

## Delinquency Facts:

- **Primarily a legal term, not psychological.**
- **Distinction between delinquent behavior and official delinquency.**
- **Key to delinquency – get caught, warned or charged.**

# Delinquency Facts (continued):

## *Risk Factors for Delinquency:*

- **Committing first juvenile offense before age 12.**
- **Delinquent behavior crosses generations including family socioeconomic status, family size, marital disruption, poor quality parenting, parental neglect, parental psychopathology.**
- **Also impacting delinquent behavior: poor peer relations, school failure, low self-esteem and depression.**

# Delinquency Facts (continued):

## *Sub types of delinquency:*

- **Socialized** – having bad companions; stealing in company of others; belonging to gangs.
- **Unsocialized** – do not seem to be part of a delinquency peer group. Often emotional or behavioral disturbance is present.

Some behaviors may fall on the extreme side of delinquent behaviors, such as rape and violence, while others may fall on the other side to include curfew violations and truancy.