

Original Article Exploring the relationship between drug and alcohol treatment facilities and violent and property crime: A socioeconomic contingent relationship.

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- Study shows rehab facilities do not increase crime rates among their communities. Those crime rates are typically attributed to the socioeconomic standards associated with the city or town.
 - After accounting for demographics and land use in a surrounding area, there is a negative relationship between crime and treatment intensity.
- Increase in P\property crime rates has been associated with unoccupied property.

1999 Northwestern University Study by Dr. Bicknese

Teen Challenge Program vs. Short-Term Inpatient Treatment (STI) (30-60 days)

- 1975 Study conducted by the National Institute of Drug Abuse sampled Teen Challenge graduates 7 years after completing the program.
 - 87.5% were abstaining from marijuana.
 - 95% were abstaining from heroin.
- 1999 Northwestern study showed that Teen Challenge was better equipped to help people versus publicly or insurer funded STI, which is costly to the public.
 - Demographics of the study were males with an average age of 31 years old.
 - 56% had never married, 25% were married, and the remaining 19% were divorced or widowed.
 - **56% were fathers.**
 - Teen Challenge graduates were employed at a far higher rate than STI group and furthermore, did not need further inpatient treatment after graduation.
 - Only 41% of STI patients were employed full-time one to two years after treatment compared to 90% of Teen Challenge graduates.
 - 31.4% of the STI sample had to return to treatment prior to follow-up interviews.
 - Findings of the study showed an 86% success rate for Teen Challenge graduates interviewed 24-months after graduation.

Teen Challenge of Chattanooga, TN Study by Dr. Roger D. Thompson

- Alumni were randomly interviewed 1-15 years after graduating the Teen Challenge program.
 - 67% of Teen Challenge graduates interviewed were abstaining from drugs.