

Why do people join gangs?



- * Respect
- * Security and physical protection
- * Lack of positive activities
- * Excitement of the gang lifestyle
- * Financial gain
- * Peer pressure from family and friends
- * Family ties - generational
- * Excitement
- * Forced to join

Gang influences



- * Actual gang members (recruitment)
- * Music (gangsta rap)
- * Television (crime on news)
- * Movies (glamorizes lifestyle)
- * Internet (communication / web sites)
- * Literature

What can you do?



- * Make sure your child doesn't need a gang !!!
- * Talk and listen to your child
- * Promote positive activities for your child
- * Get to know the friends of your child
- * Build positive self esteem in your child
- * Be a good role model
- * Report suspected drug / gang activity to the police

Online resources



www.ecgia.org
www.gripe4rkids.org
www.nagia.org
www.iir.com/nygc
www.nsscl.org
www.njgangfree.org/
www.great-online.org
www.gangsorus.com
www.nationalgangcenter.gov

HOTLINES



Carteret Police Drug / Gang
(732) 541-3852

New Jersey State Police Gang Bureau
(609) 538-6062

Division of Youth and Family Services
Action Line
(800) 331-DYFS

N.J. Substance Abuse Hotline
(800) 225-0196

Family Help Line
(800) THE-KIDS

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Gang Awareness and Prevention



Guide for Parents

