

The effect of assaults on youth victims and their parents

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Abstract

We study the impacts of criminal victimisation for youth victims and their parents in New Zealand. We construct counterfactual outcomes using youth and parents who are affected by victimisation in the future. Victimisation has negative effects on youth's physical and mental health, as well as their schooling and labour market outcomes. This adversity faced by youth victims has spillover effects to the wellbeing of parents. Parents respond to youth victimisation by decreasing their labour market attachment and increasing their usage of mental health support services. These results emphasise that the cost of victimisation goes beyond the first order effects on victims.