day											
8) daily/30 days											
9) past 12 mos.											
10) DOC											

6. When did you last use each of those drugs?

- (a) During last 30 days
- (b) 31 to 90 days ago
- (c) 91 days - 1 year ago
- (d) Longer than a year ago

*IF released from jail directly to probation, ask in terms of when s/he was last on the street, (last 30 days days before going to jail).*

7. When using \_\_\_\_\_ (drug), have you often stayed high all day?

*Ask for EACH drug listed by probationer in #1 on grid and MARK by #7 on grid above.*

8. Which drugs have you ever used every day for a month or more?

*Mark all that apply. Inquire about periodic "binges."*

9. On the average, in the past 12 months, how often have you used \_\_\_\_\_ (drug)?

- (a) Daily
- (b) Several times/week
- (c) About once/week
- (d) Several times/month
- (e) About once/month
- (f) Several times/year
- (g) Experimented once
- (h) No use in 12 mos.

*Mark frequency for EACH drug on grid above, next to #9.*

10. Do you have a "drug of choice;" that is, do you have a preference for a certain drug if you can get it?

*Limit probationer to one "doc"; have him/her specify.*

11. Do you like to use drugs in combination with each other; that is, using more than one drug at a time?

- (a) no
- (b) yes: LIST: \_\_\_\_\_

*Have probationer specify which drugs are used in combination with each other.*

12. Have you ever smoked cocaine?

- (a) no
- (b) yes

13. When you cannot get the drug you want, do you use another drug instead?

- (a) no
- (b) yes
- (c) can always get the drug I want

14. When taking drugs did you find that it took more and more to get a "high" than it used to?

- (a) no
- (b) yes

*Has probationer developed tolerance for any drug?*

15. Have you ever used a syringe to inject drugs?

- (a) no
- (b) yes

*Cross-check for drugs listed on "use" grid.*

## Drug Use and Criminal Behavior

16. How old were you the first time you were arrested for anything (include juvenile arrests)?

- (a) 10 years of age or less
- (b) 11 - 15 years of age
- (c) 16 - 19 years of age
- (d) 20 years of age or older

*Did not have to have result in conviction.*

Responses for questions 17 and 18 are to be marked on grid below by marking all letters that apply to each question:

17. Were you under the influence of drugs at that time (when arrested for the first time)?

18. Were you under the influence of drugs when you committed the crime for which you are now on probation (OR awaiting sentence)?

Drugs	(17) 1st offense	(18) this offense
inhalents	[a]	[a]
marijuana	[b]	[b]
barbiturates/downers	[c]	[c]
amphetamines/speed/uppers	[d]	[d]
hallucinogens	[e]	[e]
cocaine	[f]	[f]
crack	[g]	[g]
heroin	[h]	[h]
other narcotics/opiates	[i]	[i]
PCP	[j]	[j]
other (specify)	[k]	[k]
not under the influence	[l]	[l]

19. How many times have you been arrested for a drug-related crime?

- (a) this offense, only
- (b) 2 - 3 times
- (c) 4 times or more
- (d) none

*CRIMES INCLUDE: sale, possession, delivery/smuggling drugs, getting money/property for drugs.*

Responses for questions 20 - 22 are to be marked on grid below by marking all letters that apply for each question:

20. What other crimes have you been involved in while under the influence of drugs (did not have to result in arrest)?

21. What crimes have you been involved in when not under the influence of drugs (did not have to result in arrest)?

22. Have you ever been involved in any crimes that had nothing to do with your drug use (any crimes not connected to drugs or obtaining money for drugs)?

Crime Category	(20)	(21)	(22)
Robbery	[a]	[a]	[a]
Burglary	[b]	[b]	[b]
Theft	[c]	[c]	[c]
Auto theft	[d]	[d]	[d]
DWI	[e]	[e]	[e]
Murder/manslaughter	[f]	[f]	[f]
Arson	[g]	[g]	[g]
Assault	[h]	[h]	[h]
Drug possession	[i]	[i]	[i]
Drug sale/delivery	[j]	[j]	[j]
Other property crimes	[k]	[k]	[k]
Other crimes against people	[l]	[l]	[l]

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| 23. Have you ever been arrested for any offense in which a weapon was involved?        | (a) no<br>(b) yes                          | <i>Did not have to result in conviction.</i>  |
| 24. Have you ever used drugs after being released from jail for a drug related arrest? | (a) no<br>(b) yes                          | <i>In other words, did drug use continue after incarceration?</i>                                   |
| 25. Have you ever committed crimes to get drugs or get money for drugs?                | (a) no<br>(b) yes                          | <i>Is probationer's criminal activity directly connected to drug use?</i>                           |
| 26. Have you ever been involved in prostitution?                                       | (a) no<br>(b) yes<br>(c) yes, drug related | <i>Not limited to arrest/conviction. IF YES, ask if it was related to drug use/money for drugs.</i> |

### Consequences of Use

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| 27. Has your drug use ever caused you problems with:  | (a) your family and/or friends<br>(b) the law<br>(c) your job<br>(d) with school<br>(e) your health | <i>Mark all that apply. Have probationer elaborate on problem cited in any area.</i>                                       |
| 28. While under the influence of drugs, have you ever hurt or injured yourself?                     | (a) no<br>(b) yes   | <i>Intentionally OR accidentally.</i>  |
| 29. When under the influence of drugs have you ever threatened or hurt anyone?                      | (a) no<br>(b) yes   | <i>Includes any action where someone was verbally or physically threatened or harmed.</i>                                  |
| 30. Have you ever dealt or sold drugs to get drugs for your own use?                                | (a) no<br>(b) yes   | <i>Did not have to result in arrest.</i>   |
| 31. Are you concerned about your drug use?  | (a) no<br>(b) yes   | <i>Accept the probationer's response.</i>  |
| 32. Have you ever thought about quitting drugs or cutting down on the amount of drugs that you use? | (a) no<br>(b) yes   | <i>Does not require that probationer acted on those thoughts.</i>  |
| 33. Have you ever overdosed on a drug?  | (a) no<br>(b) yes   |  |
| 34. Have you ever been to a hospital emergency room because of your drug use?                       | (a) no<br>(b) yes   | <i>Includes any type of emergency room service (concerns about drugs taken to actual treatment or hospital admission).</i> |

35. How much time do you spend thinking about drugs; that is, thinking about how to get them, about using them or about how you will feel when you use them?

- (a) some of the time
- (b) most of the time
- (c) all of the time
- (d) I never think about drugs

*"a" means less than 50%; "b" means more than 50%.*

36. Do your friends use drugs?

- (a) none of them
- (b) some of them
- (c) most of them
- (d) all of them

*"b" means less than 50%; "c" means more than 50%. If there are no current friends, ask about previous ones.*

37. How does it affect you when you cannot get the drugs you want?

- (a) makes me feel ill/withdrawal symptoms
- (b) makes me feel bad emotionally
- (c) makes me mad/angry
- (d) I can always get them
- (e) it does not affect me

38. Have you ever missed work, school, appointments or other events because you were either under the influence of drugs or you felt ILL because of drug use?

- (a) no
- (b) yes

*Probe for reason: i.e., was probationer too intoxicated or too ill to keep appointments, etc.?*

39. Have you ever tried to stop using drugs on your own?

- (a) no
  - (b) yes (which drugs)
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*IF NO: go directly to # 41. Attempts to stop must be voluntary; do not count any treatment time or mandatory confinement time.*

40. Did you ever start using any of those drugs again?

- (a) no
  - (b) yes (which drugs)
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41. Has your family, friends or anyone else ever been concerned about your drug use or suggested that you stop or cut down the amount of drugs you use?

- (a) no
- (b) yes

*Ask for clarification on "yes" responses (i.e., who was concerned and what was the concern).*

42. Have you ever become violent or very angry while under the influence of drugs?

- (a) no
- (b) yes

*Includes verbal and physical acts of anger/violence.*

43. Have you ever attempted suicide while under the influence of a drug?

- (a) no
- (b) yes

44. Have you ever not been able to pay some of your bills because you spent money on drugs?

- (a) no
- (b) yes

45. Do you think your drug use is harmful to you?

- (a) no
- (b) yes

*Accept the probationer's response.*

46. Are you concerned about getting AIDS because of your drug use? (a) no (b) yes

### Treatment History

47. Have you ever sought or received treatment for your drug use? (a) no (b) yes

*IF NO, go directly to #50;  
IF YES, ask #48 & #49.*

*Responses for questions 48 & 49 are to be marked on grid below:*

Type of Treatment or Services Received	(48)	(49) Dropped out/ did not complete (dates)	(49) Currently in treatment (dates)	(49) Completed (dates)
NA/AA meetings	[a]	[a]	[a-1]	[a-2]
Group Counseling	[b]	[b]	[b-1]	[b-2]
Individual Counseling	[c]	[c]	[c-1]	[c-2]
Detoxification	[d]	[d]	[d-1]	[d-2]
Hospitalization	[e]	[e]	[e-1]	[e-2]
Residential Treatment	[f]	[f]	[f-1]	[f-2]
Other (specify)	[g]	[g]	[g-1]	[g-2]

48. What type of treatment did you receive?

*Get name of program for verification; mark answers for 48 & 49 on grid above.*

49. What was the result of that treatment?

50. Have you ever used methadone? (a) no (b) yes

51. Which members of your family have used drugs or received treatment for their drug use?  
 (a) none  
 (b) father  
 (c) mother  
 (d) sister/brother  
 (e) wife/husband  
 (f) children  
 (g) in-laws  
 (h) other

*Mark "h" if the probationer is unwilling to identify which relative, but acknowledges family history of use.*

52. Would you be willing to get some type of treatment for your drug use if it was determined that you needed it? (a) no (b) yes (c) yes, with excuses/qualifiers

*Mark "c" instead of "b" if reply is other than a straightforward "yes."*

## Probationer's Reality

53. Have you ever lied to get out of serious trouble?

- (a) no
- (b) no, with explanation
- (c) yes

*Mark "b" instead of "a" if reply is other than a straightforward "no."*

54. Would there be any reason why someone would say that they think you have a drug problem?

- (a) no
- (b) yes
- (c) responds with questions/excuses

*Mark "c" if not a straightforward yes or no.*

55. Will you successfully pass a lie detector test with the answers you have given for these questions?

- (a) indicates fine/no problems
- (b) excuses/questions/concerns

56. Do you think you have a drug problem?

- (a) no IF NO, ASK: ARE YOU SURE?
  - (aa) yes
  - (ab) any other response
- (b) yes

57. Do you still use drugs, even occasionally?

- (a) no
- (b) yes

58. If private use of drugs were legalized, what drugs would you use?

- (a) inhalents
- (b) marijuana
- (c) barbiturates/downers
- (d) amphetamines/speed/uppers
- (e) hallucinogens
- (f) cocaine
- (g) crack
- (h) heroin
- (i) other narcotics/opiates
- (j) PCP
- (k) other \_\_\_\_\_
- (l) I would not use any drugs

-----END PERSONAL INTERVIEW-----

## Officer's Impressions

**INSTRUCTIONS:** On a scale of "a" to "e" - with "a" indicating high significance and "e" indicating little or no significance - rate the probationer in the following areas. You are to consider how each of the following questions contributes to the probationer's drug use and criminality. Reflect on your impressions during the interview and consider other information you have about this person (i.e. criminal, medical, treatment histories; SCS; supervision classification; PSI; etc.)

MORE  $\longleftrightarrow$  LESS

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| 59. Does this probationer have a criminal value system; is criminal activity a way of life for this person?   | (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) | <i>Not based on the "seriousness" of crimes committed; focus on continuing criminal activity; lifestyle.</i>  |
| 60. Is this probationer involved in the criminal justice system solely because of drug use?                   | (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) | <i>Were it not for drug use, this person would not be a "criminal."</i>   |
| 61. Is this probationer involved in the criminal justice system regardless of his/her drug use?               | (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) | <i>This person will continue to commit crimes WHETHER OR NOT s/he uses drugs.</i>   |
| 62. Is treatment indicated for this probationer?  | (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) | <i>Based upon your judgement, not the probationer's.</i>  |
| 63. Is it likely that a treatment referral will have a positive impact on this probationer?                   | (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) | <i>What are the chances for at least some success?</i>  |
| 64. Does this probationer display the knowledge or appearance of someone who is part of the drug sub-culture? | (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) | <i>How does s/he dress; natural use of drug terms and language; knowledge of drug effects/actions and drug "people and places"?</i>   |
| 65. Does this probationer indicate a problem with alcohol along with illicit drug use?                        | (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) | <i>To score an "a," an alcohol problem MUST be indicated AND the alcohol use is a significant factor in the probationer's criminal behavior. To score "e," alcohol problem will NOT be indicated NOR will it be a factor for criminal behavior.</i> |
| 66. Did the probationer "openly" discuss his/her drug use?  | (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) | <i>As compared to the average probationer did s/he reasonably self-disclose? Mark "a" if s/he seriously denies a blatant problem; mark "e" if s/he sincerely talked of use/concerns.</i>  |

# DRUG OFFENDER PROFILES

Probationer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cause # \_\_\_\_\_

Offense \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

1. inh ( )	2. inh (a) (b) (c) (d)	3. inh ( )	4. inh ( )	5. inh ( )	6. inh (a) (b) (c) (d)	7. inh ( )	8. inh ( )	9. inh (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h)	10. inh ( )
mar ( )	mar (a) (b) (c) (d)	mar ( )	mar ( )	mar ( )	mar (a) (b) (c) (d)	mar ( )	mar ( )	mar (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h)	mar ( )
barb ( )	barb (a) (b) (c) (d)	barb ( )	barb ( )	barb ( )	barb (a) (b) (c) (d)	barb ( )	barb ( )	barb (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h)	barb ( )
amph ( )	amph (a) (b) (c) (d)	amph ( )	amph ( )	amph ( )	amph (a) (b) (c) (d)	amph ( )	amph ( )	amph (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h)	amph ( )
hallc ( )	hallc (a) (b) (c) (d)	hallc ( )	hallc ( )	hallc ( )	hallc (a) (b) (c) (d)	hallc ( )	hallc ( )	hallc (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h)	hallc ( )
coke ( )	coke (a) (b) (c) (d)	coke ( )	coke ( )	coke ( )	coke (a) (b) (c) (d)	coke ( )	coke ( )	coke (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h)	coke ( )
crack ( )	crack (a) (b) (c) (d)	crack ( )	crack ( )	crack ( )	crack (a) (b) (c) (d)	crack ( )	crack ( )	crack (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h)	crack ( )
heroin ( )	heroin (a) (b) (c) (d)	heroin ( )	heroin ( )	heroin ( )	heroin (a) (b) (c) (d)	heroin ( )	heroin ( )	heroin (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h)	heroin ( )
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PCP ( )	PCP (a) (b) (c) (d)	PCP ( )	PCP ( )	PCP ( )	PCP (a) (b) (c) (d)	PCP ( )	PCP ( )	PCP (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h)	PCP ( )
other ( )	other (a) (b) (c) (d)	other ( )	other ( )	other ( )	other (a) (b) (c) (d)	other ( )	other ( )	other (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h)	other ( )

11. (a) (b)	12. (a) (b)	13. (a) (b) (c)	14. (a) (b)	15. (a) (b)	16. (a) (b) (c)	17. (a) (b) (c)	18. (a) (b) (c)	19. (a) (b) (c)	20. (a) (b) (c)	21. (a) (b) (c)	22. (a) (b) (c)	23. (a) (b)	24. (a) (b)	25. (a) (b)	26. (a) (b) (c)	27. (a) (b) (c)	28. (a) (b)	29. (a) (b)	30. (a) (b)	31. (a) (b)	32. (a) (b)	33. (a) (b)	34. (a) (b)	35. (a) (b) (c)	36. (a) (b) (c)	37. (a) (b) (c)	38. (a) (b)	39. (a) (b)

40. (a) (b)	41. (a) (b)	42. (a) (b)	43. (a) (b)	44. (a) (b)	45. (a) (b)	46. (a) (b)	47. (a) (b)	48. (a) (b)	49. (a) (a1) (a2)	50. (a) (b)	51. (a) (b)	52. (a) (b)	53. (a) (b)	54. (a) (b)	55. (a) (b)	56. (a) (aa)	57. (a) (b)	58. (a) (b)	59. (a) (b)	60. (a) (b)	61. (a) (b)	62. (a) (b)	63. (a) (b)	64. (a) (b)	65. (a) (b)	66. (a) (b)

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