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AN ANALYSIS OF HOW PARENTS INFLUENCE DEVIANT BEHAVIOR AMONG ADOLESCENTS

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ABSTRACT

The goal of this literature review is to analyze the effect the family has on an adolescent's behavior. It is believed that parents have direct and indirect control. Previous research has found that parents directly influence their children's behavior through the parenting techniques utilized. Parental support is the largest influence on creating preferable behavior in adolescents. Along with the direct influence from parents, the parents have indirect control over the community through which the adolescents lives in and socializes with peers in. Adolescents require strong bonds in their community. Through these bonds, adolescents are watched over and other families reciprocate the actions. When these conditions are not provided an up-rise in juvenile crime may overtake the community. Adolescents learn greatly from their peers. The family has an indirect control over peers through community watch and their parenting techniques; teaching the child not to succumb to peer pressure. This information is vital due to the presence of juveniles in the criminal justice system.