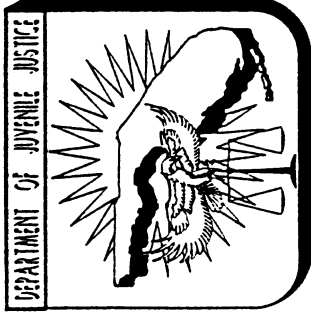


Youth Educational Shoplifting Program

Y. E. S PROGRAM

Recidivism Study

(DJJ - District 11: Miami-Dade County)



INTRODUCTION

- A recidivism study of juveniles caught shoplifting in Miami-Dade County (DJJ - District 11) was conducted by the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Bureau of Data and Research, Tallahassee, FL.
- The recidivism study reviewed 500 juveniles charged with retail theft between June, 1998 and March, 2000.
- A **study group** of 250 juveniles who were referred to the Youth Educational Shoplifting Program (Y.E.S Program) was compared to a **control group** of 250 juveniles, with an identical profile, who were referred to the Juvenile Alternative Sanctions Program (JASP), but who did NOT receive the Y.E.S Program.

RESULTS

- 97.6% of juveniles who completed the Y.E.S Program were not arrested for shoplifting again.
Recidivism Rate 2.4%.
- The Y.E.S Program recidivism rate was almost **2½ times lower than the recidivism rate of those juveniles sent to JASP**, who had the same personal profile. (2.4% vs. 5.6% respectively).
- Juveniles who completed the Y.E.S Program were **1½ times less likely to commit other offenses** than those juveniles with the same personal profile who were sent to JASP (9.2% vs. 14.4% respectively).

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