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Criminal behavior is learned from other individuals. Criminal behavior is learned in interaction with other persons in a process of communication. The principal part of the learning of criminal behavior occurs within intimate personal groups. When criminal behavior is learned, the learning includes a techniques of committing the crime, which are sometimes very complicated, sometimes simple; b the specific direction of motives, drives, rationalizations, and attitudes. The specific direction of motives and drives is learned from definitions of the legal codes as favorable or unfavorable. A person becomes delinquent because of an excess of definitions favorable to violation of law over definitions unfavorable to violation of the law. Differential associations may vary in frequency, duration, priority, and intensity. The process of learning criminal behavior by association with criminal and anti-criminal patterns involves all of the mechanisms that are involved in any other learning. While criminal behavior is an expression of general needs and values, it is not explained by those needs and values, since non-criminal behavior is an expression of the same needs and values. Explanation[edit] Furthermore, some new and additional theoretical specifications about the social influence of others on the individual, all in accordance with the original ideas of Sutherland are proposed and empirically tested. The differential association theory according to the version of K. Opp is fairly well corroborated by the data. Only three of the postulated relationships are rejected. The test also shows that the impact of the frequency of contacts with deviant behaviour patterns on the development of positive definitions and on the frequency of communication about relevant techniques is substantial and cannot be ignored by criminologists. Furthermore, special analysis show that several propositions favour the theory. It is the deviancy of others that has the most substantial impact: The tests also show that the more youngsters identify themselves with others, the stronger the impact of the deviancy of the others on their norms. These results support the modification of the DA theory according to Opp and falsify some propositions of social control theory. An important quality of differential association theory concerns the frequency and intensity of interaction. The amount of time that a person is exposed to a particular definition and at what point the interaction began are both crucial for explaining criminal activity. The process of learning criminal behaviour is really not any different from the process involved in learning any other type of behaviour. Sutherland maintains that there is no unique learning process associated with acquiring non-normative ways of behaving. Since crime is understood to be learned behaviour, the theory is also applicable to white-collar, corporate, and organized crime. This notion of one being a criminal based on his or her environment is problematic.

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conceptions, definitions, and the measurement of delinquency and delinquent involvement (from delinquent behavior - interactional and motivational aspects, , by delos kelly - see ncj) Author(s).

Rochester Institute of Technology Motivation can be defined as the driving force behind all the actions of an individual. Motivation is based on your emotions and achievement-related goals. There are different forms of motivation including extrinsic, intrinsic, physiological, and achievement motivation. There are also more negative forms of motivation. Achievement motivation can be defined as the need for success or the attainment of excellence. Individuals will satisfy their needs through different means, and are driven to succeed for varying reasons both internal and external. Motivation is the basic drive for all of our actions. Motivation refers to the dynamics of our behavior, which involves our needs, desires, and ambitions in life. Achievement motivation is based on reaching success and achieving all of our aspirations in life. These basic physiological motivational drives affect our natural behavior in different environments. Most of our goals are incentive-based and can vary from basic hunger to the need for love and the establishment of mature sexual relationships. Our motives for achievement can range from biological needs to satisfying creative desires or realizing success in competitive ventures. Motivation is important because it affects our lives everyday. All of our behaviors, actions, thoughts, and beliefs are influenced by our inner drive to succeed. Two motives are directly involved in the prediction of behavior, implicit and explicit. Implicit motives are spontaneous impulses to act, also known as task performances, and are aroused through incentives inherent to the task. Explicit motives are expressed through deliberate choices and more often stimulated for extrinsic reasons. Also, individuals with strong implicit needs to achieve goals set higher internal standards, whereas others tend to adhere to the societal norms. Explicit and implicit motivations have a compelling impact on behavior. Task behaviors are accelerated in the face of a challenge through implicit motivation, making performing a task in the most effective manner the primary goal. A person with a strong implicit drive will feel pleasure from achieving a goal in the most efficient way. The increase in effort and overcoming the challenge by mastering the task satisfies the individual. The primary agent for this type of motivation is perception or perceived ability. Most research is still unable to determine whether these different types of motivation would result in different behaviors in the same environment. The Hierarchical Model of Achievement Motivation Achievement motivation has been conceptualized in many different ways. Our understanding of achievement-relevant effects, cognition, and behavior has improved. Despite being similar in nature, many achievement motivation approaches have been developed separately, suggesting that most achievement motivation theories are in concordance with one another instead of competing. Motivational researchers have sought to promote a hierarchical model of approach and avoidance achievement motivation by incorporating the two prominent theories: Achievement motives include the need for achievement and the fear of failure. These are the more predominant motives that direct our behavior toward positive and negative outcomes. Achievement goals are viewed as more solid cognitive representations pointing individuals toward a specific end. There are three types of these achievement goals: A performance-approach goal is focused on attaining competence relative to others, a performance-avoidance goal is focused on avoiding incompetence relative to others, and a mastery goal is focused on the development of competence itself and of task mastery. Achievement motives can be seen as direct predictors of achievement-relevant circumstances. These motives and goals are viewed as working together to regulate achievement behavior. The hierarchical model presents achievement goals as predictors for performance outcomes. The model is being further conceptualized to include more approaches to achievement motivation. One weakness of the model is that it does not provide an account of the processes responsible for the link between achievement goals and performance. Two different types of achievement-related attitudes include task-involvement and ego-involvement. One example of an activity where someone strives to attain mastery and demonstrate superior ability is schoolwork. Studies confirm that a

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task-involvement activity more often results in challenging attributions and increasing effort typically in activities providing an opportunity to learn and develop competence than in an ego-involvement activity. Intrinsic motivation, which is defined as striving to engage in activity because of self-satisfaction, is more prevalent when a person is engaged in task-involved activities. When people are more ego-involved, they tend to take on a different conception of their ability, where differences in ability limit the effectiveness of effort. Ego-involved individuals are driven to succeed by outperforming others, and their feelings of success depend on maintaining self-worth and avoiding failure. On the other hand, task-involved individuals tend to adopt their conception of ability as learning through applied effort Butler, Therefore less able individuals will feel more successful as long as they can satisfy an effort to learn and improve. Ego-invoking conditions tend to produce less favorable responses to failure and difficulty. Competence moderated attitudes and behaviors are more prevalent in ego-involved activities than task-involved. Achievement does not moderate intrinsic motivation in task-involving conditions, in which people of all levels of ability could learn to improve. In ego-involving conditions, intrinsic motivation was higher among higher achievers who demonstrated superior ability than in low achievers who could not demonstrate such ability Butler, These different attitudes toward achievement can also be compared in information seeking. Task- and ego-involving settings bring about different goals, conceptions of ability, and responses to difficulty. They also promote different patterns of information seeking. People of all levels of ability will seek information relevant to attaining their goal of improving mastery in task-involving conditions. However they need to seek information regarding self-appraisal to gain a better understanding of their self-capacity Butler, On the other hand people in ego-involving settings are more interested in information about social comparisons, assessing their ability relative to others. Self-Worth Theory in Achievement Motivation Self-worth theory states that in certain situations students stand to gain by not trying and deliberately withholding effort. This most often occurs after an experience of failure. If the following performance turns out to be poor, then doubts concerning ability are confirmed. Self-worth theory states that one way to avoid threat to self-esteem is by withdrawing effort. A study was conducted on students involving unsolvable problems to test some assumptions of the self-worth theory regarding motivation and effort. The results showed that there was no evidence of reported reduction of effort despite poorer performance when the tasks were described as moderately difficult as compared with tasks much higher in difficulty. The possibility was raised that low effort may not be responsible for the poor performance of students in situations which create threats to self-esteem. Two suggestions were made, one being that students might unconsciously withdraw effort, and the other stating that students may reduce effort as a result of withdrawing commitment from the problem. Avoidance Achievement Motivation In everyday life, individuals strive to be competent in their activities. In the past decade, many theorists have utilized a social-cognitive achievement goal approach in accounting for individuals striving for competence. An achievement goal is commonly defined as the purpose for engaging in a task, and the specific type of goal taken on creates a framework for how individuals experience their achievement pursuits. Achievement goal theorists commonly identify two distinct ideas toward competence: Performance goals are hypothesized to produce vulnerability to certain response patterns in achievement settings such as preferences for easy tasks, withdrawal of effort in the face of failure, and decreased task enjoyment. Most achievement goal theorists conceptualize both performance and mastery goals as the "approach" forms of motivation. Existing classical achievement motivation theorists claimed that activities are emphasized and oriented toward attaining success or avoiding failure, while the achievement goal theorists focused on their approach aspect. More recently, an integrated achievement goal conceptualization was proposed that includes both modern performance and mastery theories with the standard approach and avoidance features. In this basis for motivation, the performance goal is separated into an independent approach component and avoidance component, and three achievement orientations are conceived: The mastery and performance-approach goals are characterized as self-regulating to promote potential positive outcomes and processes to absorb an individual in their task or to create excitement leading to a mastery pattern of achievement results. Performance-avoidance goals, however,

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are characterized as promoting negative circumstances. This avoidance orientation creates anxiety, task distraction, and a pattern of helpless achievement outcomes. Intrinsic motivation, which is the enjoyment of and interest in an activity for its own sake, plays a role in achievement outcomes as well. Most achievement theorists and philosophers also identify task-specific competence expectancies as an important variable in achievement settings. Achievement goals are created in order to obtain competence and avoid failure. These goals are viewed as implicit non-conscious or self-attributed conscious and direct achievement behavior. Approach and Avoidance Goals Achievement motivation theorists focus their research attention on behaviors involving competence. Individuals aspire to attain competence or may strive to avoid incompetence, based on the earlier approach-avoidance research and theories. The desire for success and the desire to avoid failure were identified as critical determinants of aspiration and behavior by a theorist named Lewin. In his achievement motivation theory, McClelland proposed that there are two kinds of achievement motivation, one oriented around avoiding failure and the other around the more positive goal of attaining success. Theorists introduced an achievement goal approach to achievement motivation more recently. These theorists defined achievement goals as the reason for activities related to competence. Initially, these theorists followed in the footsteps of Lewin, McClelland, and Atkinson by including the distinction between approach and avoidance motivation into the structure of their assumptions. Three types of achievement goals were created, two of which being approach orientations and the third an avoidance type. One approach type was a task involvement goal focused on the development of competence and task mastery, and the other being a performance or ego involvement goal directed toward attaining favorable judgments of competence. The avoidance orientation involved an ego or performance goal aimed at avoiding unfavorable judgments of competence. These new theories received little attention at first and some theorists bypassed them with little regard. Presently, achievement goal theory is the predominant approach to the analysis of achievement motivation. First, most theorists institute primary orientations toward competence, by either differentiating between mastery and ability goals or contrasting task and ego involvement. A contention was raised toward the achievement goal frameworks on whether or not they are conceptually similar enough to justify a convergence of the mastery goal form learning, task involvement and mastery with the performance goal form ability and performance, ego involvement, competition. The type of orientation adopted at the outset of an activity creates a context for how individuals interpret, evaluate, and act on information and experiences in an achievement setting. Adoption of a mastery goal is hypothesized to produce a mastery motivational pattern characterized by a preference for moderately challenging tasks, persistence in the face of failure, a positive stance toward learning, and enhanced task enjoyment. A helpless motivational response, however, is the result of the adoption of a performance goal orientation. This includes a preference for easy or difficult tasks, effort withdrawal in the face of failure, shifting the blame of failure to lack of ability, and decreased enjoyment of tasks. Some theorists include the concept of perceived competence as an important agent in their assumptions.

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Three theoretical models of the interrelations among associations with delinquent peers, delinquent beliefs, and delinquent behavior are examined.

Page 13 Share Cite Suggested Citation: Summary of a Workshop. The National Academies Press. The direction of the causal link between education and juvenile delinquency is fundamentally complex. Early aggressive behavior may lead to difficulties in the classroom. These, in turn, might result in delinquency. Equally, delinquency could be another manifestation of whatever characteristics got the child into trouble with school authorities in the first place. Some studies have shown reductions in delinquent behavior when a teenager drops out of school. Others have shown increasing rates of delinquency following school dropout. In addition, many studies have shown that family and child characteristics predict both problems in school and an increased likelihood of delinquent behavior. Despite the ongoing discussion of the direction of causality, the evidence is clear that poor school performance, truancy, and leaving school at a young age are connected to juvenile delinquency Bachman et al. Several factors linked to delinquency, aggression, and violence have been identified. For example, research has found that verbal and reading deficits are linked to victimization both inside and outside Page 14 Share Cite Suggested Citation: Delinquent peer associations may also be a consequence of school failure when a student comes to reject academic achievement and prosocial behavior as legitimate goals and values. Rolf Loeber, of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, cautioned that the relationship between delinquency and school performance should not be oversimplified. It may be that progression from delinquent behavior to school failure is contingent on other factors, since not every offending juvenile experiences school failure and not every failing student commits offenses. In addition, not every act of delinquency affects school performance in the same way. The seriousness of delinquent behavior may determine whether and to what extent school performance suffers. It appears that poor school performance is a more severe problem among serious violent delinquents. In a review of the literature on the predictors of youth violence, Hawkins and his colleagues concluded that serious and violent delinquents had more school-related problems e. Inversely, studies have found that students who do not perform well academically are more likely to be delinquent. The Cambridge Study on Delinquent Development and the Pittsburgh Youth Study have both found that low school achievement predicts adolescent delinquency Maguin and Loeber, In a meta-analysis of studies that examined the relationship between academic performance and delinquency and interventions designed to improve school achievement and reduce offending, Maguin and Loeber found that poor school performance was related to the frequency of delinquent offending, the seriousness of offenses, and persistence in delinquency offending. There are, however, methodological issues that limit study findings. Page 15 Share Cite Suggested Citation: While time limitations did not allow for an exhaustive review of the relevant research at the workshop, participants were able to discuss the important role that peers play in the relationship between delinquency and poor school performance. That peers exercise influence on the development of delinquent behavior is a common perception among researchers. Workshop participants discussed three issues related to the effects of peers on delinquency: Guided counseling programs, for example, have been mandated in some states. These programs are often administered to students in groups. As part of a study designed to measure and code interactions among teenage boys assembled to discuss problems in their relationships with parents and peers, Dishion and his colleagues found that interactions among the boys were influenced by the content of their conversations. Conversation was classified into two categories: Researchers observed that the nonverbal reactions to rule-breaking and norm-accepting topics and activities communicated either positive or negative reinforcement for the associated behavior Dishion et al. Among nondelinquent dyads, normative talk led to positive reinforcement in the form of laughter. Alternatively, in dyads in which the members had some experience with delinquency, normative talk failed to elicit a positive response; only rule-breaking talk

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received positive feedback. The researchers concluded from this study that delinquent peer groups are organized around rule-breaking talk Dishion et al. These findings have been replicated among delinquent and nondelin- Page 16 Share Cite Suggested Citation: Although adolescent girls differed from adolescent boys in terms of the topics they discussed and the rules they broke, the deviancy training process was similar. At the workshop, Dishion argued that these findings point toward needed changes in school policy. If it is the case that deviant peers exert a strong influence on the development of delinquent behavior, one way to discourage this is to reintegrate at-risk children and adolescents into the educational mainstream. By doing this, children who would traditionally be grouped together because of problem behavior or school failure would benefit from the prosocial influence of peers who exhibit more normative conduct. Research findings in this area are contested, however, and mechanisms through which peer rejection leads to delinquency are not at all clear. Aggression has been suggested to explain the connection between peer rejection and delinquency. Participants noted that it is equally reasonable that aggression leads to peer rejection as it is that peer rejection leads to aggression. While the research proposes a link between peer rejection and aggression see Coie et al. On closer inspection of this body of research, it appears that only children who are both aggressive and victimized are rejected by their peers. In other words, it may not be aggression that leads to peer rejection. On the contrary, by adolescence many aggressive children are admired, and in some settings delinquents are popular. Furthermore, not all peer-rejected adolescents perceive themselves as being rejected. These observations undermine support for the assertion that peer rejection is causally related to delinquency and aggression Cairns and Cairns, ; Graham and Juvonen, Peer rejection can occur in many different contexts, some amenable to school intervention, others not. Workshop participants noted that a great deal of peer rejection occurs in classroomsâ€”a context in which teachers have considerable influence. Some teachers do a good job of organizing the classroom environment so that children do not feel rejected. Other teachers do a poor job of controlling peer rejection in their classrooms or, worse yet, encourage it. Page 17 Share Cite Suggested Citation: Even when researchers observe prosocial effects and skill improvement in subjects who participate in these programs, such groups may nonetheless facilitate the formation of deviant peer associations. This can happen even when clinicians are careful that interactions that can lead to negative outcomes do not occur in their presence. Thomas Dishion, professor of psychology at the University of Oregon, described the danger of assuming that all intervention programs are beneficial. An example of the contrary comes from the Guided Group Counseling Programs, which have been mandated in some states. When evaluated using random assignment to such a program, negative effects were found for high school students Gottfredson, Dishion has also documented this phenomenon in his research. In a study conducted by Dishion and Andrews , young adolescents ages 11 to 14 and parents received an intervention designed to reduce problem behavior. Participants were placed in one of four groupsâ€”teenagers only, parents only, parents and teens, and self-directed â€”and administered curricula designed to improve communications skills, facilitate better family management, and encourage prosocial behavior. Groups met for 90 minutes each week for 12 weeks, and individuals participating in groups were also visited once by a therapist. Subjects in the self-directed group received curriculum material through the mail and were not visited by a therapist. Findings indicated that while subjects in the teenager-only group experienced a reduction in antisocial behavior over the short run, all delinquency-involved teenagers in the group showed increases in antisocial behavior e. Adolescents in the self-directed group and those in the mixed parent-teenager group did not show these same negative changes in behavior over time. Dishion and Andrews theorized that the delinquency-involved youth in the teenager-only group received subtle forms of positive feedback e. Other intervention experiments also suggest that peer group interactions may explain some deleterious effects. For example, Feldman evaluated an intervention that provided group-level behavior modification treatments to two groups, one of all antisocial youth and one in which several antisocial youth were included in a group of prosocial peers. The observed misbehavior of boys in the mixed groups declined, Page 18 Share Cite Suggested Citation: In other work, McCord analyzed the effects of the Cambridge-Somerville Youth Study, which used a matched pair design that is, each boy in the

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treatment group was matched to a particular boy in the control group so that a variety of interventions could be evaluated. Boys in the treatment group were sent to summer camp, about half of them for one summer and the remainder for more than one summer. Those sent to summer camp more than once turned out considerably worse than their matched pairs in terms of crime convictions, early death, alcoholism, and several mental health disorders. Workshop participants noted that it might be useful for publicity to be given to harmful as well as beneficial effects and that special care is needed in the evaluation of programs that put misbehaving young people together in groups. These factors include intelligence and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder Maguin and Loeber, Child and family risk factors, peer group influences, socioeconomic status, low school motivation, and early conduct problems were also causes of school failure and delinquency and, in combination, increased the risk of both. Studies suggest that changing educational performance and behavior simultaneously is more likely than either alone to result in durable positive outcomes. For example, evaluations of interventions designed to address delinquency and poor academic performance have found that educational programs that teach self-control and social skills and provide parental training Arbutnot and Gordon, ; Gottfredson, ; Tremblay et al. What this suggests is that addressing behavioral and cognitive deficits i. The available evaluations of programs that focus on cognitive or behavioral deficits alone find that the effects are either equivocal or of a short-lived, positive nature Maguin and Loeber, Page 19 Share Cite Suggested Citation: Such disabilities include language and speech problems, learning disabilities, behavioral problems e. More research, especially research using longitudinal study designs, is needed to examine how disabilities operate as common causes of both delinquency and poor school performance. Workshop participants also noted the importance of family risk factors as common to both poor school performance and delinquency. Research has shown that family management skills training can disrupt trajectories toward school failure and crime. Families not experiencing problems can also benefit from increased parental involvement. Transition into middle school is an especially critical time. Workshop participants noted that there are serious structural and motivational barriers to parental involvement in prevention and intervention programs. Poor and working parents may find it difficult to attend meetings consistently. Not only does the behavior of the parent run counter to program goals and objectives, but work with these parents and children also is more complex and requires a level of services often not available through traditional prevention and intervention programs. The needs of special populations e. Researchers have a great deal of difficulty in discriminating between children displaying problem behavior in the preschool period who will desist and those who will become persistent adult offenders. Loeber pointed out that research consistently shows that individual delinquency is a gradual process. He noted that serious instances of school violence do not erupt without some prior signs of trouble. The most serious incidents of violence occur among individuals who for years have displayed minor forms of aggression, including physical fighting, gang fighting, or frequent arguing and bullying. These findings should inform program design and the selection of interventions. Programs should be targeted and designed for different stages in the escalation process. Loeber asserted that it is naive to think that serious violence can be completely prevented in schools.

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4: Crime, anti-social behaviour and schools - ECU Libraries Catalog

Delinquent behavior, interactional and motivational aspects: text and The delinquent solution ; a study in subcultural theory / by David M. Downes.

Types[edit] Juvenile delinquency, or offending, is often separated into three categories: There may also be biological factors, such as high levels of serotonin , giving them a difficult temper and poor self-regulation, and a lower resting heart rate, which may lead to fearlessness. Delinquent activity, particularly the involvement in youth gangs, may also be caused by a desire for protection against violence or financial hardship, as the offenders view delinquent activity as a means of surrounding themselves with resources to protect against these threats. Most of these influences tend to be caused by a mix of both genetic and environmental factors. This may increase the chances of offending because low educational attainment, a low attachment to school, and low educational aspirations are all risk factors for offending in themselves. These factors may lead to the child having low IQ and may increase the rate of illiteracy. Children who are often in conflict with their parents may be less willing to discuss their activities with them. Although children are rejected by peers for many reasons, it is often the case that they are rejected due to violent or aggressive behavior. This often leads to an impulsive and aggressive reaction. Children resulting from unintended pregnancies are more likely to exhibit delinquent behavior. For classicists, offenders are motivated by rational self-interest , and the importance of free will and personal responsibility is emphasized. Delinquency is one of the major factors motivated by rational choice. Social disorganization[edit] Current positivist approaches generally focus on the culture. A type of criminological theory attributing variation in crime and delinquency over time and among territories to the absence or breakdown of communal institutions e. Strain[edit] Strain theory is associated mainly with the work of Robert Merton. He felt that there are institutionalized paths to success in society. Strain theory holds that crime is caused by the difficulty those in poverty have in achieving socially valued goals by legitimate means. Merton believed that drug users are in this category. A difficulty with strain theory is that it does not explore why children of low-income families would have poor educational attainment in the first place. More importantly is the fact that much youth crime does not have an economic motivation. Strain theory fails to explain violent crime , the type of youth crime that causes most anxiety to the public. Differential association[edit] The theory of Differential association also deals with young people in a group context, and looks at how peer pressure and the existence of gangs could lead them into crime. It suggests young people are motivated to commit crimes by delinquent peers, and learn criminal skills from them. The diminished influence of peers after men marry has also been cited as a factor in desisting from offending. There is strong evidence that young people with criminal friends are more likely to commit crimes themselves. However it may be the case that offenders prefer to associate with one another, rather than delinquent peers causing someone to start offending. Furthermore there is the question of how the delinquent peer group became delinquent initially. Labeling[edit] Labeling theory is a concept within Criminology that aims to explain deviant behavior from the social context rather than looking at the individual themselves. It is part of Interactionism criminology that states that once young people have been labeled as criminal they are more likely to offend. The four types of control can help prevent juvenile delinquency are: Control through needs satisfaction, i. Around six to sixteen percent of male teens and two to nine percent of female teens have a conduct disorder. These can vary from oppositional-defiant disorder , which is not necessarily aggressive, to antisocial personality disorder , often diagnosed among psychopaths. Once the juvenile continues to exhibit the same behavioral patterns and turns eighteen he is then at risk of being diagnosed with antisocial personality disorder and much more prone to become a serious criminal offender. These two personality disorders are analogous in their erratic and aggressive behavior. This is why habitual juvenile offenders diagnosed with conduct disorder are likely to exhibit signs of antisocial personality disorder early in life and then as they mature. Some times these juveniles reach maturation and they develop into career criminals, or

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life-course-persistent offenders. Therefore, while there is a high rate of juvenile delinquency, it is the small percentage of life-course persistent, career criminals that are responsible for most of the violent crimes. Prevention[edit] poster promoting planned housing as a method to deter juvenile delinquency, showing silhouettes of a child stealing a piece of fruit and the older child involved in armed robbery. Delinquency prevention is the broad term for all efforts aimed at preventing youth from becoming involved in criminal, or other antisocial, activity. Because the development of delinquency in youth is influenced by numerous factors, prevention efforts need to be comprehensive in scope. Prevention services may include activities such as substance abuse education and treatment, family counseling, youth mentoring, parenting education, educational support, and youth sheltering. Increasing availability and use of family planning services, including education and contraceptives helps to reduce unintended pregnancy and unwanted births, which are risk factors for delinquency. Education is the great equalizer, opening doors to lift themselves out of poverty Education also promotes economic growth, national productivity and innovation, and values of democracy and social cohesion. It has been noted that often interventions may leave at-risk children worse off than if there had never been an intervention. As mentioned before, peer groups, particularly an association with antisocial peer groups, is one of the biggest predictors of delinquency, and of life-course-persistent delinquency. The most efficient interventions are those that not only separate at-risk teens from anti-social peers, and place them instead with pro-social ones, but also simultaneously improve their home environment by training parents with appropriate parenting styles, [27] parenting style being the other large predictor of juvenile delinquency. Critique of risk factor research[edit] Two UK academics, Stephen Case and Kevin Haines, among others, criticized risk factor research in their academic papers and a comprehensive polemic text, *Understanding Youth Offending: Risk Factor Research, Policy and Practice*. The robustness and validity of much risk factor research is criticized for: Juvenile sex crimes[edit] The examples and perspective in this section deal primarily with USA and do not represent a worldwide view of the subject. You may improve this article , discuss the issue on the talk page , or create a new article , as appropriate. July Learn how and when to remove this template message Juveniles who commit sexual crimes refer to individuals adjudicated in a criminal court for a sexual crime. With mandatory reporting laws in place, it became a necessity for providers to report any incidents of disclosed sexual abuse. In one case in a foster home a year-old boy raped a 9-year-old boy by having forced anal sex with him, in a court hearing the 9-year-old boy said he has done this multiple times, that the year-old boy was charged for sexual assault. Studies from the Netherlands show that out of sex offenders recorded by police in , of those were juveniles, approximately 21 percent of sexual offenders. The study also points out the male to female ratio of sexual predators. The bill was introduced due to the fact that because laws differ in different countries someone who is on the sex offender registry in the U. This can lead to child sex tourism, when a sexual predator will go to less developed countries and prey on young boys and girls. Karne Newburn in his article, *The Prospect of an International Sex Offender Registry*, pointed out some serious flaws in the proposed bill, such as creating safety issues within the communities for the sex offenders placed on the registry. As of now no registry exists. Despite this there is still interest in creating some sort of international registry.

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Objective. A large literature suggests associations between self-regulation and motivation and adolescent problem behavior, however this research has mostly pitted these constructs against one another or tested them in isolation.

Contact Author Assessing Co-Determinants of Behavior in Sport Over the years, sports psychologists have proposed many approaches to personality. Initial approaches were often very simplistic, focussing on aspects of either personality traits or states. The Interactional Approach to psychology allows for a degree of interaction between states and traits. This approach seeks to understand how behavior is influenced by both personality and social learning in the environment. Situation and Environment as One Sporting performance can be affected by the environment: Source Understanding Psychological Traits and Situational States The Trait Approach Within Psychology analyzes personality based on the assumption that a subject shows a stable set of traits which are consistent across a series of situations and interactions. Using the trait approach, a psychologist has to assume that the general causes of behavior are independent of sporting environment or situations. The downside of such an approach is that it assumes an athlete will act in a particular way, irrespective of the sporting situation. The unfortunate truth is that an athlete will not respond in exactly the same way on every occasion and the best sports-people are often those who are best able to react perceptively to their circumstances. On the other hand, the Situational Approach to Personality showcases behavior based specifically on a particular situation or environmental constraint. An extreme example is the case of a man who can be confident around women in the workplace. However when he enters a city centre bar his confidence may drain away based on previous situational experience and he becomes incapable of conversation with members of the opposite gender. What Is the Interactional Approach? When a sports psychologist uses an interactional approach, they have to consider both situational determinants and personality traits exhibited by the individual. The interactional approach considers both psychological traits and situational influences on behavior. The two aspects mix and can alter behavior. Your psychological traits and environmental influences interact and combine in unique ways to sculpt your behavior. Yet the soccer player will not show that behavior consistently. Only when he is forced to react to psychological behavior triggers does the player become aggressive and snap in a violent manner. Who performs better within a team: Can a person with high levels of personal motivation adhere to a long term sports training program better than someone with lower levels of motivation? Are individuals with heightened self confidence more predisposed to competitive situations? Basketball By investigating how athletes react to certain situations, it is possible to put into place interventions and strategies to address the behavior. A sports psychologist therefore needs to assess behaviors at different stages within sporting performance and preparation. Consider the following situations during a basketball game: Your opponents call a time out while in possession with 15 seconds left as they trail your team points and the next basket effectively seals the play-off game. Consider how you would react in each of these situations. The instructor encourages each person within the class to take the lead by explaining at least one of the stations. Lisa has very high self confidence and is extremely comfortable talking in social circumstances, whereas her close friend Rachel has very low self confidence and is very uncomfortable presenting in front of a group. As a result Rachel loses interest in attending the class regularly. You can see in the examples above how this plays out in examining and addressing behavior in athletes.

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a theory that asserts that criminal behavior is learned in interaction with others and that socialization processes that occur as the result of group membership are the primary route through which learning occurs; also called interactionist theory.

There is general agreement that behavior, including antisocial and delinquent behavior, is the result of a complex interplay of individual biological and genetic factors and environmental factors, starting during fetal development and continuing throughout life Bock and Goode, Clearly, genes affect biological development, but there is no biological development without environmental input. Thus, both biology and environment influence behavior. Many children reach adulthood without involvement in serious delinquent behavior, even in the face of multiple risks. Although risk factors may help identify which children are most in need of preventive interventions, they cannot identify which particular children will become serious or chronic offenders. It has long been known that most adult criminals were involved in delinquent behavior as children and adolescents; most delinquent children and adolescents, however, do not grow up to be adult criminals Robins, Similarly, most serious, chronically delinquent children and adolescents experience a number of risk factors at various levels, but most children and adolescents with risk factors do not become serious, chronic delinquents. Furthermore, any individual factor contributes only a small part to the increase in risk. It is, however, widely recognized that the more risk factors a child or adolescent experiences, the higher their risk for delinquent behavior. Page 67 Share Cite Suggested Citation: Juvenile Crime, Juvenile Justice. The National Academies Press. Some studies focus on behavior that meets diagnostic criteria for conduct disorder or other antisocial behavior disorders; others look at aggressive behavior, or lying, or shoplifting; still others rely on juvenile court referral or arrest as the outcome of interest. Furthermore, different risk factors and different outcomes may be more salient at some stages of child and adolescent development than at others. Much of the literature that has examined risk factors for delinquency is based on longitudinal studies, primarily of white males. Some of the samples were specifically chosen from high-risk environments. Care must be taken in generalizing this literature to girls and minorities and to general populations. Nevertheless, over the past 20 years, much has been learned about risks for antisocial and delinquent behavior. This chapter is not meant to be a comprehensive overview of all the literature on risk factors. Rather it focuses on factors that are most relevant to prevention efforts. For reviews of risk factor literature, see, for example, Hawkins et al. The chapter discusses risk factors for offending, beginning with risks at the individual level, including biological, psychological, behavioral, and cognitive factors. Social-level risk factors are discussed next; these include family and peer relationships. Finally, community-level risk factors, including school and neighborhood attributes, are examined. Although individual, social, and community-level factors interact, each level is discussed separately for clarity. These individual factors include age, gender, complications during pregnancy and delivery, impulsivity, aggressiveness, and substance use. Some factors operate before birth prenatal or close to, during, and shortly after birth perinatal ; some can be identified in early childhood; and other factors may not be evident until late childhood or during adolescence. To fully appreciate the development of these individual characteristics and their relations to delinquency, one needs to study the development of the individual in interaction with the environment. In order to simplify presentation of the research, however, this section deals only with individual factors. Age Studies of criminal activity by age consistently find that rates of offending begin to rise in preadolescence or early adolescence, reach a peak in Page 68 Share Cite Suggested Citation: Some lawbreaking experience at some time during adolescence is nearly universal in American children, although much of this behavior is reasonably mild and temporary. Although the exact age of onset, peak, and age of desistance varies by offense, the general pattern has been remarkably consistent over time, in different countries, and for official and self-reported data. For example, Farrington , a , in a longitudinal study of a sample of boys in London the Cambridge Longitudinal Study ,

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found an eightfold increase in the number of different boys convicted of delinquent behavior from age 10 to age 17, followed by a decrease to a quarter of the maximum level by age 17. The number of self-reported offenses in the same sample also peaked between ages 15 and 18, then dropped sharply by age 19. In a longitudinal study of boys in inner-city Pittsburgh just over half the sample was black and just under half was white, the percentage of boys who self-reported serious delinquent behavior rose from 5 percent at age 6 to about 18 percent for whites and 27 percent for blacks at age 16 (Loeber et al.). A longitudinal study of a representative sample from high-risk neighborhoods in Denver also found a growth in the self-reported prevalence of serious violence from age 10 through late adolescence (Kelley et al.). Females in the Denver sample exhibited a peak in serious violence in midadolescence, but prevalence continued to increase through age 19 for the boys. The study is continuing to follow these boys to see if their prevalence drops in early adulthood. Much research has concentrated on the onset of delinquency, examining risk factors for onset, and differences between those who begin offending early prior to adolescence versus those who begin offending in midadolescence. There have been suggestions that early-onset delinquents are more likely than later-onset delinquents to be more serious and persistent offenders (e.g., Farrington and Hawkins). There is evidence, however, that predictors associated with onset do not predict persistence particularly well (Farrington and Hawkins). There are also important problems with the choice of statistical models to create categories of developmental trajectories (Nagin and Tremblay). Research by Nagin and Tremblay found no evidence of late-onset physical aggression. Physical aggression was highest at age 6, the earliest age for which data were collected for this study, and declined into adolescence. The available data on very young children indicates that frequency of physical aggression reaches a peak around age 2 and then slowly declines up to adolescence (Restoin et al., p. 69). Share Cite Suggested Citation: Sampson and Laub found that marital attachment and job stability significantly reduced deviant behavior in adulthood. Farrington and West found that offenders and nonoffenders were equally likely to get married, but those who got married and lived with their spouse decreased their offending more than those who remained single or who did not live with their spouse. They also found that offending increased after separation from a spouse. Similarly, Horney et al. Within marriages, only good marriages predicted reduction in crime, and these had an increasing effect over time (Laub et al.). Warr also found that offending decreased after marriage but attributed the decrease to a reduction in the time spent with peers and a reduction in the number of deviant peers following marriage rather than to increased attachment to conventional society through marriage. Brannigan points out that crime is highest when males have the fewest resources, and it lasts longest in those with the fewest investments in society (job, wife, children). Crime is not an effective strategy for getting resources. There is evidence that chronic offenders gain fewer resources than nonoffenders, after the adolescent period (Moffitt). The evidence for desistance in girls is not clear. One review of the literature suggests that 25 to 50 percent of antisocial girls commit crimes as adults (Pajer). There is also some evidence that women are less likely to be recidivists, and that they end their criminal careers earlier than men (Kelley et al.). However, the sexes appear to become more similar with time in rates of all but violent crimes. There is a suggestion that women who persist in crime past adolescence may be more disturbed than men who persist (Jordan et al.). Prenatal and Perinatal Factors Several studies have found an association between prenatal and perinatal complications and later delinquent or criminal behavior (Kandel et al., p. 70). Share Cite Suggested Citation: Prenatal and perinatal risk factors represent a host of latent and manifest conditions that influence subsequent development. Under the heading of prenatal factors, one finds a broad variety of conditions that occurs before birth through the seventh month of gestation (Kopp and Krakow). Similarly, perinatal factors include conditions as varied as apnea of prematurity, poor breathing, to severe respiratory distress syndrome. The former condition is relatively benign, while the latter is often life-threatening. Although they are risk factors, low birthweight and premature birth do not necessarily presage problems in development. Prenatal and perinatal risk factors may compromise the nervous system, creating vulnerabilities in the child that can lead to abnormal behavior. Children with prenatal and perinatal complications who live in impoverished, deviant, or abusive environments face added difficulties. According to three major large-scale,

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long-term studies: These and other studies have been unable to identify specific mechanisms to account for the fact that the number of prenatal and perinatal abnormalities tend to correlate with the probability that a child will become a criminal. In addition to the lack of specificity regarding the predictors and the mechanisms of risk, similar measures predict learning disabilities, mental retardation, minimal brain dysfunction, and others (Towbin, 1990). An association between perinatal risk factors and violent offending is particularly strong among offenders whose parents are mentally ill or very poor (Raine et al., 1990). Most measures indicate that males are more likely to commit crimes. They are also more vulnerable to prenatal and perinatal stress, as is shown through studies of negative outcomes, including death (Davis and Emory, 1990; Emory et al., 1990). Hyperactivity, attention problems, and impulsiveness in children have been found to be associated with delinquency. These behaviors can be assessed very early in life and are associated with certain prenatal and perinatal histories (DiPietro et al., 1990). For example, exposure to environmental toxins, such as prenatal lead exposure at very low levels, tends to adversely affect neonatal motor and attentional performance (Emory et al., 1990). Hyperactivity and aggression are associated with prenatal alcohol exposure (Brown et al., 1990). Prenatal exposure to alcohol, cocaine, heroin, and nicotine appear to have similar effects. Each tends to be associated with hyperactivity, attention deficit, and impulsiveness (Karr-Morse and Wiley, 1990). However, the ability to predict behavior at later ages in adolescence and adulthood from such traits early in life is not yet known. Aggressive behavior is nevertheless one of the more stable dimensions, and significant stability may be seen from toddlerhood to adulthood (Tremblay, 1990). The social behaviors that developmentalists study during childhood can be divided into two broad categories: Prosocial behaviors include helping, sharing, and cooperation, while antisocial behaviors include different forms of oppositional and aggressive behavior. The development of empathy, guilt feelings, social cognition, and moral reasoning are generally considered important emotional and cognitive correlates of social development. Impulsivity and hyperactivity have both been associated with later antisocial behavior (Rutter et al., 1990). The social behavior characteristics that best predict delinquent behavior, however, are physical aggression and oppositionality (Lahey et al., 1990). Most children start manifesting these behaviors between the end of the first and second years. The peak level in frequency of physical aggression is generally reached between 24 and 36 months, an age at which the consequences of the aggression are generally relatively minor (Goodenough, 1990; Sand, 1990; Tremblay et al., 1990). By entry into kindergarten, the majority of children have learned to use other means than physical aggression to get what they want and to solve conflicts. Those who have not learned, who are oppositional and show few prosocial behaviors toward peers, are at high risk of being rejected by their peers, of failing in school, and eventually of getting involved in serious delinquency (Farrington and Wikstrom, 1990; Huesmann et al., 1990). Page 72 Share Cite Suggested Citation: A number of longitudinal studies have shown that children who are behaviorally inhibited shy, anxious are less at risk of juvenile delinquency, while children who tend to be fearless, those who are impulsive, and those who have difficulty delaying gratification are more at risk of delinquent behavior (Blumstein et al., 1990). A large number of studies report that delinquents have a lower verbal IQ compared with nondelinquents, as well as lower school achievement (Fergusson and Horwood, 1990; Maguin and Loeber, 1990; Moffitt, 1990). Antisocial youth also tend to show cognitive deficits in the areas of executive functions (Moffitt et al., 1990). The association between cognitive deficits and delinquency remains after controlling for social class and race (Moffitt, 1990; Lynam et al., 1990). Few studies, however, have assessed cognitive functioning during the preschool years or followed the children into adolescence to understand the long-term link between early cognitive deficits and juvenile delinquency. Stattin and Klackenber-Larsson found that the association between poor early language performance and later criminal behavior remained significant even after controlling for socioeconomic status. Epidemiological studies have found a correlation between language delay and aggressive behavior (Richman et al., 1990).

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The interactional approach considers both psychological traits and situational influences on behavior. The two aspects

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mix and can alter behavior. Your psychological traits and environmental influences interact and combine in unique ways to sculpt your behavior.

8: The Development of Delinquency | Juvenile Crime, Juvenile Justice | The National Academies Press

A great deal of scientific research examines the relationship between poor school performance and delinquency. The direction of the causal link between education and juvenile delinquency is fundamentally complex. Early aggressive behavior may lead to difficulties in the classroom. Such difficulties.

9: Effects of Achievement Motivation on Behavior

They explain delinquency by looking at how a child is raised and learns certain behaviors, this also suggest that delinquency can be unlearned (dynamic) Interactional theory (Thornberry), Moffett life course persistent.

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