Educators have an impact on Juvenile Delinquency

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The purpose of this research study is to determine the amount of impact educators have on the overall delinquency rate amongst juveniles, if they have any impact all. The information gathered throughout this research will be longitudinal with data gathered throughout. The manner the information will be gathered is through interviews conducted by several administrators. The interviews will include information about the juveniles, educators, administrators and the respective school districts. The interviews we believe will be the most effective manner to obtain information from both parties (educators and juveniles) and the information will be able to disseminate easier when gathered through the interview process because the administrators are in control by asking the questions.

It will also be cost effective to have the interviewers be the same ones that gather the information because it will save the organization money overall.

The population for this research will include educators from Miami Dade and Broward County public school district. The juveniles will also come from the same district. The amount of each is not final yet because once several interviews are conducted, the administrators will be able to gauge how many more they will need in order to make accurate conclusions and/or assumptions. The single stage sampling method will be used because them study is not differentiating amongst the severity or age of juveniles, rather the delinquency rate as a whole in each district. If the age of the juveniles and severity of their crimes then a clustering method would be appropriate to use. Stratification will not be present because the students and juveniles that will be part of the research will all have the same thing in common; they have committed delinquent crimes during their juvenile years either in Miami Dade or Broward County. As stated, earlier the sample population will not be determined until the first several interviews are complete.

The instrument which the information will be gathered with will be a custom survey compiled of questions to suit each group (educators and juvenile delinquents). The survey questions for the educators will include sections as follows; years of experience, school district they have worked, subjects they teach, grades they teach, certifications, position (i.e. principle, assistant principal, dean, etc.). The questions for the juveniles will touch base on the following sections; age, grade level, reading level, grades, extra-curricular activities, parents information (i.e. education level, jobs, marital status, etc.)

The data will be analyzed on by each section educators and juveniles, and then it will be further broken down into age groups and school districts. The interviews will be determined to be adequate by an administrator by going through a rigorous check list provided by the researchers. The check list is made to break down several factors like what kind of crimes were being committed, how old were the violators when they committed the crime, how long have the educators been in the same school, is the school private or public, etc. Later, the data is analyzed by school district, similarities and differences will be documented on a detailed report.

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