



Gang Prevention Month

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

- Communicate & listen to your child
- Spend special time with each child
- Praise your child for doing well
- Plan family activities together
- Show a high value on education
- Get involved in your child's education
- Help your child do her/his best
- Know your child's friends!

WHAT CAN YOUR CHURCH OR CLUB DO?

- Provide places for youth to hang out & activities fun for them
- Provide educational & employment opportunities
- Create "safe" zones & suppress fearful environments
- Work to develop trusting Parent-Child relationships
- Pastors, Youth Ministers and Community Leaders – be the voice of families and youth
- Develop a "mission" to reach out to "at-risk" youth.

GANGS ARE NOT JUST A BIG CITY OR INNER CITY PROBLEM, NOR ARE THEY A PROBLEM OF A PARTICULAR RACE OR CULTURE. GANGS CROSS ALL ETHNIC, RACIAL, SOCIOECONOMIC, GENDER, AND GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES.

THEY BRING FEAR AND VIOLENCE TO NEIGHBORHOODS, TRAFFIC IN DRUGS, DESTROY PROPERTY, INVOLVE YOUTH IN CRIME, AND DRIVE OUT BUSINESSES.

GANGS PULL TEENS AWAY FROM SCHOOL AND HOME INTO A LIFE OF VIOLENCE.



WAKE COUNTY GANG PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

*"Creating a community where youth and their families reject gangs and where gangs can no longer exist."
If you want to learn more about gang prevention efforts in Wake County or if your church or organization would like a Community Presentation, please call (919) 256-0919.*