

Juvenile Crimes and Its Counseling Implications

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ABSTRACT No matter where one lives in the world today, everyday seems to bring another crop of lurid crimes committed by youngsters. These waves of crimes among young people have increased dramatically over the last few decades and begin more and more at ever lower ages. Juvenile crime is a complex psycho-social problem caused and reinforced by no single factor. This paper attempts to look into the current waves of crimes, psychology of the early and late blooming delinquents, the current deterrent measures and their effectiveness. Management strategies by guidance counselors and other stakeholders for juvenile crimes such as early prevention programmes for early delinquents, parents' management training and children interpersonal skill training programmes were discussed. The late blooming delinquent management programmes such as insight-oriented counseling, community wholesome therapeutic techniques and competency development programmes were highlighted. Though tasking, preventing juvenile crime is a possibility if the management techniques can be translated into concrete behavioural programmes and policies.