



Parental Hostility and Juvenile Offending

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INTRODUCTION

- Different styles of parenting are correlated with whether or not a child will offend.
- Parental Hostility is a form of negative parenting.
- Research has shown a relationship between parental hostility and delinquency.
- Juveniles are more likely to offend if there is no strong familial connection.

DATA & METHODS

- Pathways to Desistance data used to determine level of hostility between parent and child.
- Twelve questions asked on a Likert Scale ranging from 1 “Never” to 4 “Always”.
- Sample of 1,354 juvenile offenders between the age of 14-18.

RESULTS

- Spearman’s Rho correlation determined a relationship.
- Parental hostility, while weak, is positively correlated with total offending.
- Statistical significance less than 0.001, veering way off 0.5 to show a strong correlation.

DISCUSSION

- Parental Hostility is correlated with Total Offending
- Father’s parental hostility had less of a correlation with total offending than mother’s.
- Results agreed with previous research that parental hostility is correlated with delinquency.

CURRENT STUDY

- To examine the relationship between parental hostility and delinquency among adjudicated juveniles.
- To see how strong/weak the relationship is.

Table 1 – Correlation Between Parental Hostility and Total Offending

	1	2	3
1 – Mother’s Parental Hostility	-		
2- Father’s Parental Hostility	0.36***	-	
3 – Total Offending	0.21***	0.19***	-

*** $p < 0.001$

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