

Ormruedee Veerakalus 2012: Developmental Assets, Social Skill, Optimism and Sense of Coherence of Male Youth Probationers of Probation Offices in Bangkok. Master of Science (Community Psychology), Major Field: Community Psychology, Department of Psychology. Thesis Advisor: Mr. Theerapat Wongkumsin, Ed.D. 235 pages.

The objectives of this research were to study: 1) levels of developmental assets, social skill, optimism and sense of coherence of male youth probationers, 2) to compare sense of coherence of male youth probationers by different personal factors, 3) to study relationship between developmental assets and sense of coherence of male youth probationers, 4) to study relationship between social skill and sense of coherence of male youth probationers and, 5) to study relationship between optimism and sense of coherence of male youth probationers. The samples used in this research were 308 of male youth probationers of probation offices in Bangkok. The data were collected by questionnaires and analyzed by a statistical package program. The statistical methods used for analysis were percentage, mean, standard deviation, t-test, F-test and Pearson's Product Moment Correlation Coefficient. The statistical significance were set at .05 and .01 level of confidence.

The results were as follows: 1) developmental assets of male youth probationers were at the moderate level, social skill of male youth probationers were at the high level, optimism of male youth probationers were at the high level and sense of coherence of male youth probationers were at the high level, 2) the male youth probationers who had different personal factors such as education level, place of birth, birth order, couple life status of parent, education level of the father, education level of the mother, occupation of the father, occupation of the mother and family income do not have difference in sense of coherence, 3) developmental assets had positively related to sense of coherence of male youth probationers statistical significance at .01 level, 4) social skill had positively related to sense of coherence of male youth probationers statistical significance at .01 level and, 5) optimism had positively related to sense of coherence of male youth probationers statistical significance at .01 level.

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