

The relationship between peer attachment and delinquent behavior among young offenders

ABSTRACT

This study examined the relationship between peer attachment and delinquent behavior among young offender in Sabah. A total of 92 young offenders aged 16-21 years old were selected by using purposive sampling method from rehabilitation institutions in Sabah. The revised version of Inventory of Parents and Peers Attachments (Revised-IPPA-R) and the Junger Delinquency Scale were used in this study. The results showed that there is no significant relationship between peer attachment and delinquent behaviour ($r=.023$, $k>0.05$). Recommendations are discussed where attachment could be included as a target for intervention.