Gang Recruiting

In the United States criminal street gangs are known to recruit young men as young as 13 years old . The gang like typical teenagers who are open to adventure and are will to try out new and dangerous ways of living.

Look for:

Unexplained large amounts of cash (small bills)

Digital Scales for weighing drugs

Mobile Phones –Used for calling in supplies or warning of the arrival of police or suspicious persons of authority.

Small Baggies used for packing the drugs







Warning Signs

A warning sign is anything that increases the chance that a person will become involved with a gang. Generally, the greatest number of warning signs present, the higher the chance of gang involvement.

- Spending time with criminal or gang involved peers.
- Rule-breaking, impulsive or aggressive (sometimes violent) behavior leading youth to get in trouble with police and others.
- Attitudes and beliefs that support antisocial or criminal behavior, or violent
- Ineffective discipline and poor parental supervision
- Poor school performance
- Low commitment to school
- Presence of neighborhood gang activity
- High Crime neighborhoods with drive-by shootings
- Mental or emotional difficulties *e.g. anxiety, depression, trauma).

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Children First...



UNDERSTANDING YOUTH IN GANGS



The gang problem affects everyone and only together will we win in our fight against gangs. We ask you to work with us to help end the tragedies that gang life leaves behind.

Officer Safety says, "Gangs and Security is everyone business."

DO YOU REALLY KNOW WHAT YOUR KIDS ARE UP TO?



Drugs, Gangs, and Violence Have a Negative Impact On Our Youth , Families, and



Those who are involved in drugs dealing and gangs don't care about your safety and the safety of our communities. Hundreds have shown us that there is a connection between drug dealing and gang activity in New Jersey and around the country.

Gangs and the violence that comes with them go beyond race, money, or where you live. We want to prevent young people from joining this dangerous lifestyle and their families from losing their children.

This brochure contains important information for youth and adults alike. By reading the information and having us come out to speak to your group, company, community school or faith base organization, you will be able to identify warning signs and where to get help. You play an important role in understanding the issues and in sharing this information with your friends and loved ones.

What is A GANG?

Generally Speaking A Gang is a group of three or more persons that plan and carry out criminal activities for the benefit of the gang and its members.

How do GANGS identify themselves?

Gang members may identify through a common name, symbols, colors, hand-signs, clothing, language, tattoos, etc.

What is the average age of a GANG Member?

In the United States the average age of a gang member is 13, some stay in the gang as long as 33 years old.

What do GANG members look like?

Gang members are from any race, culture, sex or social economic group.

What is the goal of joining a GANG?

The goal of joining a gang is to make money through illegal activities using violence and intimidation..



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Myths and Realities

You'll make lots of money, have expensive cars, cool gadgets and be powerful.

Most gang members don't own anything. You'll either be arrested, injured, or killed. Your cars, property, drugs and money will be taken by other gang members of seized by the police (You family members will be threaten by other gang members.

Someone will always have your back and you'll be protected

Gang members are driven by greed. Members within the groups often kill each other over rival things. Gang leaders always take the biggest cut, with junior members left to fight for the scraps.

You'll be able to protect your family from the gangs

Other gangsters don't care where you are or who you are with when they decide to shoot you. It could be in a public place, school church, street the mall etc. You could be with friends or family, rival gangs don't care, everyone is at risk.

How do GANGS identify themselves?

Once kids join a gang there's no hope for them.

With early family, school, police or expert intervention, a youth can leave the gang without serious consequences. The key is coordinated and collaborative intervention as soon as warning signs appear.

