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This 1985 federal assistance proposal proposes to first expand and then test an integrated social model of delinquency, incorporating individual differences (IQ, personality) and macro-level community characteristics with criminal justice actions and social psychological factors (inadequate socialization as measured by parent management, strain, weak conventional bonding, delinquent peers). Data would be used to develop typologies of delinquent career patterns, reflecting variations in the seriousness of delinquent activities, based on a method already developed in previous Vera research.

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