

Abstract

The objective of the study on “Attitudes of Children and Youth toward Welfare of the Training Center for Boys at Ubekkha Home” is to study the welfare available at the training center, perception and use of welfare, and satisfaction with welfare, as well as opinions on how to improve the welfare at the Training Center for Boys at Ubekkha Home. Samples consist of 132 boys at Ubekkha Home. Data are collected using the questionnaire and analyzed using SPSS and statistical tools of percentage, mean, and standard deviation. The findings of the study are as follows:

All the samples are boys, most being single, aged between 17 and 19 years, with domicile in the Central Region, Buddhist, with primary education, living with their parents who invariably live in separate families. Children and youth enjoyed good relationship with the people they lived with before their misconducts. They used to work as general hired hands and earn a daily income from their work and their parents. The most common misconduct is concerned with money and is their first offence. The court sentenced them to undergo training and education for 2-5 years. Most still have at least one more year to go at the training center and are at level 3. Children and youth have a perception of welfare in all aspects, except employment on damage insurance against work after their release in which their perception level is low. However, their experiences in using welfare are different in all aspects except for treatment referral when they are very ill and for employment. Their satisfaction with welfare in the class system is high, and they want to see improvement in the class system, especially the opportunity for a right to more home leaves and each leave for many days.

The study recommends that the center should explain to children and youth about welfare, allowing them an opportunity to participate in joint responsibility. The center should provide vocational trainings that are really practical after their release. The center should coordinate with the Department of Employment and the Department of Skills Development to monitor the needs for skilled labor and types of vocational training and should attach importance to opinion-sharing in the form of group meeting,

involving parents in the thinking and improvement of welfare in the center for the utmost benefits of children and youth.