

## Purposes of Prosecution

- Prevent further victimization
- Protect community
- Assure complete investigation of complaint
- Demonstrate that sexually abusive behavior is serious, illegal and will not be tolerated
- Hold the juvenile accountable/responsible for his behavior
- Determine consequences
- Support victim's rights and reduce minimization and denial by the juvenile and others
- Evaluate the need for treatment
- Facilitate and/or mandate entrance into specialized treatment and enhance the juvenile's motivation for change
- Assure continued treatment
- Provide for supervision and follow-up (orders for probation/parole, also safeguards/safety plan)
- Document record of the offending behavior
- Help families who are denying the juvenile's sexual offending behavior to follow through with treatment