

Jail Climate and Well-being: Predictors of Hope among Women Deprived of Liberty in Manila City Jail

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While Hope theory posits that people link their present condition to create an imagined future, jail climate and inmates' well-being are undeniable present factors that could predict their imagined future. Hence, the researchers hypothesized that jail climate predicts incarcerated person's well-being, and well-being predicts inmates' hope. Using Structural Equation Modelling, a model of hope from jail climate, physical well-being, and psychological well-being has been tested. The researchers administered jail climate, well-being, and hope scales to 225 female inmates. The results showed that relationships among inmates, safety and order, and meaningful activities as jail climates predicted physical and psychological well-being, and hope. Moreover, jail climate exclusively has predicted physical well-being while meaningful activities exclusively predict hope. Implications for the results were discussed.

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