

The Implementation of the Justice System of Children in Conflict with Law (CICL) in Calamba Laguna

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Abstract

Children in conflict with the law must be returned to Society as fully functional individuals. This goal could be attained only if the justice system consisting of law enforcement, court, prosecution, court correctional, and community, is fully implemented. This study applied the descriptive correlational research design, through a researcher-made questionnaire. The research participants comprised three groups namely, staff, parents or guardians, and the children detained at the rehabilitation center. The purpose of this study was to determine the implementation of the criminal justice system specifically on how the five pillars of the criminal justice system implement its roles and intervene and provide measures for the welfare of CICL. The results of this study have implications on how children in conflict with the law CICL while assisting these children should manifest their sincerity in helping bring back these children to Society healthy individuals capable of learning from their mistakes and thus willing to step forward to a new life, a productive one. That is the meaning of children's justice.

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