This is the key for the **Childhood Psychopathy Scale**.   I added a few items in an attempt to get slightly better representation and internal consistency; these additional items are in bold in the following lists. Norman Poythress has been using the scale with the additional items and has reported good results in several incarcerated samples. The alphas given in parentheses are based on self-reports of 335 adolescents and do not include the bold items. For each scale, reverse the appropriate items and average the items on the scale (this puts all scale in the same metric). As for the new items, I recommend looking to see if they increase the internal consistency of the scale; if they do increase the internal consistency, I would use them.

All of the following scales are scored such that higher scores (if you code "YES" as 1 and "NO" as 0) reflect more of the trait and can be combined to form a total psychopathy scale.

Items and Subscales of the Childhood Psychopathy Scale (self-report version)

Glibness (α = .43)
6. Do you try to be the center of attention?
   (Do you show off to get people to pay attention to you?)
33. Are you talkative?
41. Are you shy? (R)
46. Do you tell stories to make yourself look good?

Untruthfulness (α = .14)
5. Are you open and straightforward? (R)
11. Will you usually tell a lie if you think you can get away with it?
28. Can you be trusted? (R)
30. Do people usually believe you when you tell a lie?
50. Are you a good liar?

Boredom Susceptibility (α. = .24)
7. Do you stay away from scary things and places? (R)
12. Are you easily bored?
27. Do you do dangerous things for the fun of it?
32. Do you need to have things be exciting?
45. Do you concentrate well on things? (R)

Manipulation (α = .61)
8. Do you try to act charming in order to get your way?
16. Do you try to take advantage of other people?
39. Do you try to get others to do what you want by playing up to them?

Lack of Guilt (α = .66)
26. Do you usually feel guilty after doing something wrong? (R)
35. Does it bother you when you do something wrong? (R)
37. Do you regret many things that you have done? (R)

Poverty of Affect (α = .26)
    1.   Are you a warm and kind person? (R)
    3.   Do you make close friendships with other people? (R)
    10.   Are your moods unpredictable?
           (Do your feelings change often and quickly?)
    13.   Do you show your feelings openly? (R)
    15.   Are you protective of people who are close to you? (R)
    21.   Do your feelings come and go quickly?
    34.   Do you sometimes fake your feelings?

Callousness (α = .44)
    18.   Are you considerate and thoughtful of other people? (R)
    20.   Are you mean to other people?
    31.   Do you tease and pick on other kids?
    48.   Do you try not to hurt other people's feelings? (R)

Parasitic Lifestyle (α = .35)
    14.   Do you try to see how much you can get away with?
    17.   Do you give, lend, and share things? (R)
    24.   Do you usually pay back what you borrow? (R)
    44.   Do you take a lot and not give much in return?

Behavioral Dyscontrol (α = .66)
    2.   Are you easily frustrated?
    36.   Do you get irritated or mad over little things?
    47.   Do you have a quick temper?

Lack of Planning (α = .45)
    9.   Do you think about what you want to do with the rest of your life? (R)
    25.   Do you plan things ahead? (R)
    38.   Do you set goals for yourself and try to reach them? (R)

Impulsiveness (α = .57)
    22.   Do you use your head before doing or saying something? (R)
    23.   Do you have a hard time waiting for things you want?
    42.   Do you think about your actions and behavior? (R)

Unreliability (α = .21)
    19.   When you start working on something, do you stick with it? (R)
    29.   Are you reliable and dependable? (R)
    49.   Do you often have to break your promises?

Failure to Accept Responsibility (α = .19)
    4.   Do you try to blame other people for things that you have done?
    40.   Do you get blamed for things you did not do?
    43.   When you get in trouble, are you a smooth talker?