

Gang Prevention Tips for Parents

What parents can do to prevent gang involvement:

- ❖ Spend quality time with your child
- ❖ Get involved in your child's school activities
- ❖ Know your child's friends and their families
- ❖ Encourage good study habits
- ❖ Teach your child how to cope with peer pressure
- ❖ Help your child develop good conflict/resolution skills
- ❖ Encourage your child to participate in positive after school activities with adult supervision (recreation centers, organized sports, youth groups)
- ❖ Take action in your neighborhood (create a neighborhood alliance, report and remove graffiti)
- ❖ Talk with your child about the dangers and consequences of gang involvement. Let your child know that you don't want to see him or her hurt or arrested

Explain to your child that he or she should NOT:

- ❖ Associate with gang members
- ❖ Attend parties or social events hosted by gangs
- ❖ Use hand signals, symbols, or language that is meaningful to gangs
- ❖ Wear clothing, including specific colors, which may have meaning to gangs in your area

