Developing Effective Rehabilitation of Offenders by Throughcare System: From Institutional treatment to Probation and Aftercare Service

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When will I be released?

Who will hire me?

Will other people accept me?

Where will I live?
Or I might have to struggle alone and end up re-offending again.
My situation will be better if only...
There is throughcare system.
What is throughcare System?

Incarceration

Pre-released Preparation

Community

Supervision & Aftercare

Community Involvement
Methodology: Participatory Action Research

1. Selecting the pilot sites
2. Reviewing the current system
3. Co-creating the research action plan
4. Action
5. Conducting After Action Review
6. Analyzing data and member check
1. Selecting the pilot sites

- Chiangmai
- Lampoon
- Ubonratchathani
- Lopburi
- Chiangmai
- Trad
- Nakhornsritammarat
2. Reviewing the work of probation, parole and sentence reduction
3. Co-creating the research action plan with the probation officers of the pilot sites.
4. Action

Incarceration

1. Pre-released investigation led by VPOs
2. Offender preparation for pre-released
3. Community readiness’s preparation

Released

4. Supervision and rehabilitation reform
5. Private sectors and local community Involvement in aftercare program
Pre-released Investigation led by VPOs

Before
- Family
- VPOs
- Community Leader
- Victim

Individual interview

After

Group interview
1. Pre-released Investigation led by VPOs
Pre-released Investigation led by VPOs
2 Preparation for Pre-release

**Before**

3-hr Orientation by POs

**After**

Bring family/guardian, Community leader, and VPOs to talk to the offenders
Preparation for Pre-release

The inmate and his parents felt less anxious about going back into the community because they know that he can turn to the community leader and VPOs when he experiences difficulties in resettlement.
Preparation for Pre-release
3 Community Readiness’s Preparation

Before

The families go to pick up the offenders on the day he is released.

After

- Re-arrange stuff in the house to welcome the offender

- The families, the head of the community, and VPOs go to pick-up the offenders on the day he is released.

- The community members hold the welcome rituals for the offenders.
Results

On the day of release, the offenders’ families accompanied with the community leader, and VPOs went to pick up the offenders at the prison and take them to the temple to join the welcoming ritual before going back home.
Welcome back home

Not only this ritual represents the community’s acceptance of the offender, it also helps his family to feel less worried about discrimination and stigmatization that might occur to their son.
4 Supervision and Rehabilitation Reform

**Before**
- Report to POs at the probation offices

**After**
- Report to VPOs in the community.
- Families of offenders and community members take part in the report process.
- Family support group
- Urgent home visit
The offenders come to the VPOs Coordinating Center to report to the VPOs
Parent Support Group
Urgent home visit
The aftercare will not only come from the Department of Probation, but from the community members, including private sector who are willing to help the offenders succeed in their reintegration to society.

Before
- provide 1 year for the probationer/parolee who asks for help and support.

After
- The aftercare will not only come from the Department of Probation, but from the community members, including private sector who are willing to help the offenders succeed in their reintegration to society.
Life-long Aftercare Program

The community members, VPOs, and probation officers are always there to support the offender’s reintegration.
Provincial Probation Office supervise all clients in the province.

POs work alone.

Over workloads POs burnout.

Main character: DOP
Facilitator: VPO/community

Efficient Supervision and Rehabilitation
POs enjoy their work more.

POs work collaboratively with community and other local agencies.

Supervision based on area/location.

Main character: VPO/community
Facilitator: DOP

Before

After

Throughcare System

Phenomena

Pattern

Structure

mindset
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Thank you very much
And...

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