

TCU ADOL HVCTFORM

Scales and Item Scoring Guide

Scoring Instructions. Numbers for each item indicate its location in the administration version, in which response categories are 1=Disagree Strongly to 5=Agree Strongly;

® designates items with reflected scoring. Scores for each scale are obtained by summing responses to its set of items (after reversing scores on reflected items by subtracting the item response from “6”), dividing the sum by number of items included (yielding an average) and multiplying by 10 in order to rescale final scores so they range from 10 to 50 (e.g., an average response of 2.6 for a scale becomes a score of “26”).

HIV SCALES

A. Risky Drug Use Avoidance (DAVY)

1. You are confident that you will never share works/needles.
7. If you do decide to inject drugs, you will always use a “clean” needle.
13. If you decide to get a tattoo, you will insist they use a clean needle.
15. You feel sure of yourself in controlling your risky drug use activities.

B. Risky Sex Avoidance (SAVY)

3. You are confident you will always “do the right thing” when it comes to risky sexual activities.
10. You are confident that you will always use a condom when having sexual intercourse.
17. It is easy for you to talk with a sex partner about using condoms.

C. Risk Assertiveness (RASV)

2. You will get tested for HIV if you think that you might have been exposed.
5. Even if it means being embarrassed, you will talk to others about your HIV/AIDS concerns.
11. You know how to stand up for yourself when someone tries to pressure you to take a risk.

D. Self-Knowledge (SKY)

4. You know that if you are intoxicated, you are likely to make poor decisions about drugs.
6. You have learned to think ahead in order to make less risky decisions about drug use.
8. You have learned what situations might lead you to make a poor decision about risky sex.
9. You have a clear mental plan for how to avoid situations that lead to risky sex.
12. You are confident you won't let your emotions lead to unsafe sex.
14. There are things you want to change to help avoid getting AIDS or hepatitis.
16. You have learned what situations might lead you to make poor decisions about risky drug use.
18. Your confidence in decision making about HIV risks in the “real world” has increased.

CRIMINAL THINKING SCALES

E. Power Orientation (POY) *

- 20. The only way to protect yourself is to be ready to fight.
- 22. You like to be in control.
- 24. When people tell you what to do, you become aggressive.
- 28. You think you have to pay back people who mess with you.
- 29. You argue with others over relatively trivial matters.
- 32. When not in control of a situation, you feel the need to exert power over others.
- 34. If someone disrespects you then you have to straighten them out, even if you have to get physical.

F. Cold Heartedness (CHY)

- 19. You worry when a friend is having problems. ®
- 23. You get upset when you hear about someone who has lost everything in a natural disaster. ®
- 27. Seeing someone cry makes you sad. ®
- 31. You feel people are important to you. ®
- 35. You are sometimes so moved by an experience that you feel emotions you cannot describe. ®

G. Personal Irresponsibility (PIY)

- 21. You may be a criminal, but your environment made you that way.
- 25. You are in this program because you had a run of bad luck.
- 26. Laws are just a way to keep poor people down.
- 30. You are not to blame for everything you have done.
- 33. The real reason you are in this program is because of your race.
- 36. Nothing you do here is going to make a difference in the way you are treated.

*Revised “Psychological Inventory of Criminal Thinking Styles (PICTS)” scale, taken from Walters, G. D. (1998). [Changing lives of crime and drugs: Intervening with substance abusing offenders. New York: John Wiley & Sons.]

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