Fathers Count Study Logic Model

Problem

African American and Latino boys high rates of involvement in the juvenile justice system

Subproblem

Minimal research on the preventative role of Latino and African American father figures on the delinquency of adolescent males.

Goals

1. Enhance understanding of the extent to which minority fathering, peer factors, and contextual factors relate to delinquency as Latino and African American boys get older.

2. Disseminate understanding of the influence of father figures on the adolescent delinquency of Latino and African American boys.

Objectives

1. Conduct waves of surveys with minority adolescent boys in schools in three regions of the US.

2. Conduct waves of surveys (mailed and phone) with minority father figures in three regions of the US.

3. Collect data from schools and census to contextualize their role in the of minority adolescent delinquency.

4. Empirically validate the father figure and delinquency model using Year 1 data.

5. Assess contextual factors that influence father figures' and peers' influence on delinquency as boys' age using multilevel modeling with longitudinal data.

Activities

Longitudinal design
2 [father figure] X 2 [ethnicity] factorial research design with 50 father figure/son dyads per cell per site (CA, OK, NC)

Collect longitudinal data for 2 years from:
600 father figures
600 adolescents
Census block groups
Schools

Code data

Clean data

Analyze data

Present papers

Write manuscripts

Output

Year 1:
800 surveys of minority boys
800 surveys of father figures
School and census data
Manuscript #1 written and submitted

Year 2:
600 surveys of minority boys
School and census data
Manuscript #2 written and submitted
Manuscript #3 written

Year 3:
Manuscript #3 submitted

With additional funding the following will be added:
Year 2:
720 surveys of minority boys
720 surveys of father figures

Year 3:
600 surveys of boys
600 surveys of father figures
School and census data
Manuscript #4 written/submitted

Outcomes

Short Term

Manuscript #1 will empirically validate the father figure and delinquency model using Year 1 data.

Manuscript #2 will describe father figure's influence on delinquency in different communities using multi-level modeling and Census track block group data.

Manuscript #3 will assess minority father figures' influence on delinquency as boys' age using longitudinal data.

Manuscript #4 will explore minority boys' influences on their father figures' behaviors using longitudinal data.

Long Term

Empirically validate this father figure and delinquency model through further studies.

Create improved juvenile justice programming that involve minority father figures in reducing risk factors for adolescent boys.

Identify implications for mentoring, education, and other preventative programs for youth and fathers.