

**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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Typical Social Identification Groups on Campus

Traditional Gang Members belong to a longstanding gang that is usually second, third or fourth generation credible. These gangs are recognized at the prison level, usually control a certain territory and run all the drug sales within their "turf."

Crews are a group of young people that enjoy being together. Over the past years their purpose of socializing together has changed. There are now different kinds of crews like "party crews", "tag banging crews" and "gang crews". Gang crews function like a traditional gang without the hierarchy of the traditional gang or the history. They have now become as dangerous as traditional gangs and many crews are now sponsored by traditional gangs to increase their numbers.

Tag Bangers claim to be associated with a "tagging crew" and "hit up" or "tag" buildings and other property and if, they are "crossed out" they will retaliate against other crews and local traditional neighborhood gangs.

Taggers are a group kids that like to "tag" or write graffiti. A "tagger" is a person who adopts a nickname (tag name) then writes their "tag" in as many places as possible. Taggers prefer to call themselves, "writers", "piecers", "artists" or "oners".

Stoners or Potheads like to "kick back" together and "get high". For example, "stoners or potheads" will get into a friend's car, listen to music and create an environment full of smoke to "get high", this is called creating a "hot box".

Skaters like to skate and "kick back" together. They also "tag" walls to advertise their skating group. Many have skating names. They are also known for "getting high".

Breakers are a group of young people that like to "break dance" and show off their latest dance "moves". Sometimes they compete against other groups.

Gothic Groups like to listen to "heavy metal", "speed metal" and "death metal" music, wear black clothing, black boots, paint their fingernails black, color their hair, pierce their bodies, delve into witchcraft, satanic worship and "get high".

Skinheads are white supremacists sometimes called, "peckerwoods", a name used by prison inmates to describe a white convict. Students who have identified themselves as "skinheads" on a campus usually commit hate crimes ranging from vandalism to racially motivated violence. The "Nazi salute" and the letters "SWP" for "supreme white power" or "WAR" for "white Arian resistance" are used to advertise their allegiance. A typical "skinhead" gang can number from 5 to 20 members ranging from the early teens to the mid 20's. "Swastikas", "lightning bolts" and the word "skin or skins" are used as outward signs of the movement.

Physical Characteristics of a Gang Member

Bald or Shaved Head

Uses Gang Slang and Terminology

Baggy Pants or Cut-Off Pants with Long White Socks

Black or White T-Shirts

Certain Kinds of Sport Jerseys

Uses Gang Hand Signs

Bandanas and Colored Rags

Wears Certain Kinds of Shoes

Listens to Certain Kinds of Music

Tattoos

Certain Colors Worn in Their Attire

Hooded Sweat Shirts

Belt Buckles with Gang Initials

Colored Shoelaces

Is your child a tagger?

Most likely, your child will not leave the home looking like this. But if you find two or more of these implements among his or her things, your child is probably writing graffiti in your neighborhood.

Backpack – Graffiti on backpack, art supplies inside

Hood, hat and bandana – used to conceal face from witnesses/hidden cameras.

Stencil – for quick tagging

Carrying around fat markers – not for test taking

STENCIL

Gloves – to keep paint off fingers

Black book – for practice



Professional Baseball Team Hats Worn By Los Angeles Based Gangs

Disclaimer: Clothing, including hats, can not be used solely to determine gang membership.



Boston Red Sox
Worn by Blythe Street
Van Nuys and Dev Areas

Also by Bryant Street
Dev and West Valley Areas

Also by Black P-Stones
Southwest Area

Also by Bounty Hunter Bloods
Southeast Area



Houston Astros
Worn by Harpys
Van Nuys and SW Areas

Also by Hoover Criminals
77th Area



NY Yankees
Worn by Barrio Van Nuys (BVN)
Van Nuys Area

Also Vincent Town (for Nayarit, Mexico)
Devonshire Area



Seattle Mariners
Worn by Roll'n 60's
South Bureau (77th Area)

Also by South Los
Southeast Area



St Louis Cardinals
Worn by Langdon St
Dev and Van Nuys Areas

Also Eastside Wilmas (L st)
Harbor Area



Philadelphia Phillies
Worn by Pacoima Pirus
Southeast Area

Also San Pedro Gangs
Harbor Area



Brooklyn Dodgers
Worn by 112 Broadway Gangsters
Southeast Area



San Francisco Giants
Worn by San Fer
Foothill Area



KC Royals
Worn by Kitchen Crips
Newton & Southeast Areas



Texas Rangers
Worn by Ten Line Crips
Southeast Area



Atlanta Braves
Worn by Asian Boys
City Wide



Chicago White Sox
Worn by South Los
Southeast Area



LA Dodgers
Worn by MaraSalva Trucha (MS)
City Wide



Oakland A's
Worn by Avalon Gardens
Southeast Area



Washington Nationals
Worn by San Fer Winos
Foothill Area



Pittsburgh Pirates
Worn by Pacoima (Pacoima)
Foothill Area



Milwaukee Nationals
Worn by Maclay Boys (SF)
Foothill Area



Dallas Cowboys
Worn by Crazy Boys
Cyclones (SF)
Foothill Area



Pittsburgh Steelers
Worn by Pacoima
Foothill Area



San Francisco Giants
Worn by San Fer
Foothill Area



Anaheim Angels Jersey&Cap
Worn by Astoria Garden Locos
Foothill Area

