

Name of Tool	Structured Assessment of Positive Factors for Violence Risk: Youth Version (SAPROF: YV)
Category	Youth Assessment: Violence Risk (Awaiting Validation)
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Description

- The SAPROF: YV is an adolescent version of the SAPROF.
- It is to be used in addition to other tools like the SAVRY and YLS/CMI to formulate risk scenarios and calculate an overall risk score consisting of both risk and protective factors.
- The SAPROF only measures protective factors grouped into four domains: resilience, consisting of social competence, coping, self-control and perseverance; motivational items of future orientating attitude towards agreements and conditions, medication, school work and leisure activities; relational domain of parents/guardians, peers and other supportive relationships; external items, containing pedagogical climate, professional care and court order.
- Every item is rated on a seven point scale and the strength of this over the course of six months. The rater also highlights the critical factors to preventing violent offending for each individual and these are then incorporated into treatment targets.

Age Appropriateness

12-18

The authors maintain that it could possibly be used up to age 23.

Assessor Qualifications

- Experience and training in conducting individual assessments with adolescents.
- Experience and training in the administration and interpretation of tests and semi-structured interviews.
- Assessors should also be familiar with the most recent professional and research literature on the causes and prediction of violence in youth.

Tool Development

- Two pilot studies were carried out on the SAPROF:YV. Validation studies are said to be on-going in European, Asian and North American countries.
- [Zeng et al. \(2015\)](#) applied the SAPROF to 97 Singaporean youth and found that the total domain score did not result in acceptable predictive validity. It was, thus, advocated that a youth version of the tool should be developed and used for testing adolescents.
- An unpublished Masters dissertation examined aggression in 69 adolescents using the SAPROF:YV and SAVRY. The SAPROF:YV displayed good convergent and discriminant validity with

the SAVRY. The SAPROF: YV predicted the absence of verbal and physical aggression; it was also found to be better at predicting higher risk adolescents than lower risk ones. The SAPROF:YV did not, however, add incrementally to the SAVRY risk scores ([Bhanwer, 2016](#)).

General Notes

- The SAPROF:YV was implemented nation-wide across the Netherlands in juvenile justice institutions, with the requirement that this is coupled with the SAVRY in assessments ([de Vries Robbe and Willis, 2017](#)).
- It is available in English, Dutch and Spanish.
- Further information may be found at <http://www.saprof.com/saprof-youth-version/> or by emailing saprof-yv@saprof.com.