

Conceptual framework appraisal of the understanding of factors involved in sexual offences against children

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Abstract

Sex offenders are imprisoned for a set period of time. They are released back into their communities after spending some time in prison, either on parole or probation. Effective intervention is required for a sex offender to avoid reoffending. Strict sentences for sex offenders are ineffective in addressing sexual offending. To address sexual offending, offenders' deviant sexual patterns must be changed. This includes the use of a combination of cognitive behavioural therapy and relapse prevention. Sex offenders in South Africa are dealt with by the Department of Correctional Services. Chapter 28 of the Criminal Procedure Act of 1977 plays a significant role in guiding the operation of the Department of Correctional Services. Restorative justice is a critical concept in dealing with sexual offenses. The criminal justice system's re-traumatizing nature, combined with high levels of attrition and low conviction rates, encourages the search for new approaches to address the justice and healing needs of people who have been victims of sexual crimes. This alternative is provided by restorative justice.

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