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Mission

The Gang Awareness and Intervention Network's mission is to educate groups and individuals on the proper method of dealing with gangs and gang related destructive behavior. Years of experience has taught us that we can not arrest our way out of this gang crisis. Years have been spent arresting narcotic abusers and the drug problem still flourishes. Years have been spent arresting prostitutes and the prostitution problem is also rampant. It has not worked with these problems and arresting alone will not work with **gangs**.

Denial or The ostrich's approach of burying ones head in the sand is no longer an acceptable method of dealing with gangs. The proper way to curb this assault on our youth is with

ACTION

- After School programs*
- Community involvement*
- Team support*
- Intervention*
- One on One Mentoring*
- Networking*

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Parents

Keep a open line of communication with Your children. And Listen
 Be a parent first and a friend second
 Keep computers in an openly visible area If they have a myspace, or social networking account you should also have one. Occasionally visit their pages
 Know their friends
 Educate yourself about gangs
 Remember there are no real experts
 The most dangerous gang is all of them
 The only Bad question is the one you fail to ask
 It is not a phase that will just fade away

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Identification

“Criminal gang member”

is a person who meets at least two of the following :

- (a) Admits to criminal gang membership.
- (b) Is identified as a gang member by a parent or guardian.
- (c) Is identified as a gang member by a informant.
- (d) Wears gang clothing or paraphernalia.
- (e) Uses gang hand signs .
- (f) Has a Gang related tattoo
- (g) Associates with one or more known criminal gang members.
- (i) Is identified as a gang member by physical evidence.
- (j) Has been observed hanging out with gang members four or more times.
- (k) Has authorized any communication with a gang member written or electronic (text message, e-mail)
- (l) My space photos and videos with gang members, flashing gang hand signs

What is a gang member? Now, you know



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Facts

Most residents of the New Jersey, metropolitan area are acutely aware of terrorism, because of the events of Sept 11, 2001. we became a group of people **united under one flag**. Differences were cast aside.

Many are not aware of the impending rise of the domestic terrorists in our society and the only way to calm this assault is to again unite under **one flag**.



Gang membership has increased at an alarming rate. Gangs are no longer an inner city problem. Gangs have moved from the "hood" to the neighborhood. They are now in all communities including the suburbs. Gangs are now showing up in our more affluent communities. Coming soon to a neighborhood near you, and already recruiting in a school near you.

“We Must Be re-educated because for so long we have been mis-educated”
W.E.B.Dubois

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Message

I have many goals, and many dreams, many opportunities by many means.
It doesn't take long to fall behind, Keep on point stay focused and use your mind.
Life is far from a movie and there is no rewind.
How can you be a leader if you're following some one else?
You can't go wrong if you are true to yourself.
Remember a individual is one and not a few !
You can't go wrong if you just be you.
There's a million ways to get rich easy and there's a million crimes. There's over a million people doing a million years in time.
Ask yourself what it is that you want to do.
Be a leader or be a follower and make it a million and two.

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