

PROGNOSIS

Juvenile sex offenders who exhibit the following behaviors have a poor prognosis and have not mastered earlier therapeutic tasks. The caseworker should delay reunification until the issues are resolved (adapted from Hedges, 1994.)

- ⇒ Failure of the family or juvenile sex offender to recognize the continuing and permanent potential for re-offending, and the need for ongoing intervention.

- ⇒ The family and/or the juvenile sex offender minimizes or trivializes the abuse.

- ⇒ The family is unable to develop a specific and/or realistic safety plan.

- ⇒ The offender places him/herself in situations previously identified as high risk for re-offending.

- ⇒ The family cannot make a commitment to helping the young offender or to ensuring safety.