



COMPAS | YOUTH

the science behind improved inmate classification & case management

The **COMPAS** system is an integrated computerized assessment and case management system including Core, Youth, Reentry and Women's assessment modules for criminal justice practitioners who must make decisions regarding community placement, supervision, treatment and case-management of offenders. **COMPAS** is used through pre-trial, probation, institutions, parole and community corrections across the country.

In overloaded criminal justice systems brevity, efficiency, ease of administration and the clear organization of key risk/needs data are critical. **COMPAS** optimizes these critical factors. We acknowledge the trade-off between comprehensive coverage of key risk and criminogenic need factors on the one hand, and practicality on the other. **COMPAS** deals with this trade-off by providing a comprehensive set of key risk and criminogenic needs factors that can be customized so that an agency can selectively trim down the set of risk/need scales to achieve the ease of use, practicality and focus that are critical for decision support.

COMPAS Youth

Northpointe has developed an automated risk and needs assessment for juvenile offenders. Fully Windows compliant, the instrument is comprehensive in its coverage of risk and protective factors. **COMPAS Youth** is designed to take advantage of recent research on the predictors and needs factors most strongly linked to juvenile delinquent behavior. It also incorporates the "strengths perspective" and contains many critical factors that may protect the high-risk youth from serious delinquency.

The software has been designed to be easy to use and efficient for those who work in busy agencies with high caseloads. The length of the assessment can be adjusted by agency staff to fit their workload and intervention/explanatory needs by selecting various scale combinations from any of 31 criminogenic and needs scales. A computer-generated graphic report is used to pinpoint the critical problem areas of each youth and to provide decision support for case planning, treatment and placement decisions.

Northpointe Institute for Public Management is a research and consulting firm, offering software products, training and implementation services to local, state and federal criminal justice systems and policy makers. Northpointe provides the tools to improve decision making for individuals, agencies and communities, and has long been a leader in decision support services for the corrections industry. Northpointe helps clients through a variety of challenges to become well-trained and professional evidence-based organizations.



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