

Useful Resources

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Back on Track/Restart Academy 718-804-1866 ext: 2022

Gender Responsive Re-Entry Assistance and Support Programs (GRASP)
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NYC Department of Education, Gang Prevention and Intervention
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*Let's work together to protect our youth, one mind at a time;
and keep Brooklyn safe.*

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KIDS

NO GANG ACTIVITY ALLOWED!

"We are losing too many of our youth to Gangs. Gang activity and the violence that comes with it make our communities unsafe for everyone. I am deeply concerned about our young people and the choices they make that can change their life forever and for the safety of all people in Brooklyn. Through my Office's youth diversion program and educational awareness, we offer the tools and information for young people to make better life choices." -- **Kenneth P. Thompson**



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Gang – an organized group, typically of three or more individuals, united by secret street life and identity (e.g. colors, symbols, code) who assemble and most notably engage in wrongful, criminal conduct often involving guns, violence and drugs.

Education is essential to intervention and prevention.

Do you recognize the following gang signs, symbols and/or names? Adults, please be aware of the following indicators of gang membership.

Addicted to Cash	Dub City	Hood Starz	Wave gangs	Stack Money Goons			
Rich Boys	R&B	YGZ	Weez gang	YBZ	ADR	BFG	Trinitarios "Patria"
BIB	MGZ	YBZ	Folk Nation	Latin Kings	Bloods	Crips	
Niños Malos	Coney Island Warriors	S42	18th Street	MS13			

Who is involved in and/or at risk for gang activity?

- Youth who want to have a sense of belonging, who crave attention, and need strong role models.
- Youth who have basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter which are not being met by their parents.
- Youth who are without hope and who do not see positive long term options for their lives.

What are some signs that kids are involved with gang activity? If you answer yes to four or more of these questions, your child could be at risk.

1. Has your child spent a lot of time online watching particularly violent, explicit music or videos whose lyrics and images portray gang related activity, "Turf" disputes, or group rivalries?
2. Has your child become angry about something that was posted about them on social media and seeks revenge?
3. Has your child listened to music whose lyrics speak in derogative terms toward women, ethnic groups or police?
4. Has your child's clothing changed? Do they now wear the same color in their outfit every day and have colored or designer scarves, bandanas, hats or beads that match their outerwear?
5. Has your daughter dyed/colored her hair and/or nails with the same color (red, blue, yellow) that matches her clothing for long periods of time?
6. Does your child's school note books and other writing include things that seem like a code, such as crossing out letters like B's and C's, pitchforks, crowns, five or six point stars, along with numbers like 13 and 031?
7. Have you observed them using what appears to be sign language with their hands when they are with their friends – when you or their school has not been teaching them sign language?
8. Has your child mimicked hand signals that they have observed when watching videos?
9. Are they wearing expensive clothing or shoes that you have not bought for them or do they have money you have not given them?
10. Are they hanging out with a new group of "friends" that all dress alike and do not have a good reputation in the neighborhood? Does your child affiliate with and refer to their association with a gang/crew/team?
11. Are you, the parent, afraid of your child?
12. Is your child becoming more disrespectful and less concerned about family or school issues?

Tips for Adults

- Parents should monitor their child's online and social media presence. Online social media may reveal a child's involvement with gang related activity or fascination. Have them show you their social media accounts. Keep computers out of bedrooms.
- Mobile device communication via text messages may also reveal a child's participation in gangs. Parents should be aware of who their child communicates with and the nature of those communications.
- Lead by example on how to resolve differences and anger management. Often petty offenses escalate and become the basis for gang related violence/turf wars. Parents should communicate with their child on how to respond to disagreements in a non-violent and productive manner.
- Take an active and interested role in being a parent. Talk with your child and engage them in conversation. Do not accept one word answers. Listen to your child's response.
- Monitor your child's school attendance and internet access.
- Talk with teachers, guidance counselors, school safety agents, NYPD youth officers and school administrators on a regular basis. Notice any changes in your child; find out what is going on. If there is a problem – don't wait – act.
- Have your child introduce you to their friends, and their parents. Observe their dress and how they act. Work together with these parents by communicating to insure children are where they say they are and doing what they say they are doing.
- Provide outside afterschool activities: doing local community service, Police Athletic League (PAL), Scouting, Explorers club (FDNY, NYPD) and Schools Clubs.
- Consider relocation, if possible; remove your child from an environment where they are constantly threatened by violence, drugs, and distractions.

Tips for Kids

- Look within yourself and examine your choices and do what is right.
- Communicate with your parents or a trusted responsible adult if you sense you need to belong or need guidance. Recognize that some choices made in an instant can have life-long implications. If you sense that to belong or have protection you need to affiliate with a gang, reconsider and seek a positive alternative.
- Start an activity, join a team or an athletic group such as the Police Athletic League (PAL), Scouting, Explorers club (FDNY, NYPD) and Schools Clubs.

