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During my research on the juvenile crimes project, I found out that delinquent behavior develops because of physical abuse at home, school problems, lack of adult supervision from parents or guardians, community conditions, and social interactions. They begin criminal activities from the pre-adolescent stage to adulthood if they are not protected (Wilson & Petersilia, 2011). During this time, most juveniles start exhibiting behaviors such as skipping school, underage drinking and smoking, vandalism, petty theft, and fighting. Most of these behaviors are caused by aggressiveness. Primarily, there are four types of juvenile delinquency, namely; individual, group, and organized delinquency. Individual delinquency refers to a crime committed by one person. On the other hand, group delinquency is a crime committed by a group of delinquents. While organized delinquency refers to crimes committed by organized groups.

Family-based intervention is one of the recommended policies in the form of a program to prevent juvenile crimes and rehabilitation (Abdullah et al., 2015). Most juvenile crimes begin at home, especially those who come from a violent household. This recommendation has been proven effective because it solves the most underlying issues that cause adolescents to commit crimes. The intervention always takes place between a juvenile and their guardian or parents. They focus on establishing better communication between the youth and their family members so that they get to engage with them better through nurturing family relationships. A family therapist works hand in hand with the family members. Notably, it focuses on improving and managing behavioral aggressiveness exhibited by the youth through rehabilitation. This policy helps with recidivism as well because delinquents become reformed in the process of the intervention.

The issue I encountered while researching is finding the right policy that was fully functional and effective, and one that catered to juvenile rehabilitation while reducing crime.

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