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GRP Proposal

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**Working Title** – Prevent Delinquency

**Topic:** In my essay, I will discuss what the necessity for reducing rate of delinquency and effective measures society can utilize to reduce the rate of delinquency. **Importance of** **Topic:** In recent years, the rate of delinquency is increasing. Although the number of cases of delinquency are relatively smaller than that of cases of crime rate of all people, the negative consequences and the situation reflected by the phenomenon of teenager behaviors can be very severe. On one hand, young people are the pillars of future national development, so their development and personal qualities will play crucial role in future society development. On the other hand, since adolescence is the transition from childhood to adulthood, their behaviors can be easily influenced. Therefore, their criminal behaviors are caused by various reasons. For example, if teenager’s parents do not guide them well or their peers have the tendency to have criminal behaviors, they are likely to crime and do not contribute the society well. Therefore, preventing teenagers from having criminal behaviors or reducing the rate of it is really a tough mission for the society and the mission is necessary, because the society needs valuable teenagers to develop. As a result, I will focus on the effective measures that can be used to improve this situation. **Research Question:** I want to be as specific as I can with my research question. My research question will be: How can society best reduce the rate of teenager’s criminal behaviors? Or What the effective measures society can take to reduce the rate of teenager’s criminal behaviors?

**Discussion of Sources:** There are mainly three factors that are influential on the tendency for teenagers to have criminal behaviors: parents, school education and regulation and peers’ influence. By improving these three factors, juvenile crime can be greatly reduced. Parents are always with their teenagers during their formative years, so they can determine teenager’s personal development and quality by offering different care and environment in which adolescents grow up. Petts (2009) states that two-parent families can give children better social support and social control (p.17). Therefore, a good family condition is critical for teenagers not to have inappropriate behaviors, like crime. In addition, other people, especially teenager’s peers can also influence the rate of delinquency. Young and Weerman (2013) point out that if most teenagers in a youth's peer group has delinquent tendencies or behaviors, he or she will engage in similar behaviors in order to assimilate into the group (p.6). Moreover, Cassel (2007) reports that the school system will ensure that students have good eating and sleeping habits, and that every student is aware of the disadvantages of using alcohol and tobacco (p.7). **Need for Additional Sources:** At this point in my research, I still need to find source to refute the counterargument that school can be the place to gather risky teenagers who are likely to have to crime and influence their peers. **Possible Thesis:** To reduce the rate of teenager’s criminal behaviors, the society needs to ensure families have better environment with parents have basic knowledge of parenting, more teenagers offered education opportunities and effective appeal for teenagers to stay away from poor quality peers.

**Organization:**  My paper will be problem-solution. The organization would be a thesis and background paragraph, followed by the three solutions mentioned in the thesis and a reputation towards counterargument paragraph. I will end it with a conclusion which will summarize all the main solutions stated previously in my research. **Definitions and Background:** My first paragraph which includes background and thesis information will give the necessity and importance for reducing rate of delinquency, and what the effective measures the society can take to achieve it.