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PREDICTING JUVENILE CRIME: CURRENT PRACTICES AND FUTURE TRENDS

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The prediction of criminal behavior has become a key point in the criminological field due to its capacity to prevent continuance in the short term (youth reoffending), and in the long term (adult offending). Are we doing our best in this important task? What can be done to improve the field? Some usual practices in forensic professionals using risk assessment tools will be analysed and improvements mentioned. Moreover, current research and future trends about one of the most used risk assessment tools in juveniles, the Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (YLS/CMI), by Andrews and Bonta (2006), will be discussed. Specifically, those advances in risk prediction with implications for practitioners, such as predictive validity, classification errors, its general application to different races or cultures (ethnic minorities) or age ranges (emerging young adulthood), and even its interrelation to the efficacy of the educational measures assigned to the minor.

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