

Juvenile Sex Offender: Purposes of Prosecution

1. Prevent further victimization.
2. Protect community.
3. Assure complete investigation of complaint.
4. Demonstrate that sexually abusive behavior is serious and illegal and will not be tolerated.
5. Hold offender accountable/responsible for his behavior.
6. Determine consequences.
7. Support victim's rights and reduce minimization and denial by offenders and others.
8. Evaluate the need for treatment.
9. Facilitate and/or mandate entrance into specialized treatment and enhance the offender's motivation for change.
10. Assure continued treatment.
11. Provide for supervision and follow-up (orders for probation/parole, also safeguards/safety plan).
12. Document record of offending.
13. Help families who are denying the child's behavior to follow through with treatment.

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