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ABSTRACT

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OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

A. General

To analyze the personal history of children (Children In-Contact with the Law) who are allegedly committed crime such as Murder,

B. Specific

1. What incident led the children for them to consider as Children In Contact with the Law?

2. How did it affect on them?

3. How did it affect their family?

4. How did it affect the environment of the children?

5. How will it affect the better future for the children?

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

The study focused on the analysis of personal history of those Children In Contact with the Law, live in different place here in Cavite who are covered of RA 9344 (Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act). On the other hand, this study did not intend to measure the discernment and psychological effects of the incident to the children.
METHODOLOGY

The CRI 31 and CRI 32 sought permission to interview the children as their subject of the study from the officer in charge in Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in Bacoor Cavite. After the permission CRI 31, CRI 32 conducted on interview with the children. And this interview focused on the story of how the crime was committed, what they felt about the situation they have now, and what are those positive way they thought in line with the better future they are still hoping. Also, there is another schedule for the family of the children, asking them the story of those crimes and how they felt about the incident and situation.

CONCLUSIONS

Committing a crime in a young age really destroys the life of a child, his possible better future. In this study both the victim and the children who are Children In Contact with the Law gain nothing. The victim affects because whatever the reason why, they are still the victim. It lost such things on their part. On the other hand, the children involved to it, do become affected for the reason that in their young age, they suffer this unexpected situation. And it really affects his environment, his family and of course his self.

It is really important for everyone to be careful and aware of what could be the possible consequence of all our action. Like all of the children
involved in this study, despite of being a children with not yet full responsibility, when time comes, they should face the responsibility they have in committing the crime they have been committed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the story that the researchers gathered, the following recommendations are hereby presented:

1. Improve the Juvenile Justice System

When children involved in committing the crime, they should legally take in the custody of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). There should be a Family Court wherein will discuss the crime committed by the children.

In this study, most of the children we interviewed detain together with the adult offender is one of the violation in the law.

2. Uphold the humane treatment of the children

When it comes to children, they should be given a chance to treat in a proper and just manner. They have should been given a first priority before anyone else.

In this, even though they are Children In Contact with the Law, they must still exercise the Constitutional Rights they have.
3. Improve the facilities for those Children In Contact with the Law

The government must be aware of the needs of the children committed the crime who is now under the custody of the DSWD. The needs / necessities of children while they are staying in the custody must be prioritized, for them to not deprive their Constitutional Rights.

4. Strengthen the family ties

We all know that at home is the first and foundation place where children develop his personality. Family must be organized for the children to be more aware of what is right or wrong. There must be a unity with the family to avoid any acts that will destroy a better future that every children must have.

5. Create different programs / activities for the children

Different recreational activities will benefit the children to avoid the involvement in wrong doings / temptation. And it will lead them to be more potential to the thing they want in the future.

Summer Education and Programs are the best example of it for the continuous learning, development and improvement of one’s child.