



Advancing The Outcomes for Youth With
Sexual Behavior Problems and Their Families

Polygraph Statement from IN-AJSOP

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With the release of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) Juvenile Guidelines in April 2017 and a subsequent review of the relevant research literature, IN-AJSOP does not endorse the use of the polygraph with juveniles. During a period of transition away from the use of polygraphs, if an agency/professional chooses to use polygraphs, then a specific policy should be in place that addresses the criteria/decision making process to utilize the polygraph. The policy should include but is not limited to the following: the lack of empirical support, ethical dilemmas, exclusion criteria, methods for avoiding or reducing harm, and justification for inclusion.

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