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Municipal Building**

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GANG AWARENESS

PREVENTION EDUCATION AND INTERVENTION

“TRAIN THE TRAINER” SEMINAR

We cannot stop gang growth if we deny they exist, don't know the signs, and don't do anything to stop them!

Target audience:

Community-Based Organizations, Law Enforcement, Schools, Civic Groups and Faith-Based Institutions.

Purpose: This seminar will focus on gang intervention and prevention while providing an in-depth knowledge of the current trends of criminal street level gangs and other gang types. It will also give a greater understanding of the gang lifestyle, its appeal to some youth, and actions to curb the trend. *This “train the trainer” course will give participants the knowledge and tools necessary to facilitate gang education trainings in their own settings.*

Youth join gangs for protection, enjoyment, respect, money, or because a friend is in a gang.

Youth are at higher risk of joining a gang if they engage in delinquent behaviors, are aggressive or violent, experience multiple caretaker transitions, have many problems at school, associate with other gang-involved youth, or live in communities where they feel unsafe and where many youth are in trouble.

To prevent youth from joining gangs, communities must strengthen families and schools, improve community supervision, train teachers and parents to manage disruptive youth, and teach students interpersonal skills. (Gang Prevention: An Overview of Research and Programs December 2010)

Seminar Topics

Gangs in small communities/ Impact on your community/schools

- Trends in Gang Activity
- Bullies and Gangs

Inside world of the gang life.

- Identifiers – Alliances, Hand Signs, Slogans, Symbols, Colors
- Relationship between Gangs, Violence, Drugs, and Crime.
- Facts and Fiction About Gangs and Violence.

Why Does a Person Join A Gang?

- Attractions to Gangs & Popular Culture
- How Many Youth Join Gangs?
- Gangs and Broken Families Demographic Characteristics of Gang Members
- Who Gangs pick? - Risk Factors for Joining Gangs

What You Can Do About Gangs?

- Police and the Community
- Gang assessment in your community.
- Prevention and Intervention Efforts – Solutions and Strategies for Change
- Gang Intervention: Strategies, Services, and Tools
- Clinical Interventions with Gang Members and their families
- A Model for Prevention & A Framework for Intervention

Two days of Real Knowledge

Prevention Track

Intervention Track

*Course outline subject to change.

*Discretion Warning:

Materials used in this presentation depicts adult situations and street violence.

Presenters

DETECTIVE KEN DAVIS is a 27 years veteran with the Yonkers Police Department, Yonkers, NY. During the early 1990's, he served within the Department's Community Affairs Division. As a community affairs officer and law enforcement instructor, he assisted in street gangs and graffiti vandalism reduction, along with police and community issues. In the early 2000, he was assigned as one of the School Resource Officers within Yonkers Public School System. In 2009, he was assigned to the Detective Division's Gang/Narcotics Unit. Since the early 1990s, he has presented and attended numerous gang and graffiti-related conferences sponsored by law enforcement and civilian agencies. Today, he is one of the many gang specialists that presents at the Annual Gang Specialist Program sponsored by the National Gang Crime Research Center, in Chicago, IL.

DEVON HARRIS, Executive Director, Full Circle Refuge: Gang Intervention Specialist, is a certified "Volunteer In Prison Ministry" trainer for Prison Fellowship Ministries; graduate of the School of Juvenile Justice Ministries, Straight Ahead Ministries; member of the Ministry Delivery Team for Prison Fellowship Georgia; completed the Street Gang/Juvenile Crime Course presented by 21st Century Law Enforcement Consultants Inc.; received the "Street Gang: Identification and Investigation" certification from The Institute of Police Technology and Management of the University of North Florida; certified "Gang Intervention Specialist" from The National Gang Crime Research Center. Devon is also an active member of the Georgia Gang Investigators Association.

Presenters

LEO OTERO - Leo is a certified Gang Intervention Specialist (Level 1), through the National Gang and Crime Research Center in Chicago, Illinois. He is a volunteer and consultant for the Gang Awareness Program at Full Circle Refuge. Leo has been sharing his skills and life experiences at detention facilities, drug rehabilitation centers, schools, churches, and civic groups with the goal to reach at risk youth and provoke them to examine their lives and the influences of this generation. Leo is bilingual, speaking Spanish in addition to English. With genuine concern and commitment, Leo captivates audiences and people in all walks of life. Once deeply immersed in a life of drugs and gang violence, Leo now shares his message of real change to at risk youth involved in substance abuse. Leo turned to the streets at a very early age and by the age of 16, quit school and began using drugs. Soon Leo was introduced to heroin, which became the driving force in his life. By the age of twenty-two he was facing time in the penitentiary. Leo became a repeat offender, serving much of his young adult life in prison. All of his life Leo had been living in despair and searching for a source of security, until one night in a lonely prison cell, Leo prayed for God's help.

YANNIK MCKIE- Overcoming life's tough challenges and turning obstacles into stepping stones...this is the expertise of Yannik McKie, preacher, Author, and Executive Director of The McKie Foundation. Nearly 20 years ago, Yannik McKie became one of the first children in America to lose both his parents to the deadly AIDS disease. Overcoming such tragic and personal adversity has certainly helped Yannik earn his reputation as the expert on how to help today's youth and adults overcome their adversity and maximize their God given potential. In 2010 Yannik founded The McKie Foundation, through which, he mentors, counsels, and donates his time and resources to children who have lost one or both of their parents to critical illness through his signature program, "Taking Care of Home." Yannik is a young, dynamic, and vibrant keynote speaker with an extraordinary gift and ability to reach, relate to, and inspire people of all ages to take action and responsibility in their lives. His unique experiences, perspective, and skill-sets make him an exceptional motivational speaker for businesses, universities, churches, non-profit organizations, leadership conferences, and at-risk youth groups. Yannik is a bright and gifted storyteller. He captivates, motivates, and teaches his audiences to use their adversity to maximize their potential. Yannik's encouraging messages have been heard around the country. He has been featured on numerous media outlets, including the *Fox 5 Morning Show*, *Good Day Atlanta*, *Charisma Magazine* and *The Huffington Post*. Yannik is currently serving as the youth pastor of Broadway Baptist Church. and chief operating officer of the South Augusta Community Development Organization.

CHRIS NORRIS - Chris Norris is a native of Thomson, Ga and currently resides in Augusta. He has a Bachelors of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Valdosta State University; Masters of Education and Masters of Science Degrees in Counseling/Psychology from Troy University. Chris is a License Professional Counselor and Certified Addictions Counselor Level II with the State of Georgia. He is a Certified Anger Management Facilitator and Trainer with Anderson and Anderson Psychological Services as well as a Certified Gang Intervention Specialist (Level 1) through the National Gang and Crime Research Center out of Chicago, Illinois. He is the CEO of G.R.A.Y.S. (Gradually Raising the Awareness of Youth in Society) Group LLC, an organization that specializes in Mental Health Counseling/ Psycho-Educational and Rites of Passage Program Services for adolescents, their families and the communities to which they belong. He provides consulting/counseling services to families with Mental Health, Cultural Identity Issues, Anger Management, Parenting, Domestic Violence and Alcohol and Drug related issues. He is a volunteer with Richmond and McDuffie County Schools and the Department of Juvenile Justice in Thomson and Augusta. He is actively serving as Director of Program and Membership for the John G. Zeigler Council #1 Knights of Pythagoras Youth Program. He has operated a before school Afrikan-Centered Rites of Passage Program that promotes the building of positive self-esteem in youth through Knowledge of Self training that focuses on educating them from a cultural perspective that reconnects them to their glorious past and promotes academic excellence.

This Seminar is sponsored by



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Two days of Real Knowledge – Prevention Track and a Intervention Track

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\$99.00 PER PERSON for the 2 day seminar or \$59.00 PER PERSON for the 1 day seminar.

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