

Lab Assignment 6

Repeat victimization

In this lab exercise we will be dealing with the issue of virtual repeat victimization. The community that we are dealing with is one of the 10 largest cities in the country. As a general rule the community is relatively poor, with the city being dominated by lower-income housing and low property values. It has 5 major universities, with populations in excess of 10,000, and a number of smaller colleges whose population is less than 2,000. Three of the major universities are in poorer sections of the city. As one might expect, the mass transportation system is quite large and has a bus system and rail systems.

The three universities that are located in the poorer sections of the city have become concerned over the number of students who have become the victims of robberies at ATM machines near the campus. These campuses have vibrant Greek systems and the local area is saturated with bars that mainly service the college communities. The robberies seem to spike in the late evening and early morning hours, and around major events or holidays. The university police chiefs believe that most of the victims are upperclassmen who were involved with alcohol prior to the robbery.

Interestingly, each of the universities only guarantees housing for freshman and sophomores. Juniors and seniors must find their own housing. The universities do not have the ability to offer housing to upperclassmen because it would involve significant investment in capital projects and any type of building initiative would take years to complete. The needs to address the problem is more immediate.

Your task is to:

1. Identify the conditions that contribute to the problem. Remember, if you misdiagnose the underlying problem the, by definition, you will misdiagnose the solution.
2. Create three interventions that can be implemented with some level of immediacy that are designed to correct the problem. Please make sure that you clearly explain how each of the interventions will address one of the underlying issues.