

## **PERPETRATOR'S READINESS TO REUNIFY**

Consider the following questions in assessing the perpetrator's readiness to reunify (Salter, 1995; O'Connell, 1994; Petrusek, 1995):

- a. Does the perpetrator understand and accept his/her on-going possibility of re-offending?
- b. Does the perpetrator fully understand his/her own abusive cycle including thinking errors, grooming behaviors, offense planning, victim targeting, deviant sexual fantasies and masturbation and maintaining the secrecy?
- c. Does the perpetrator accept that to control his/her deviant thoughts and abusive behaviors, other people must monitor and help the perpetrator control his or her abuse cycle.
- d. Does the perpetrator believe the consequences of his/her offending, including prosecution and incarceration, were fair?
- e. Does the offender accept full responsibility for the abuse?
- f. Does the perpetrator understand that he/she can not have equal parenting rights with the NOP?
- g. Does the perpetrator have a support system in place?