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## Recognizing and Preventing Gang Involvement

This quick reference pamphlet provides common warning signs of gang involvement, but may not be all encompassing. Parents should look for multiple signs to indicate possible gang involvement, because some of these indicators alone, such as clothes or musical preferences, are also common among youth not involved in gangs. Parents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with local gang symbols, seek help early, and consider contacting school personnel, local law enforcement, faith leaders, and/or community organizations for additional assistance.

### Warning Signs that Your Child May Be Involved In a Gang

He or she:

- Admits to “hanging out” with kids in gangs
- Shows an unusual interest in one or two particular colors of clothing or a particular logo
- Has an unusual interest in gangster-influenced music, videos, movies, or websites
- Uses unusual hand signals to communicate with friends

- Has specific drawings or gang symbols on school books, clothes, walls, or tattoos
- Comes home with unexpected physical injuries (fighting-related bruises, injuries to hands or knuckles, etc.)
- Has unexplained cash or goods, such as clothing or jewelry
- Carries a weapon
- Has been in trouble with Police
- Withdraws from family
- Has declining school attendance
- Stays out late for no reason
- Displays an unusual desire for secrecy
- Exhibits signs of drug use
- Breaks rules constantly
- Speaks in gang style slang

### What Parents Can Do To Prevent Gang Involvement

- Spend quality time with your child
- Get involved in your child’s school activities

- Be a positive role model
- Know your child’s friends
- Encourage good study habits
- Teach your child how to cope with peer pressure
- Help you child develop good conflict resolution
- Encourage your child to participate in positive after school activities with adult supervision
- Take action in your neighborhood
- Talk with your child about the dangers and consequences of gang involvement, letting your child know that you don’t want to see them hurt or arrested
- Explain to your child that he/she should NOT:
  - Associate with gang members
  - Use gang symbols or language
  - Wear clothing, including specific colors, which may have meaning to gangs