Family Dynamics Affecting Juvenile Delinquency

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Abstract

Adoption of unlawful activities from young individuals is one growing concern that requires necessary attention. It is worthy to mention that the issue of juvenile delinquency linked with the perspective of family dynamics. It is important to assess different factors of family dynamics that play a critical role in the entire form of unlawful practices adopted by children. It is observed that disturbing family structure or disturbing association between children and parents eventually increase the chances of adoption of criminal activities. There is a need for considering theoretical domains to establish better forms of family dynamics to provide assistance in the entire scenario of juvenile justice.

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# Introduction

Juvenile delinquency is recognized as one of the critical aspects of the phenomenon of criminal justice. Today, the country is facing the issue of a growing trend of juvenile delinquency that appears in many different forms. It is important to discover different aspects relevant to the concern of juvenile delinquency. The problem of juvenile delinquency established as the involvement of young individuals or children in different criminal activities. When it comes to a critical examination of the issue of juvenile delinquency than the impact of the family can never be ignored (Schroeder, Osgood, & Oghia, 2010). Family is characterized as the first social institution for the children that provides them with the necessary knowledge about right and wrong. Undoubtedly, it is critical to examine what particular family dynamics affect the approach of juvenile delinquency in the broader form of criminal justice. Here the main focus is to critically examine different aspects of family dynamics to assess its influence on the concern of juvenile delinquency.

# Discussion

Family is established as a necessary part of the overall development of the children. It is observed that children who facing are facing the issues of conflicted families eventually turned as the criminals in the long-run. The problem of unlawful activities started from their childhood that brings the issue of juvenile delinquency (Ryan, Williams, & Courtney, 2013). A comprehensive examination of the influence of the family dynamics on the issue of juvenile delinquency is important to ensure better forms of juvenile justice.

## Overview of the Issue

Suitable solutions can only propose if there is a proper overview of the different aspects of family dynamics that cause the increasing issue of juvenile offending. Consideration of different factors ultimately helps to identify the root causes and adopt significant measures. It is significant to assess how family dynamics change over time and how it affects the domain of criminal activities adopted by young individuals. Understanding of the family life of the children is essential to explore their connection with different social domains especially the family system (Sullivan, 2006). There is a range of former research studies that focus to examine different factors concerning the main problem of juvenile delinquency. It is vital to determine the prevailing connection between the perspectives of family dynamics and children’s motivation to indulge in different unlawful activities from a young age.

### Main Factors of Family Dynamics that Influence Juvenile Delinquency

Historical perspective of the issue indicates different factors of family dynamics that are closely linked with the issue of juvenile offending. Exploration of these factors is important to build an existing connection between family dynamics and children’s inclination to involve in criminal activities.

#### Family Structure

Family structure is one critical measure to determine children’s different social and psychological approaches. The overall form of family structure provides necessary guidelines for children to get involves in different social aspects (Alboukordi, Nazari, Nouri, & Sangdeh, 2012). The overall perspective of the structure of the family can be attributed as the necessary support system for the children.

#### Relationship of Children with Parents

Relationship of children with their parents is another major indicator to assess their positioning as the citizen (Hoeve et al., 2012). It is observed that the prevalence of strong affection and confidence between children and parents minimize the risk of children’s involvement in unlawful activities.

***Family Conflict***

Increasing form of family conflict ultimately encourages children to get involved in different criminal activities. The growing issue of family conflict negatively impact the emotional and psychological development of children and they start perceiving things negatively. It is obvious that disturbing family relationships compels young individuals to adopt different criminal activities such as indulge in the phenomenon of taking drugs etc.

#### Parental Aggressiveness and Parental Criminal Approach

The existing scenario of the juvenile delinquency indicates that if children are experiencing different forms of aggression from their family members than they are more prone to adopt the option of criminal activities. Imbalance family relationships ultimately motivate young individuals to seek comfort in adopting different inappropriate practices. Another aspect of consideration is to identify as the criminal record of parents. If family members are involved in unlawful activities than it ultimately increases the options for the children to consider the domain of juvenile delinquency.

## Application of Issue of Family Dynamics Affecting Juvenile Delinquency in Practical Setting

The phenomenon of the influence of family dynamics on juvenile delinquency can never fully understand without its application in a practical setting. This form of consideration helps to determine useful measures that can help for future paradigms (Ryan & Testa, 2005). Detailed understanding of the various aspects of the main issue is essential to propose some practical measures for the future. Development of a connection between family dynamics and juvenile delinquency also provides direction for the overall perspective of criminal justice.

### Theoretical Foundation to Define Association between Family Dynamics and Juvenile Delinquency

Adoption of the suitable theoretical foundation is essential to understand the prevailing association between family dynamics and juvenile delinquency in an effective way. Consideration of appropriate theory also helps to set better grounds for offering practical solutions to the issue of juvenile’s approach to unlawful activities. Coercion theory is an effective theoretical approach to figure out the behavioral aspects of the children (Halgunseth, Perkins, Lippold, & Nix, 2013). This form of consideration further helps to determine about the inappropriate behavioral aspect of the young individuals due to imbalance approach of their families (Boccio & Beaver, 2019). Coercion theory comprised of the idea that there is the possibility that families operating in the form of coercive cycles that leads children to adopt aggressive behavior. The inappropriate attitude of family members ultimately encourage children to get involves in different aggressive activities that sometimes appear as unlawful acts.

Application of the relevant theoretical perspective helps to address the impact of family dynamics on juvenile delinquency in the context of improper behavioral paradigms. The application of the issue can determine by considering different factors of the family dynamics. The practical setting of the approach of juvenile delinquency greatly linked with the outlook of family dynamics especially in the form of family structure. Deteriorating family system negatively influence the development of children and motivate them to utilize their energies in different criminal acts. Composition of families directly linked with the overall development of children. This form of consideration also linked with their paradigm of socializing in society. It is established on practical grounds that if children belong to a single-parent family or conflicted family association than there are high risk for them to adopt the scenario of crimes. Unsatisfactory family relationships instigate children to take wrong decisions when they start socializing in society in different forms (Leiber & Mack, 2003). The problematic form of socializing of young individuals ultimately increase the chances of their involvement in criminal activities.

## Formation of Assumptions about the Current and Future Use of Juvenile Justice

Detailed understanding of different aspects relevant to the issue of family dynamics and its impact on juvenile delinquency helps to compose necessary assumptions. Consideration of these specific assumptions helps to develop better practical measures for the current and future paradigm of juvenile justice. The family system is one significant indicator that involves the entire concern of juvenile delinquency when it comes to the assessment of its connection with family dynamics. The undesired approach of the structure of the family encourages children to attempt different criminal activities in their lives. The transition of the family is another assumption that involves the scenario of juvenile justice. Poor parental characteristics are the major indicator involves in the entire perspective of delinquency involves in case of children (Parks, 2013). A comprehensive examination of different assumptions of family dynamics eventually helps to develop better forms of juvenile justice in a realistic context. This form of consideration is mandatory as it is observed that children who belong to conflicted families eventually face the issues in the form of insignificant application of juvenile justice. Children who never have family support are low chances to retrieve themselves from the scenario of juvenile delinquency.

# Conclusion

To conclude the discussion about the issue of the growing impact of family dynamics on juvenile delinquency, it is important to indicate that it is one chronic concern that requires necessary attention. It is important to assess its various applications in the form of its influence at the community level. The issue of juvenile delinquency greatly linked with the approach of family dynamics in the form of various factors. Understanding of the different features such as the structure or composition of the family directly linked with the growing perspective of unlawful activities adopted by children. There is a need for offering some practical measures to develop better forms of families as strong social institutions.

**Recommendations**

* Family members need to enhance their positive roles to minimize the problem of juvenile delinquency.
* There is a need for offering some practical training programs at the community level to enhance the importance of the family in children’s development.
* Social institutions need to play their role as key stakeholders to adopt better domains of juvenile justice in society.
* Positive and flexible communication is mandatory between parents and children to timely figure out different concerns and avoids future complications.

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