

National Gang Center

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The National Gang Center (NGC) assists policymakers, researchers, criminal justice practitioners, direct service providers, and other community members in their efforts to reduce gang involvement and street gang activity. NGC provides federal, state, local, and tribal jurisdictions with on-site and virtual technical assistance, peer-to-peer engagement, publication development and dissemination, information sharing, and workshop and training events.

Highlighted Resources

- **Gang-Related News:** Stay current on gang-related news making headlines in the United States and Canada with this comprehensive resource. Search more than 50,000 articles by state/province.
- **Gang-Related Legislation:** Access more than 1,700 gang-related laws compiled by state and federal jurisdictions.
- **Webinars:** Access recorded webinars and stay informed about upcoming events on emerging and trending gang-related topics.
- **Parents' Guide to Gangs:** This guide contains information on behaviors associated with joining gangs, common gang identifiers, and what parents can do to prevent gang joining.
- **"Why Youth Join Gangs" video:** This video explores the topic of gang joining and features gang researchers, practitioners, and young people who were previously involved in gangs.
- **GANGINFO Exchange:** This online moderated e-mail discussion group is open to practitioners, researchers, law enforcement officers, probation and parole officers, social workers, youth agency workers, and others interested in gangs.
- **NGC's FAQ:** This resource provides a list of the most commonly asked questions received by the NGC regarding gangs, gang joining, gang trends, and more.
- **Strategic Planning Tool (SPT):** This tool provides communities with a means to match evidence-based gang prevention and intervention programming with local risk factors. The SPT also includes a Community Resource Inventory, which that can be customized by communities to inventory local programs and services available.
- **Library:** Search and filter more than 250 gang-related resources.

Training and Technical Assistance

- **Training:** NGC provides specialized gang investigations training to local and tribal law enforcement officers. NGC also provides U.S.-based support for the Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program.
- **Technical Assistance:** NGC provides extensive training and technical assistance to communities nationwide, including 48 active Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)-funded gang program grantees, that want to implement comprehensive community-based anti-gang initiatives, including gang prevention, intervention, enforcement, and reentry strategies. NGC's technical assistance includes coaching community leaders as they convene a gang task force or a steering committee, conduct a comprehensive assessment of local gang issues, use assessment findings to create an action plan that fits local problems, and implement coordinated gang-reduction strategies. NGC also supports communities engaged in the planning and implementation of the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model.

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