

P R E F A C E

The problem of juvenile delinquency has been the focal point of attraction to quite a few social and behavioural scientists. Its magnitude, complexity and dearth of data on 'Treatment Strategies' made the investigator to conduct the study. "The effects of group counselling on the self-esteem of institutionalized juvenile delinquents" has been the cardinal focus of this research study. The research was conducted at the 'Juvenile Home' Baroda. Two treatment techniques were employed for group counselling and 24 sessions were given for the treatment over a period of three months. Pre-treatment and post-treatment data on self-esteem, depression, and various dimensions of personality were considered in drawing conclusions. It is hoped that this arduous attempt will be appreciated by Social Defence Department, Government of India, and ^{found} useful to various practitioners in the field.

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