

Apatcha Sirichai 2011: Factors Affecting Recidivism Behavior of Children and Youth at the Juvenile Vocational Training Centres, Department of Juvenile Observation and Protection. Master of Arts (Applied Sociology), Major Field: Applied Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Thesis Advisor: Assistant Professor Warrachai Wiriyaomp, Ph.D. 139 pages.

The purposes of the research were to study social factors, emotional, and behavioral characteristics and recidivism of children and youth at the Juvenile Vocational Training Centres, Department of Juvenile Observation and Protection. The research populations in this study were 360 children and youthful offenders with having recidivism behavior from Bann Karuna, Bann Muthita, Bann Ubekkha which were Boy Training Centers and Bann Pranee which was a Girl Training Center. The instrument used in the study was a simple random sampling analyzed the data by using percentage, mean, and correlation coefficient of Pearson Chi-square with 95% of confident level.

The results of the study showed that 1) Most children and youthful offenders were 60.78 % of boys and 39.22% of girls aging from 15-17 years with having an education in junior high school (M.1-M.3). The income of their families was ranging from 7,001-10,000 baht per month. Their fathers and mothers' profession was a handyman. 2) It was found that peer pressure factor had the most effectiveness on recidivism with having an average in a high level and the characteristics of families and communities were inferior to the former factor. 3) Children and youth from the Training Centers had an emotional quotient in well, the good and hapiness with having an average in a normal criterion. 4) The children and youthful offenders used to commit an offence at least once. Their last offence was about possessions. This was related to money problem. 5) There was no relationship between social and emotional characteristics with the children and youthful offenders' recidivism of children and youth at the Juvenile Vocational Training Centres, Department of Juvenile Observation and Protection by having statistically significant at .05.

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