

ABSTRACT

Thesis Title : The Effects of Group Counseling on Juvenile Delinquents' Self - Esteem at The Observation and Protection Center in Khon Kaen

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The purpose of this research was to study the effects of Group Counseling on Juvenile Delinquents' Self-Esteem at The Observation and Protection Center in Khon Kaen . Twenty male Juveniles were selected from the population group of 50 Juveniles delinquent, convicted in stealing cases and had been placed for at least 6 months in Observation and Protection Center in Khon Kaen . The sampling group had been evaluate in order to see its self-esteem, using the Coopersmith Self-Esteem Inventory School Form, Sutdent's Edition; (translated by Sasikan Thanasothon). SCL-90 had been used in order to evaluate mental health problem, and SPM test had been used in other to evaluate intelligence scale.

The procedures: the sampling group of 20 male juveniles was randomly assigned into experimental group and control group, comprised of 10 juveniles each. The experimental group participated in group counseling activities ,led by

the researcher for one hour and a half, twice a week for consecutively 5 weeks. Then, the followed-up had been observed one month after the experimental. T-test had been used for the analysis of the data.

The results of this research had been found that:

- 1) The average scores in self-esteem of the juveniles in the experimental group The average scores, after having participated in group counseling activities, had been increased at the significant level of 0.05
- 2) The average scores of the experimental group, after having group counseling activities, were higher than the average scores of the control group at the significant level of 0.05
- 3) The average scores in Self-esteem of the experimental group after 1 month follwed-up were higher than the control group at the significant level of 0.05