

**A
Presentation
On
Gangs and Crews**

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Why do Young People Join Gangs?

1. *Respect*
2. *Fellowship*
3. *Sense of Purpose*
4. *Fun*
5. *Counsel*
6. *Prestige*
7. *Support*
8. *Power*
9. *Excitement*
10. *Peer Pressure*
11. *Sense of Belonging*
12. *Recognition*
13. *Affection*
14. *Attention*
15. *Unaware of Consequences*
16. *Physical Survival*
17. *Acceptance without Criticism*
18. *Mentoring*

The Results of Being a Gang Member

Drug Addiction
Incarceration (Juvenile Detention/Prison)
Become Wounded or Crippled
Leave Town or the State
Live a Life of Fear
Death

Just the Facts

Approximately, out of 75,000 gang members in Los Angeles County, some fourth generation gang members:

- 90%*** will be arrested by the age of 18
- 75%*** will be arrested ***twice*** before the age of 18
- 95%*** will not finish high school
- 60%*** will die or be incarcerated

Working with Gang Members

Respect the Lifestyle/Sub-Culture – You may not agree with it but respect it.
Play "No Favorites" - Practice Equity with all Gangs/Crews and Members.
Respect Territorial Space.
Share Real Consequences for Negative Behavior.
Be Kind in Your Honesty.
Reposition their Negatives and Enhance Their Leadership Skills (HEART Program)

Prevention for Parents

Be there for your children or SOMEONE ELSE WILL.

Tell your children you love them. EVERYDAY!

Discipline your children – "Teach them" – THAT IS TRUE DISCIPLINE!

Don't be afraid to discipline – Discipline is done out of love

*Know where your child is at all times and where they are planning to go.
DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK!*

BE A PARENT! Don't get preoccupied with being a friend.

Watch for significant changes in dress.

Pay attention to changes in speech and body language.

Stay in touch with your school. Get involved.

Be knowledgeable and acquainted with your child's friends.

Teach your children right from wrong.

Remember, children need parameters.

*Pay attention to your children's use of computers, the music they listen to and
the videos they watch.*

*Make and take time for your children. It is your obligation and responsibility as a
parent.*

*Remember, as a parent, you have the right to access your child's room. THERE
IS NO SUCH THING AS "PRIVATE" OR "OFF LIMITS" ROOM FOR CHILDREN IN
YOUR HOUSE!*

***"If our children are the future then the foundation of our future rests upon
our parents".***

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