

**A  
Presentation  
On  
Gangs and Crews**

**“Because I Love You”  
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# **Gang and Crime Prevention Presentation**

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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**

**Black book – for practice**

**Gloves – to keep paint off fingers**

**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  
77<sup>th</sup> 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 (77<sup>th</sup> 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

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THE YOUTH RELATIONS/CRIME PREVENTION OFFICE FOCUSES PRIMARILY ON LOCAL SCHOOL CONCERNS REGARDING SAFETY, CAMPUS SECURITY, VIOLENCE REDUCTION AND THE PROMOTION OF POSITIVE HUMAN RELATIONS.

THE *CAMPUS RESPONSE TEAM* RESPONDS TO MAJOR DISTURBANCES PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN REDUCING AND STABILIZING VOLATILE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SITUATIONS. THE OFFICE, WHEN REQUESTED BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, CAN ALSO IMPLEMENT ITS *YOUTH RESOLVING CRITICAL PROBLEMS (YRCP)* PROCESS, A STRATEGY EMPHASIZING RESOLUTION THROUGH DIALOGUE BETWEEN GROUPS IN CONFLICT.

IN ADDITION, THE *HUMAN EFFORTS AIMED AT RELATING TOGETHER (HEART)* PROGRAM CAN BE INITIATED ON LOCAL SCHOOL CAMPUSES, UTILIZING THE LEADERSHIP OF NATURAL AND ELECTED STUDENTS OF INFLUENCE COMMITTED TO THE REDUCTION OF VIOLENCE ON CAMPUS. THIS DISPUTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE RACIAL, ETHNIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL INTERACTION AMONG STUDENTS.

AS A CULMINATING ACTIVITY, *HEART* PROGRAM STUDENT PARTICIPANTS FROM THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT COME TOGETHER FOR A DAY OF SHARING BEST PRACTICES AND DIALOGUE WITH THEIR PEERS, SCHOOL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, EDUCATORS, PARENTS AND POLITICAL LEADERS IN THE *SAN FERNANDO VALLEY HEART TO HEART YOUTH SUMMIT*.

FURTHERMORE, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDE GANG DIVERGENCE, ANTI-VANDALISM, CHILD SAFETY (STRANGER DANGER), CHARACTER EDUCATION, ATTENDANCE MOTIVATION, CAMPUS AIDE TRAINING, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, PARENT IN-SERVICE AND ASSISTANCE IN INITIATING AND MAINTAINING SAFE SCHOOL COLLABORATIVES.

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# SAN FERNANDO VALLEY STREET GANGS AND PARTY CREWS

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Alley Boyz Reseda (ABR)  
Above the Rest (ATR)  
Addicted to Grafitti (A2G)  
Armenian Power (AP)  
Asian Bad Boyz (ABBZ)  
Asian Boys (ABS)  
Asian Boyz (ABZ)  
Armenian Thug Gangsters (ATG)  
Aryan Youth (AY)  
Asian Kid Power (AKP)  
Akua Pinoy (AKP)(Filipino)  
Another Death Krew(Squad) (ADK)(ADS)  
Alcoholic Family Krew (AFK)  
Atomic Krew ((ATK)  
Always High Krew (AHK)  
American Youth Skins  
Afghan Rebels (AR)  
Atwater Chicos (AWC)  
Asian Soldiers (ASZ)  
Assassin Kings (AK – Armenian)  
Armenian Killers (AK)  
Avalon Gangster Crips (AGC)  
Azlans  
Ballers on Point (BOP)  
Bad Boys (BBZ)  
Bad Habits Krew (BHK)  
Baker Town (Bakersfield) (Vietnamese/Cambodian) (1/02)  
Blaze Too Much Krew (B2MK)  
Blazing Like Crazy (BLC)  
Beyond Limits Crew (BLC)  
Black Mafia Gang (BMG)  
Big Top Locos (BTLS)  
**Big Latino Criminals (BLC = Blazing Like Crazy)**  
Bombing on Society (BOS)  
Bombing Crazy Shit (BCS)  
Blythe Street (BST)  
Barrio Van Nuys (BVN)

Bryant Street (BST)  
 Bryant Street Queens (BSTQS)  
 Back Street Kids (BSK)  
 Balaha Na Gang (BNG)  
 Beyond Limits Family (BLF)  
 Black P-Stone Bloods (BPS)  
 Burbank 13 (B13)  
 BRIMS (Bloods)  
 Brown and Proud (BAP)  
 Brown Pride Raza (BPR) = PHBS  
 Brown Pride Serenos (BPS) = (TERMITES)  
 Brown Pride Mafia (BPM)  
**Brown Race Locos (BRL)**  
**Brown Side Riders (BSR)**  
 Blood P-Stones (BPS)  
 Blood Pirus (BPS) (PBS)  
 Born to Mob (BTM)  
 Cali Thugs (CTS)  
 Coast Line Taggers (CTS-White Skaters-Hale MS)  
 Canoga Park Alabama – Rascals (CPA)  
 Chicas De Valle (CDV – Chatsworth HS)  
 Cadillac Boys (CBS)  
 Crazy Boyz (CBZ)(Pacoima) = BPR  
 Crazy Little Rascals (CLR)  
 Crazy Pinoy Boyz (CPB)(Filipino)  
 Crazy Young Latinos (CYL)  
 Crazy Young Things (CYT)  
 Crazy Little Chicanos (CLC)  
 Crazy Little Chicanas (CLC)  
 Crucial Effects Krew (CEK)  
 Crenshaw Mafia Crips (CMC)  
 Crazy Riders (CRS)  
 Color Blind Niggas (CBN)  
 Collins Krew (CK)  
 Causing Absolute Kaos (CAK)  
 Crayola Kids (CK)(Filipino)  
 Crazy River Crossers (CRK)  
 Crazy Insane Players (CIP) (AA)  
 Crazy Hainas (CHS – Chatsworth HS)  
 Clover Crips (CC)  
 Crazy Latinos in Control (CLC)  
 Crazy Latin Kings (CLK)  
**Crazys (CYS – Northridge/Reseda = 18<sup>th</sup>/Bryant St.)**  
**Crazy Little Traviestas (CLT)**

Columbus Street (CST)  
 Cyclones/San Fernando  
 Copperhead (Filipino)(Orange County)  
 Clover Crips (CCS)  
 Criminals to Society (CTS – LA Gang in Mid City)  
**Dangerous Mobbing Krew (DMK – Cleveland HS)**  
 Dark City/Dark Crew (DC)  
**Delinquent Maniacs (Mexican) Krew (DMK = Bryant St.)**  
 Da Evil Family (DEF)  
 Delano Street (DST)  
 District's Dangerous Taggers (DDT)  
 Diablos (DBS)(Filipino)  
 Dead On Arrival (DOA) (El Monte) (2/02)  
 Deadend Wicked Gangsters (DWG)  
 Down for Anything (DFA)  
 Doing Bitches Scandalously (DBS)(Crip)  
 Down and Nasty Attitude (DNA)  
 Demons of the Valley (DOV)  
 Dirty Crab Bombers (DCB)  
 Destroying District Krew (DDK)  
 Down to Smoke (DTS)  
 Down With Pacoima (DWP)  
 Down and Crazy (DNC)  
 Don't Wanna F--- (DWF)  
 Doing Harm Krew (DHK)  
 Doing No Good (DNG = Brown Pride)  
 Drunk and High (DAH)  
 Drunk And Stoned (DNS) (Pacoima) (2/02)  
 Drug Lords (DLS)  
 Drifters –818 (DFS)  
 DS40C (Dark Side 40 Crips = Neighborhood Crips)  
 818 Big Valle/818 Southside Valle ( 818 Valle/818 SSV)  
 Evil Family Krew (EFK)  
**818 Stoners (Formally NCLS)**  
**818 Sur**  
 Evil Intentions Krew (EIK)  
 Everybody's Killers (EBK) (Filipino)  
 Every Woman's Fantasy (EWF)  
 Flipside (Filipino)  
 F--- The Haters (FTH) (Canoga) (2/02)  
 F--- The Krews (FTK)  
**Fuhrers Little Mobsters FLM 818 (White Supremicists)**  
 Familia Loca Krew (FLK)(Sutter)  
 Garden Street Boyz (GBZ)

Getting High Family (GHF)  
 God's Gift to Women (GGW)  
 Good Fellas (GFS)  
 Guess Who? (GW)  
 Gangsters Finest Criminals (GFC)  
 Gangster'd Out Serenos (GOS – LA)  
 Gangsters Causing Havoc (GCH)  
 High Class Honeys (HCH – Chatsworth HS)  
 Haskell Locos (HLS)  
 Having Crazy Thoughts (HCT)  
 Hammersmith Nation (HSN)  
 Hispanics in Control (HIC)  
 Hasset Street (HST)  
**Hispanics Most Famous (HMF)**  
**Hoodlums Most Famous (HMF)**  
 Homey's Over Bitches (HOB)  
 Insane Bombers Krew (IBK)  
**Insane Graffiti (IG – Multi-racial)**  
 Insane Krew (ISK)  
 Idiot Dogs Kick Ass (IDK)  
 Insane Tagging Krew (ITK)  
 Insane Grafitti (IG)  
 Insane Grafitti Artists (IGA)  
 In Your Face (IYF)  
 Insane Brotherhood (IBH)  
 Insane Suspicious Suspects (ISS)  
 Insane and Krazy (INK)  
 Krazy Chicas (KCS)(NHHS)(Lesbian)  
 Krazy Ass Belizians (KAB)  
 Krazy Wicked Locos (KWLS)  
 Krazy Mobbing Assasins/Krazy Mexican Assasins (KMA)  
 Krazy Raza Serenos (KRS)  
 Killing Brain Cells (KBS – W)  
 Korean Mobsters (KM)  
 Korea Town (K-Town)  
 Korean Mafia (KMC)  
 Korean Death Mafia (KDM)  
 (KDP) (Filipino)  
 Kidz Incorporated (KI)  
 Kings of Destruction (KOD)  
**Katch You Around (KUA – Columbus MS)**  
 Lanark Park Criminals (LPC)  
 Las Chicas de Valle (LCV) (Chatsworth HS)  
 Lev Street (LST)

Latinos Causing Panic (LCP)  
 Latinos Out of Control (LOC)  
 Latinos Taking Over (LTO)  
 Loc'd Up Criminals (LUC)  
 Laugh Out Loud (LOL)  
 Latin Tymes Pacoima (LTP)  
 Latin Kings (LKS)  
 Langdon Street (LST)  
 Little Future Langdon (LFL)  
 Ligget street (LST)  
 Little Pinoy Boys (LPBS)(Filipino)  
 Little Crazy Latinos (LCL)  
 Little Crazy Latinas (LCL)  
 Little Pinoy Kids (LPK)  
 Living On Clean (LOC – NHHS)  
 Le Bloc (Former BOP's)

**Money and Drugs (MAD = North Hollywood Boyz)**

Malditos (MDS)  
 Maniacs Krew (MCS)  
 Mobster Bringing Kaos (MBK)  
 Mental Boyz (MBZ = Nobel MS)  
 Most Outrageous Criminals (MOC)  
 Mexicans Out of Control (MOC)  
 Mexicans Taking Over (MTO)  
 Middle Eastern Family (MEF)  
 Mara Salvatrucha (MS)  
 Make `em, F--- `em, Leave `em (MFL)  
 Mid City Stoners (MCS – LA Gang)  
 Money Over Bitches (MOB)  
 Most Kraziest Family (MKF = Bryant Street)  
 Most Delinquent Kings (MDK = Bryant Street)  
 Most Desirable Ladies (MDL – Sutter MS)

**Most United Family (MUF)**

Nazi Lowriders (NLS)  
 New Born Kings (NBK)  
 Northside 18<sup>th</sup> Street (18<sup>th</sup> St. NS)  
 Nortorious Crip Gang (NSCG)  
 Nothing But Trouble (NBT)  
 Northridge City Riders (NCR)  
 Northridge City Locos (NCLS)  
 Northside Brown Pride (NSBP)  
 Northside Clantone (C14 NS)  
 North Hollywood Boyz (NHB)  
 Neighborhood Burbank Locos

