HOW TO DEAL WITH DELINQUENT CHILDREN IN SCHOOL AND IN COMMUNITY

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We generally see criminals as gruesome adults, but the increasing numbers of minors involved in this kind of wrong doings can be considered as disturbing matters that the school and the government should address to seriously. Misguided and problematic, these minors lurk the darkest streets and sometimes cause problem in schools. Often associated with gangs, they actually project an inconvenient way of life in school and in the community. Conversely the community tries unknowingly influences them to be called “juvenile delinquents”.

The term Juvenile delinquency refers to the criminal arts performed by juvenile or the youths, thus calling them juvenile delinquents. It is also the legal term for criminal behaviour carried out by minors recognized by having problematic behaviour, at an early times government all over the world had poor laws that gave the youth much freedom, while some began as a form of youth rebellion. It was just then that authorities became aware and attended this issue.

Most of the time felonious activities are usually activities are done in groups, acquiring help from their own gangs. Gangs would do elicit acts that would make them famous. An example of this is the “gang war” or riot usually alone at night. They throw bottles and rocks at their rivals; while carrying knives and other deadly weapons or ice picks for the sake of hurting. The riots disturb the neighbourhood, the civilian people are also disturbed, creates crimes and injury among other people, thus causing much trouble in cities and towns over the country.
Not just riots are these juvenile delinquents known most of them have actually committed crimes that the adult do. According to UNICEF, an average of 10,500 minors are being arrested and detained every year, about 28 children every day or more than one child every hour. It is a fact that juveniles are arrested for using or pushing drugs which them breed other forms of crimes such as rape, murder and homicide. It is even more alarming to know that poverty has driven most of the minors detained to commit crimes. We might say that this issue is bigger than economic crisis we are experiencing but to think that these delinquents are just disoriented youths is actually unfair. Some school children who have problems join this gang thrown chaos to society that rejects them and became rebellions to their families. A youth supposed to study at school expected to be the next leader, an asset turned liability.

This calls for help of the whole society to be in charge of the guidance of these future generations. Schools are making actions to track these children through mapping and home visitations but certainly some of them go back to their own post due to family problems.

A range of community based schemes for the diversion children among from committing crimes can be conducted. This includes community care, guidance counselling, training, social activities and community development; the school could also do some encouraging to these children to go back to school by taking to parents. These are just few ways of helping the juvenile. Simple but effective

The government might also want to amend the law regarding comprehensive juvenile justice. It must revise the age of criminal responsibility from nine to twelve years old, which means that a child 12 years old or under at the time of his offense shall be exempt from criminal liability with these will be more children who can undergo guidance and counselling while also receiving care and protection. It must also prohibit the detention of children with adults unless a family member is present to prevent physical, sexual and psychological harm. Local government units must also help in
developing and implementing campaign for delinquency prevention which include counselling of families so that parents will be aware of how their children grow and develop.

Youth must also their responsibilities as citizens of the country. This is where education takes place. Education aids youth in developing all the aspects of their personalities and with proper education, they will be more likely to be productive members of the society.

Poverty which is to be the root cause of all problems and issues in the country, complied which the proliferation of drugs may not be eradicated easily; but instead just lessen it, the campaign of the government in eradicating drug problems could be an alarming issues that these children could orient their attention not on crimes but to a total reform.

“It does take a village to raise a child”. Juvenile delinquents are misled youths who have made wrong choices in their lives which were influenced by the society itself, and the only way to reverse it is to rise these youth and model them into better persons. This is when we can see their true potentials and developing them into a constructive society.

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