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Children and Young Persons as Offenders and Victims of Offences and Crime Prevention at School in the Slovak Republic

Abstract:

The article deals with the problem of juvenile delinquency and crime as well as with the problem of crime against juveniles. The author presents official statistics since 2006, on the numbers of offences committed by juveniles in the Slovak Republic, as well as on the numbers of convicted young persons serving their sentence and the term of their sentence. It also gives details of crime against juveniles in the Slovak Republic. The article is an interim output of the project VEGA No. 1/0168/12 Professionalization of Prevention of Socio-pathological Behaviour in School in the SR from the aspect of the profession of social pedagogue – the current state, problems and comparison with foreign countries.

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Delinquency and crime belong to the most serious global problems, classified as socio-pathological deviant forms of behaviour. According to J. Hroncová (2005, p. 73), during the transformation period there was a sharp increase in delinquent behaviour in the population of the Slovak Republic, culminating in 1993 and rising by 56.59% in comparison with 1989. Crime means the aggregate of offences committed in a given society, state or region, based on the definition of an offence in the applicable criminal statute. Thus, crime is such a form of deviant behaviour that is against the rules given in the criminal statute. Currently, the applicable