

Gang Prevention Resources for Parents and Teachers **From Teacher Vision and Other Sources**

There are many websites and resources on this topic. These are some that we found most helpful.

Websites

Addressing Community Gang Problems: A Model for Problem Solving

Grade Levels: **Middle, Secondary**

The U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance details a comprehensive method of identifying specific gang problems and agreeing on viable responses. A school or community can use an extensive set of worksheets at the end of the document to guide the development of a gang response plan. A bibliography is included. This publication is a PDF.

<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles/156059.pdf>

Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT)

Grade Levels: **Primary, Intermediate, Middle**

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has developed a multi-lesson curriculum to be delivered to elementary and middle school students by a local police officer. Lessons for younger students focus on self-esteem and the positive value of clubs (versus gangs). Older students discuss the negative effects of gangs and methods of conflict resolution. A summer activity program further cements student bonds with local police.

<http://www.atf.treas.gov/great/index.htm>

National Youth Gang Center

Grade Levels: **All**

The Institute for Intergovernmental Research offers a wide range of information concerning gangs. Click on the Publications link for comprehensive materials.

<http://www.iir.com/nygc/maininfo.htm>

A Parent's Guide for Preventing Gangs

Grade Levels: **All**

Specific warning signs of gang interest in children and concrete ways to prevent gang involvement are found here.

<http://www.lunaweb.com/pargang.htm>

Preventing Adolescent Gang Involvement

Grade Levels: **All**

The U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention summarizes the risk factors for students to become gang members and details common elements of successful prevention. An extensive bibliography is included. This publication is a PDF. [For help in downloading PDF's.](#)

<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/182210.pdf>

What's a Parent to Do About Gangs?

A good resource from the National Crime Prevention Council and the City of Mesa, AZ, on how parents can help with gang prevention. PDF file for downloaded brochure.

<http://www.ci.mesa.az.us/police/literature/pdf/parentdoaboutgangs.pdf>

Youth Violence: A Report of the Surgeon General

Report from the Surgeon General with statistics, models and suggestions for gang prevention

<http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/youthviolence/sgsummary/summary.htm#topper>

Gang Awareness – A Handbook for Parents, Teachers and Concerned Citizens

An excellent handbook for parents and teachers from the San Antonio Police Department, Youth Crime Services Unit

<http://www.ci.sat.tx.us/sapd/pdf/Awareness.pdf>

Books

Landre, R., Miller, M., and Porter, D. (1997). *Gangs: A Handbook for Community Awareness*. New York: Facts on File.

Oliver, M., (1995) *Gangs: Trouble in the Streets*. Springfield, NJ: Enslow Publishers, Inc.

Sachs, S. (1997) *Street Gang Awareness – A Resource Guide for Parents and Professionals*, Minneapolis, MN: Fairview.

Yablonsky, L. (1997) *Gangsters: Fifty Years of Madness, Drugs and Death on the Streets of America*. New York: New York University Press.