

Abstract

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This thesis deals with adolescent as offenders and their family environment and family relationships. The theoretical part of this work presents the importance of the family during adolescence as it related to specific factors which may have an impact on whether juveniles commit the offence or not.

The importance of the family environment was the basis for the design, development and implementation of psychosocial program "Together". In the case of juveniles' committing crimes, the relationships between family members are even more at risk, which appears to be at risk for further development and upbringing. The aim of the program was to strengthen the juvenile's personality and relationships in their family.

The purpose of the program activities, within a safe environment to allow juvenile offenders and their parents to share some important information from their life experiences to help with reflection. The aim of these activities was also to strengthen the experience of family cohesion that are needed for reciprocal respect and support.

The program was implemented along with three juveniles and their mothers (single parent). The life stories of these adolescents are in the thesis dealt with in detail. Together with the outputs of the various activities of the program show the juveniles and complete pictures of their families.

The effectiveness of the program was assessed by evaluating scale semantic differential and interview with program participants.

Psychosocial program "Together" designed for juvenile offenders and their parents proved to be a useful and meaningful way to work with this target group.

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