

# Why Youth Skip Correction Programs

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## **Abstract**

This study addresses the reasons some youths fail to participate in correctional programs following alcohol and tobacco consumption. Correction programs aim to reduce repeat offenses by means of education and behavioral modification. Nonetheless, numerous teens avoid engagement. The study utilizes police data from the past five years and focus group interviews with juvenile unit officers. Law enforcement officers identify multiple factors: insufficient parental engagement, lack of interest in program material, scheduling issues, and social pressure. The findings indicate that enforcement by itself does not guarantee participation. Effective prevention necessitates programs that align with the realities of adolescents, adaptable delivery methods, and collaboration among law enforcement, schools, and social services. Mitigating structural and motivational barriers can enhance program participation and diminish early substance use among adolescents.

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