

Assessing Risk: The NOP

- a. Does the NOP correctly attribute responsibility for the abuse and for the sequel of disclosure to the offender or does she continue to project anger onto “the system” and/or the victim. Does the NOP minimize or rationalize the perpetrator’s behavior and its effect on the child and family?
- b. Has the NOP demonstrated an understanding of the ways in which incest distorted the structure and function of the family or does she continue to see the incest as an isolated series of events?
- c. Has the NOP demonstrated assertive parenting skills independent of perpetrator?
- d. Has the NOP restored the parent-child bond with the victim or is her primary alliance with the perpetrator? Is she capable of offering consistent support to the child?
- e. Have the NOP and the perpetrator addressed the issues in their marriage that may constitute risk for the family?
- f. Does the NOP see the offender as a continuing risk to her children or does she see him as cured?
- g. Has the NOP demonstrated an understanding of the offender’s cycle, with particular attention to grooming behavior and high risk situations?
- h. Has the NOP dealt with issues of alcoholism, substance abuse, domestic abuse, etc.?
- i. Is the NOP prepared to take responsibility for parenting including all disciplining, supervision, and physical care of the child(ren)? Can she implement appropriate protective measures for the children?
- j. Has the NOP demonstrated that she can manage children’s problematic behavior?
- k. Does the NOP understand and has she demonstrated her role in the prevention of future abuse?