

# Promising Approaches to Gangs

A Catalogue of Prevention and Suppression  
Programs in Illinois

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## **Introduction**

With the apparent spread of gangs and criminal activity by young people throughout the state, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police sought the Authority's assistance in identifying promising approaches to gangs and youth crime. To that end the Authority surveyed all chiefs, sheriffs and city managers in the state, inviting them to describe programs in their communities they believed were reducing or preventing gang or youth crime. Responses were received from 78 chiefs, sheriffs and city managers identifying 90 programs. These were then organized by type and included in the listing that follows. Those interested in learning more about a particular program should contact the individuals listed for that program directly.

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**SECTION 1**  
**YOUTH PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

**C.O.U.R.A.G.E.**

Lindenhurst Police Department  
2301 East Sand Lake  
Lindenhurst, Illinois 60046

Contact: Kevin Klauhs  
(708) 356-8252

Serves: Grayslake, Antioch, Lindenhurst and Lake Villa, Illinois

Description: The goal of the program is to steer youth away from negative behavior that can result from gang involvement through education, intervention and the prevention of gang activity.

**Glendale Heights Junior Police Striders**

Glendale Heights Police Department  
300 Civic Center Plaza  
Glendale Heights, Illinois 60139

Contact: Chief James R. Carroll  
(708) 260-6000 Ext 430

Serves: All children in grades 5-12

Description: The goal of this program is to promote a positive relationship between youth and the police as well as provide for membership in a positive organization. Targeted youth participate in organized events (dances, sports outings, bowling, etc.) which are chaperoned by sworn police officers.

**High School Liaison Officer**

Village of Glenview  
4000 West Lake Avenue  
Glenview, Illinois 60025

Contact: Deputy Chief Pat Carey  
(708) 729-5000

Serves: High school age young adults of the Village of Glenview

Description: A senior youth officer is assigned full time to work within the high school during school hours to foster guidance, leadership and rapport among young adults and the police at the high school level.

**Lincoln Area Gang Task Force**

Lincoln Police Department  
911 Pekin Street  
Lincoln, Illinois 62656

Contact: Corporal Thomas D. Rowland  
(217) 732-2151

Serves: Logan County Youth

Description: A Task Force was set up to provide education on basic gang information and give youth alternative choices to gangs. The Task Force has been responsible for sponsoring local law addressing graffiti and for the issuance of a court order placing the SHOCAP program into place. In an attempt to provide alternate activities, the Task Force has made plans to provide various activities for youth. Separate committees have been formed to address the various levels of gang activity. The members of the Task Force come from numerous community groups such as housing, education, social services, law enforcement, courts and others.

**LTHS Liaison**

LaGrange Police Department  
100 S. Brainard  
LaGrange, Illinois

Contact: Sergeant Vic Arnold  
(708) 579-2333

Serves: Junior and Senior High School Students

Description: The goal of this program is to interact with and advise students. A plain clothes officer spends one day per week at the high school and is available to help students, answer questions and make presentations.

**Police in the Classroom**

Cresthill Police Department  
1610 Plainfield Road  
Cresthill, Illinois 60435

Contact: Lieutenant Paul Desavento  
(815) 741-5115

Serves: Grade School Children

Description: A uniformed police officer is provided for two hours at lunch time each week to the two grade schools. This officer is available on an informal basis to the children for any concerns or problems they may want to discuss. The goal of this program is to open lines of communication and make informal contact with school children that will result in less formal contact with youths at a later age.

**School Bus Stop**

Warrenville Police Department  
3 S. 245 Warren Avenue, P.O. Box 573  
Warrenville, IL 60555

Contact: Chief Robert LaDeur  
(708) 393-2131

Serves: Junior High School students

Description: One or two officers meet with Junior High students waiting for the morning school bus to discuss issues of concern regarding drugs and gangs in the neighborhood and schools. Visits last for 15-20 minutes and information regarding all sorts of activity is discussed. Excellent for role modeling to students.

**School Safety**

Cove School  
520 Glendale Avenue  
Winnetka, Illinois 60093

Contact: Dr. Noell  
(708) 441-9300

Serves: The students of Cove School

Description: The school annually conducts assemblies with law enforcement guests speakers who speak to various student groups about gangs and guns.

**Street Gangs Today**  
McLean County Sheriff's Department  
104 W. Front Street  
Bloomington, IL 61702-2400

Contact: Sergeant Bonnie Serone  
(309) 888-5030

Serves: McLean County Residents (Adults and Young People)

Description: Slide and lecture presentation for both adults and youth (programs are done separately) provide an overview of gangs. The intent is to help identify gang involvement and gang activity and to explain the local gang problem.

**SECTION 2**  
**YOUTH INTERVENTION PROGRAMS**

**Before It's Too Late**

Rock Creek Center  
40 Timberline Drive  
Lemont, Illinois 60439

Central Jr. High School  
17248 S. 67th Avenue  
Tinley Park, Illinois 60477

Contact: Marianne Pasik

(708) 257-3636 ext. 258

Serves: Adolescents 12-18 throughout South Suburban Cook County and Northeast Will County

Description: Adolescents and their families are provided with information and skill building exercises to strengthen the family unit and individual coping and decision making abilities. Adolescents between the ages of 12 and 18 who are first time truants, runaways or experiencing behavior problems at home meet 2 hours a week for 12 weeks in groups of 8-12 people. Parents and adolescents have separate meetings during the first hour and group sessions the second hour. Prevention is emphasized as well as the development of communication skills and recognizing problem behavior, its consequences and how to deal with these issues.

**Rap About It**

Bellwood Police Department  
3200 Washington Blvd.  
Bellwood, Illinois 60104

Contact: Commander Jesse Williams  
(708) 547-3512

Serves: Youths, Adults, Teachers and Parents

Description: This program is designed to be a mentor type program for runaway youths, violent youths, and youths with academic or behavioral problems. The goal is to meet with the needs of youths and adults when they encounter a crisis in their lives. More serious problems are referred for professional help.

**Tinley Park Police Juvenile Assessment/Counseling Program**

Hartgrove Hospital  
c/o Tinley Park Police Dept  
17355 S. 68th Ct.  
Tinley Park, Illinois 60477

Contact: Cecil Barclay  
(312) 722-3113

Serves: Juveniles in Tinley Park

Description: This program provides assessment and counseling for juveniles with behavioral problems at home. Representatives from Hartgrove Hospital spend four hours a week doing initial assessment and counseling of referrals from the police department.

**Violence Reduction in Urban Areas**

Chicago Police Department  
2259 South Damen Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60647

Contact: Commander Delfino Bustos  
(312) 747-8246

Serves: Hardcore gang youths ages 17-25 years old

Description: The goal of the program is to reduce gang violence in the South Lawndale Community. This program targets the South Lawndale community in the West Side's 10th Police District, which research shows has a gang homicide rate nearly twice the Citywide rate. Under the program, a team of civilian gang outreach workers maintain regular contact with up to 200 known gang members, providing them with crisis counseling, job and school referrals, and other alternatives. The team also works with police to defuse conflicts among street gangs before they turn lethal. Additional probation officers provide close supervision to known gang members, and a Community Advisory Group consults with project staff. In the first year, gang homicide declined (from eight to four) and the rate of increase in aggravated assaults has slowed. In addition, 15 hard-core gang members have been diverted to educational programs and jobs.

**SECTION 3**  
**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

**Academic Career Enrichment**

Martin Luther King Center, United Way and DASA  
511 South Liberty Avenue  
Freeport, Illinois 61032

Contact: Becky Spangler  
(815) 233-9915

Serves: K through 12

Description: To serve academic needs, students are bussed to various sites after school where hired tutors help them with their studies. This program serves about 220 students at this time and can accommodate up to 500 students.

**Boys and Girls Clubs of Freeport**

United Way, Martin Luther King Center and DASA  
511 South Liberty Avenue  
Freeport, Illinois 61032

Contact: Scott Lewis  
(815) 233-9926

Serves: K through 12

Description: The goal of this program is to give youth an alternative to crime and gangs by letting them become part of a team. It teaches commitment, dedication and discipline. The program is run by adults who volunteer and schedule various activities for the youth to learn leadership skills.

**Community Oriented Policing**

La Grange Police Department  
304 West Burlington  
LaGrange, Illinois

Contact: Sergeant Lichner  
(708) 579-2333

Serves: Geographical Area comprising of lower income, high crime and drug use

Description: Five officers are assigned to the area to help solve problems, prevent crime and assist students. This program provides an after school study program for elementary students, and weight training and track program for junior high students.

**Drop-In Center**

Mainstay  
727 Busse Highway  
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

Contact: Terry Henderschott  
(708) 823-8422

Serves: Youths from 5th to 12th grade in the Maine township area

Description: The Cook County Sheriff's Police Department collectively interacts with youths at several Drop-In Centers in Maine Township. Through alternative sports programs, youth get a chance to involve themselves with other youths that share the same goals of staying away from gangs, drugs or any other criminal activities. The program is staffed with volunteers ranging from parents, business operators and concerned residents to older youths serving as role models. Drop-In Centers are held at three schools in Maine Township. The Centers are all structured to the age of youths participating at the Drop-In Center.

**Marathon Park Project**

Marathon Properties, Village and Park District  
1930 Prairie Street  
Glenview, Illinois 60025

Contact: Tom Richardson  
(708) 724-5670

Serves: Target area of high incidence

Description: The purpose of this program is to involve young adults in sports and give them a place to have organized activities other than gangs. A parcel of land was donated to the Glenview Park District by a private property owner next to a high incidence area. That area was sorely in need of land use for park district activities. Park staff, equipment and maintenance were all put into place immediately. The park is accessible to area children who live in a high incidence area.

**Neighborhood Resource Center**

Hanover Police Department  
2121 West Lake Street  
Hanover Park, Illinois 60103

Contact: Linda Weiss  
(708) 837-0115

Serves: Children and adults in the community

Description: This program provides a positive atmosphere for adults and children and assists lower economic groups in attaining self sufficiency. This is done through homework assistance and community oriented programs such as boy scouts, cub scouts, girl scouts, athletic competitions and food pantry distributions.

**Police Cadets**

Round Lake Beach Police  
916 West Rollins Road  
Round Lake Beach, Illinois 60073

Contact: Officer Sandy Baker  
(708) 546-2127

Serves: High School Youths

Description: Gives high school youth a chance to learn and to work with police officers.

**Positive Alternate Program**

Chicago Police Department and Wright Community College  
226 West Jackson  
Chicago, Illinois

Contact: Harriet Alexander  
(312) 481-8800

Serves: Youths 7 to 21 years old in four Chicago police districts

Description: This educational and crime prevention partnership is designed to help young people ages 7 to 21 to combat the negative influences of drugs, gangs, and harmful peer pressure. Positive choices and direction are offered through a variety of free educational, employment and leisure time activities. Classes are held at two Chicago City College campuses and three Chicago police district stations. An added benefit of P.A.P. is the rapport developed among the police, children parents, business people, and local schools. The 15th district (which has won two national awards for this program) reports that school truancy is down, youth crime is down and meaningful relationships among youth, community, and police are improving as a result of P.A.P.

**Project Success**

Round Lake Beach Police  
916 West Rollins Road  
Round Lake Beach, Illinois

Contact: Corporal Victor Ligenza  
(708) 546-2127

Serves: Grade School Youths

Description: This program gives youth time after school between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to have fun together. The 12 week program for grade school youth includes gym, board games and crafts.

**Summer Basketball League**

Martin Luther King Center and Newell Companies  
511 South Liberty Avenue  
Freeport, Illinois 61032

Contact: James Rhyne  
(815) 233-9915

Serves: 14, 15 and 16 year old youths

Description: This is a youth program that coordinates basketball leagues within the local parks. Teams are coached by volunteers and t-shirts are purchased through donations from the Newell Company. The Newell Company also supplies funds for referees, scorekeepers, and equipment. The program lasts for approximately 6 to 8 weeks, ending with a round robin tournament and trophies given away.

**SECTION 4**  
**ADULT AWARENESS PROGRAMS**

**Awareness Presentation**

Lombard Police Department  
235 East Wilson  
Lombard, Illinois 60148

Contact: Detective Will Mitchell  
(708) 620-5955

Serves: Organizations, clubs, and members of the village

Description: The goal of this program is to increase community awareness of gangs and gang activity. All organizations and clubs are advised of this program by mail. Upon request a presentation is conducted to educate on gangs, gang activity in the area, what to look for and what parents can do.

**Carol Stream Police Department**

Carol Stream Police Department  
500 N. Gary Avenue  
Carol Stream, Illinois 60188

Contact: Sergeant Rick Willing  
(708) 668-2167

Description: Several Anti-Gang initiatives are currently used by the Carol Stream Police Department. These include distribution of Anti-Gang booklets to Carol Stream residents, anti-graffiti ordinance (requires property owners to promptly remove graffiti), gang awareness taught in DARE classes and Problem Oriented Policing to address identified gang problems.

**Community Gang Awareness Meeting**

Glendale Heights Police  
300 Civic Center Plaza  
Glendale Heights, Illinois 60139

Contact: Chief James R. Carroll  
(708) 260-6000 Ext. 430

Serves: All residents in the community

Description: Organized meetings are held where experts provide information on detecting and combatting gang presence. Information on community resources available for combatting gangs such as Neighborhood Watch, Junior Police Striders and private programs is provided.

**Community-wide Gang Awareness Program**

Romeoville Police Department  
10 Montrose Drive  
Romeoville, Illinois 60441

Contact: Chief Andrew J. Barto  
(815) 886-7219

Serves: Community of Romeoville

Description: The goal of this program is to increase community interest and awareness of gangs in the community. Information is disseminated through the use of videos made by the Romeoville Police Department, slides, and public speakers. Efforts are made to enlist citizens to assist the police department in gang suppression and information gathering.

**Gang Awareness**

Batavia Police Department  
100 North Island Avenue  
Batavia, Illinois 60510

Contact: Sergeant Vince Bellafiore  
(708) 879-2840

Serves: The community-at-large

Description: The goal of this program is gang awareness and education. A gang officer addresses the audience on gang signs, symptoms, graffiti and issues.

**Gang Awareness**

Cook County Sheriffs Police Department  
1401 S. Maybrook  
Maywood, Illinois 60153

Contact: Community Relations/CrimePrevention  
(708) 865-4788

Serves: General public, but mainly school age youths

Description: This program is a 45 minute presentation provided by the Cook County Sheriff's Police. The presentation includes the definition of gangs, a film showing the pitfalls of gangs and how to combat their proliferation through other crimes. The presentation is augmented with gang crime officers, hand-outs and actual gang members.

**Gang Awareness**

Crete Police, School District 201U, Will County State's Attorney, Park District  
524 West Exchange  
Crete, Illinois 60417

Contact: Investigator Enochs  
(708) 672-7241

Serves: Parents, Children and Community

Description: Several forums were co-sponsored at the local high school. Speakers included a representative from the gang crime division of the State's Attorney's office, local investigators and school officials. The forums gave the opportunity for basic education and awareness with time for a question and answer period.

**Gang Awareness**

LaGrange Police Department  
304 West Burlington  
LaGrange, Illinois 60525

Contact: Sergeant Vic Arnold  
(708) 579-2333

Serves: Entire community, especially schools

Description: An officer speaks to various groups about gangs and their effects to educate parents, teachers and students about gangs.

**Gang Awareness**

Libertyville Police Department  
200 East Cook Street  
Libertyville, Illinois 60048

Contact: Officer Obenauf and Officer Kinast  
(708) 362-8310

Serves: Residents of Libertyville

Description: This program is a presentation enhanced with slides given by the officers informing audiences about gang colors, signs, recruitment and the manner in which gangs operate. This program also provides a counseling program through OMNI youth services to families whose child becomes involved in gangs.

**Gang Awareness**

North Aurora Police Department  
25 East State Street  
North Aurora, IL 60542

Contact: Sergeant Steve White  
(708) 897-8705

Serves: Adults, but program can be given to children

Description: This program provides an overview on gangs, gang identifiers, and gangs operating in the area. Slides of gang members and graffiti are shown, as well as video tapes about gangs. Much of the program is spent answering questions about gang activity.

**Gang Awareness**

Will County Sheriff's Office  
14 West Jefferson  
Joliet, Illinois 60431

Contact: Lieutenant Michael Moran  
(815) 727-8568

Serves: Community members, school facilities, businesses

Description: This program is directed at creating awareness on behalf of the community in recognizing the methods and dangers of gangs and the impact gangs have on their community and the quality of their lives.

**Gang Awareness Book**

Lombard Police Department  
235 East Wilson  
Lombard, Illinois 60148

Contact: Detective Will Mitchell  
(708) 620-5955

Serves: Citizens of Lombard

Description: A book was assembled and distributed to the community to increase awareness. This book contained information on the gangs in the area, what to look for and what parents can do.

**Gang Awareness Brochure**

Bloomingtondale Township  
123 N. Rosedale  
Bloomingtondale, Illinois 60108

Contact: Kathy Thayer  
(708) 893-6685

Serves: All citizens in Bloomingtondale Township

Description: A brochure was prepared by Bloomingtondale Township to help educate residents, local government, law enforcement, schools, business leaders, community groups, and residents in gang awareness.

**Gang Awareness Brochure**

Tri-Village Gang Task Force  
Hanover Park Police Department  
2121 W. Lake Street  
Hanover Park, Illinois 60103

Contact: Chief Gary Altergot  
(708) 837-0115

Serves: All residents of the Tri-Village area of Hanover Park, Bartlett and Streamwood

Description: A brochure was prepared by the Tri-Village Gang Task Force to help educate parents, teachers, businesses, social service agencies, neighborhood associations and community service organizations in gang awareness.

**Gang Awareness for Adults and Youth**

Naperville Police Department  
1350 Aurora Avenue  
Naperville, Illinois 60540

Contact: Sergeant John J. Gustin  
(708) 305-5477

Serves: Community-at-large

Description: This program educates the community at all levels on the dangers of gang activity, the current local and national trends and the warning signs of youth involvement. A combination of lectures, printed materials and audio-visual aids are utilized. The chronology of gang development/sophistication is addressed, with specific attention to the western suburbs. Participants are educated in gang identification such as signs, graffiti, clothing (colors) and tatoos. The presentation closes with prevention and intervention techniques.

**Gang Awareness for Parents Brochure**

DuPage County State's Attorney's Office  
505 N. County Farm Road  
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

Contact: Gene Kennelly  
(708) 682-6500

Serves: Citizens of DuPage County

Description: A brochure was prepared by the DuPage County State's Attorney's office to help educate parents and school officials in gang awareness.

**Gang Awareness Meetings**

Hanover Park Police Department  
2121 West Lake Street  
Hanover Park, Illinois 60103

Contact: John A. Runion  
(708) 837-0115

Serves: Adult residents of the community

Description: This program assists residents in identifying gang influence within their home and community through quarterly meetings targeted to the adults of the community. Mass mailings are used to notify the residents of any upcoming meetings in their area. Expert panel discussions and multi-media are used in the presentation.

**Gang Awareness - What Parents and Public should know**

Effingham Police Department  
206 East Section  
Effingham, Illinois 62401

Contact: Chief John J. Lange  
(217) 347-0771

Serves: Teachers, Parents and the public

Description: The goal of this program is to educate the schools, parents, and general public on what gangs are all about. The Effingham Police Department is presently working on a set of ordinances to help combat the potential problem.

**Gang Crime Information Unit**

Village of LaGrange Park  
447 N. Catherine  
LaGrange Park, Illinois 60525

Contact: Scott Schiefelbein #321  
(708) 352-2151

Serves: Schools, Church Groups, Special interest groups

Description: Interested parties contact the police department's gang specialist and a program is customized to meet the needs of the group. A history of gangs is covered in lecture form along with current trends in gang recruitment, narcotics trafficking, and turf dispiritment in the area. The specialist will devote considerable time to questions from the audience.

**Gang Information for School Personnel**

Knox County Sheriff's Department  
150 S. Broad Street  
Galesburg, Illinois 61401

Contact: Undersheriff Daniel Johnson  
(309) 345-3733

Serves: Knox County Junior and Senior High Schools

Description: This program is coordinated with local law enforcement to educate school teachers and administrators on recognizing gang graffiti and activities. Basic background and information on gangs is given. Handouts include common gang graffiti and suggestions for school policies including law enforcement approaches and strategies for diminishing involvement, recruiting and activity by school members.

**Gang Related Activity**

Grundy County No Tolerance Task Force  
Minooka Police Department  
121 E. McEvilly Rd.  
Minooka, Illinois 60447

Contact: Chief Lloyd V. Unland  
(815) 467-2298

Serves: Parents and Educators

Description: The goal of this program is to educate parents and educators to recognize the make up of gangs. Panel discussions are held with participants from Glen Oaks Medical Center, school administrators, State's Attorney's office, police administrators and gang investigators. The moderator is from educational services.

**Glenview Values**

Village of Glenview  
1215 Waukegan Road  
Glenview, Illinois 60025

Contact: Chief David Kelly  
(708) 729-5000

Serves: The general public within the Village of Glenview

Description: Meetings and coffees held weekly with the village provide an information resource and dissemination of educational material to various members of the community-at-large. Meetings include village and park district officials, social services, parents, police and students.

**Skokie Task Force on Gang Issues**

Skokie Police Department  
Laramie at Main  
Skokie, Illinois 60077

Contact: Chief William Miller  
(708) 982-5910

Serves: All Affected Youth

Description: The gang task force conducts monthly meetings in order to promote awareness of gang and drug issues. Members are drawn from police, school and civic organizations. A video tape has been prepared and utilized by a speakers bureau to bring pertinent information to the citizens of the community. This program is included as an ancillary part of the DARE and GREAT programs.

**Street Gang Awareness**

Mokena Police Department  
11004 Carpenter Street  
Mokena, Illinois 60448

Contact: Chief Steve Pollak  
(708) 749-3912

Serves: Teachers and Staff of Mokena elementary school district #159

Description: This is an oral presentation, complimented by videos, transparencies and photos to give various examples of graffiti on public structures, school books and clothing. Participants are also supplied with a gang awareness handbook compiled by the Mokena Police Department to educate teachers and staff on the history of gangs, forms of gang communication, colors, dress, gang activities and methods to suppress or divert gang activity. A "toned down" version of the teacher/ staff program is also given to the formal community, church and civil groups.

**SECTION 5**  
**COMMUNITY ORIENTED PROGRAMS**

**CHAMPS**

Villages of Channahon, Minooka, Plainfield and Shorwood

24441 W. Eames

Channahon, Illinois 60410

Contact: Marian T. Gibson

(815) 467-5311

Serves: All citizens within these communities and surrounding area

Description: Four communities have come together to provide community awareness of gang activities and prevention and provide alternate activities for children in these areas. Among the accomplishments of this program are: coordination of police gang intelligence, gang suppression ordinances, public forums and citizens groups.

**Community Assessments**

DuPage Prevention Partnership

421 N. County Farm Road

Wheaton, Illinois 60187

Contact: Ms. Angela Zoloto

(708) 682-6895

Serves: All of DuPage County

Description: Upon request, individual communities arrange for the surveying of residents and business persons as to their perceptions of gang presence. Surveys done by National-Louis University under the auspices of DuPage Prevention Partnership.

**Community Gang Suppression Program**

Schaumburg Police Department

1000 W. Schaumburg Road

Schaumburg, Illinois 60194

Contact: Sergeant Paul R. Basset S-7

(708) 882-3586 Ext. 2232

Serves: The Schaumburg Community

Description: A cooperative effort between police, parents, educators, citizens and business leaders is promoted by an established five man tactical unit to suppress gang activity and gather gang intelligence. This tactical unit also provides gang awareness seminars for parents, community groups, school teachers and business people. A gang awareness booklet "Fighting Back in our Neighborhoods" is available to educate adults. This program encourages citizens to become actively involved in gang suppression by assisting police.

**Community Oriented Policing**

Village of Downers Grove

Autumn Grove Apartment Complex

Downers Grove, Illinois

Contact: Sergeant Pamela Church

(708) 719-4601

Serves: Residents of Autumn Grove Apartment Complex

Description: A police neighborhood resource center has been established to be used as a base for coordinating outreach programs, counseling referrals and police services. Gang and drug activity are monitored and suppressed accordingly. The program involves coordinated efforts of police, fire, code enforcement, health and human services, outside social services and property management.

**Community Relations**

Glenview Police Department  
1215 Waukegan Road  
Glenview, Illinois 60025

Contact: Sergeant Brad Weigel  
(708) 729-5000

Serves: Primary grade and junior high students, parents, and teaching staff

Description: An experienced patrol officer with a background as a gang crime specialist is assigned to community relations and is available for this specific purpose. Most of the officer's duties are public education talks.

**Community Youth Liaison Council**

City of Bloomington  
P.O. Box 3157  
Bloomington, Illinois 61702-3157

Contact: Barbara Adkins  
(309) 828-7361

Serves: Youth of community/schools/local government/youth services

Description: The goal of this program is to develop a strategy to control existing gangs and future criminal activities through community involvement. A group of individuals from law enforcement, probation-court services, school and social agencies, meet monthly to problem solve and organize activities for youth.

**Naperville Gang/Drug Policy Team**

Naperville Police Department  
1350 Aurora Avenue  
Naperville, Illinois 60540

Contact: Sergeant David Hilderbrand  
(708) 305-5485

Serves: The community at large

Description: This is a coalition of various members of the local and surrounding communities including police, educators, health department, state's attorney, religious and community activists. All parties work together to develop a comprehensive prevention plan. The most notable success of this program is the gang awareness for adults and youth program.

**Neighborhood Watch**

Glendale Heights Police Department  
300 Civic Center Plaza  
Glendale Heights, Illinois 60139

Contact: Chief James R. Carroll  
(708) 260-6000 Ext. 430

Serves: All residents in the community

Description: The goal of this program is to develop a partnership between the community and the police to reduce crime in a narrow geographic region. Residential areas are organized into neighborhoods. Residents meet with the police and establish means to reduce crime specific to their area.

**Neighborhood Watch**

LaGrange Park Police Department  
447 North Catherine  
LaGrange Park, Illinois 60525

Contact: Officer Ray Krassel  
(708) 352-2151

Serves: Residents of LaGrange Park

Description: This program seeks to involve residents into being extra eyes and ears for the police department.

**Neighborhood Watch**

Tinley Park Police Crime Prevention Committee  
17355 S. 68th Court  
Tinley Park, Illinois 60477

Contact: Officer Debbie Schmidt  
(708) 532-9111

Serves: Adult Community

Description: The purpose of this program is to open communication between the community and the police department. Citizens are trained on the importance of recognizing suspicious activity and how to report crime. Each month residents in participating neighborhoods receive a newsletter describing what type of crime might be happening in their neighborhood and tips on how to prevent crime. Meetings are held twice a year with guest speakers to help train them on the latest strategies in crime prevention.

**Net III Gang Task Force Hotline**

Homewood Police Department  
17959 Dixie Highway  
Homewood, Illinois 60430

Contact: Jerry Brandt  
(708) 798-2131

Serves: All persons residing and around the eight towns comprising Network III Communications

Description: The purpose of this program is to gather intelligence on gang activity and locations. A 24 hour open phone line is used to elicit assistance from the public. This allows residents to leave a recorded message or directs them to a phone number if they wish to speak with an investigator confidentially.

**Operation Gang Buster**

City of Chicago Heights  
1601 Halsted Street  
Chicago Heights, Illinois 60411

Contact: Detective Jeff Bohlen  
(708) 756-6400

Serves: All citizens from 6 years and up

Description: This program involves schools, business owners police department and other phases of the community. Resources are utilized within city during after school and night hours such as gyms, recreation center and industrial education building. The program focuses on teaching methods, identifies "at risk" students and gets parents involved.

**R.A.P.P. - Regional Action Planning Project**

Mount Prospect Police Department  
112 East Northwest Highway  
Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056

OMNI Youth Services  
1111 W. Lake Cook Road  
Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089

Contact: Chief Ron Pavlock  
(708) 870-5653

Phil Herman  
(708) 537-6677

Serves: 16 Municipalities in 9 townships of Northwestern suburban Cook and Southern Lake County

Description: RAPP is a network consisting of village and city governments, park and school districts and police departments designed to control and/or eliminate the potential development of gang activity. Affected communities must share information and resources. RAPP trains resource teams to make classroom presentations on the gang and drug abuse problems. Presentations include; Teaching Alternatives to Gangs, Youth/Parent Gang Awareness Program, and Think Straight. RAPP also hosts community information forums to provide facts about local gangs and strategies on how to confront them.

**Rolling Meadows Police Neighborhood Resource Center**

Rolling Meadows Police Department  
2268 Algonquin Parkway  
Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60008

Contact: Officer Tony Luzin  
(708) 506-2060

Serves: Residents of Rolling Meadows, Primarily Spanish speaking persons

Description: This program is established to meet specific community needs not currently satisfied with existing parameters of service delivery. The PNRC is effective in reducing calls for service. The improvement of the physical conditions by working with complex management and building and zoning. Providing many types of educational programs. Also giving space to temporary job agencies which has placed over 400 residents.

**T.T.R.A.P.**

South Holland Police Department  
16220 Wausau Avenue  
South Holland, Illinois 60473

Contact: Officer Michael Van Zuidam  
(708) 331-3131

Serves: All Communities in Thornton Township

Description: T.T.R.A.P. seeks to help schools, community and police to work together to provide alternatives to gang membership.

**Warren Assisting Youth**  
Warren Township Youth Services  
7137 W. Washington St.  
Gurnee, Illinois 60031

Contact: Mary Cusker  
(708) 244-1105

Serves: All Residents of Warren Township

Description: This program is a multi-faceted approach to dealing with kids in street gangs and their families. It includes law enforcement/criminal justice, alternative programs, education, individual and family counseling, business group interests and community for a total community involvement aimed at zero tolerance of street gangs and gang activity.

**WEDGE**

Evanston Police Department  
1454 Elmwood  
Evanston, Illinois 60201

Contact: Deputy Chief Kaminski  
(708) 866-5053

Serves: Entire community

Description: WEDGE is a department wide community policing approach to gangs and drugs in Evanston.

**SECTION 6**  
**SUPPRESSION PROGRAMS**

**Decatur Police Department**

333 S. Franklin  
Decatur, Illinois 62523

Contact: Investigator Carl Carpenter  
(217) 424-2711

Serves: Law Enforcement agencies in Piatt, Macon and surrounding communities

Description: Participating agencies forward information to Investigator Carpenter who catalogs and re-distributes information to the agencies. Monthly meetings are held with representatives from area agencies to discuss recent developments.

**Directed Patrol**

Village of Glenview  
1215 Waukegan Road  
Glenview, Illinois 60025

Contact: Deputy Chief Pat Carey  
(708) 729-5000

Serves: A specific targeted area of the Village with a high gang population

Description: Two officers in blue jeans and sport shirts with Glenview Police logos are assigned to a high incidence area at peak times of gang activity. The officers are be visible, friendly, and interact with residents in an effort to maintain peace and order, solicit complaints of residents and to act on those complaints to assure safety to the general public.

**EAGLE- Enforcement Against Gang Land Environments**

Galesburg Police Department  
150 S. Broad Street  
Galesburg, Illinois 61401

Contact: Captain Bradley Ziegler  
(309) 343-9151

Serves: Residents of Low-income housing projects

Description: Meetings were held between police personnel and representatives of the housing authority to propose solutions to gang and drug activity in the housing projects . As a result of these meetings it was proposed to arrest those individuals trespassing on housing authority property which caused the gang and drug problem. No Trespassing signs were posted and passes were issued to the residents of the housing. A task force was then developed hiring officers back using drug forfeited funds to pay officers to complete foot and stationary patrols in the housing projects arresting trespassers. When officers would encounter residents in the housing they would explain their purpose to the residents giving them an idea of what was happening in their neighborhoods. Arrests have resulted in the recovery of drugs, currency, and weapons. Routine patrols practice the same enforcement at times when the task force is not in operation. This program has received a positive response from housing authority residents.

**Gang Interdiction**

Cook County Sheriff's Police Department  
1401 S. Maybrook Drive  
Maywood, Illinois 60153

Contact: Lieutenant Alan Kulovitz  
(708) 865-4745

Serves: All Unincorporated Communities

Description: This program is broken down into three main areas: Education, Intelligence, and Enforcement. In order to identify gang members the police educate the community on the procedures for reporting gang activity, and teach parents to recognize gang involvement in their own family. Available information on all gang members and activity in the community is gathered and properly documented (see G.R.I.P. Computer Program). Zero tolerance enforcement will result in gangs taking their business elsewhere.

**Graffiti Ordinance**

Lombard Police Department  
235 East Wilson  
Lombard, Illinois 60148

Contact: Detective Will Mitchell  
(708) 620-5955

Serves: Village of Lombard

Description: Graffiti must be removed within five days of written notification to the property owner. The village assists in the removal upon the owner signing a release. It also makes it unlawful for any person to inscribe, draw, or place graffiti on any structure or wall. Violation of the graffiti ordinance may result in a fine.

**G.R.I.P. Computer Program**

Cook County Sheriff's Police Department  
1401 S. Maybrook Drive  
Maywood, Illinois 60153

Contact: Lieutenant Alan Kulovitz  
(708) 865-4745

Serves: Cook County Sheriff's Police and 65 participating suburbs

Description: This program goal is to list, track and identify street gangs and gang members. It is a relational data program that is both information and investigative. If a suspect is known the system can identify him as an active gang member and supply whatever information is in the system. If only sketchy information is available about a criminal suspect, the relational data base will search out and list all suspects that fit the supplied information. An excellent investigative tool.

**Grundy County No Tolerance Task Force**

Grundy County Education Service Network/In Touch  
Grundy County Administration Center  
1320 Union Street  
Morris, Illinois 60450

Contact: Joan Daumen  
(815) 941-3231

Serves: All residents of Grundy county

Description: The Grundy County No Tolerance Task Force exists to build a strong and healthy partnership between family, school, business, and community and to promote individuals making positive life choices, taking pride in themselves and in their community. The task force relies on the success of four committees that were established to address specific issues. Those committees are prevention, intervention, crisis intervention and planned suppression. Each committee is responsible for creating a time-date action plan specifying individuals and/or organizations who are responsible for fulfilling established goals. A calendar of ongoing committee meeting dates are established and regular steering committee meetings are conducted to receive reports of committee progress. Some notable successes to date are a gang booklet, a series of forums, neighborhood watch, safe school zones, curfew enforcement and other ordinances.

**Indian Hill Community Policing**

Winnetka Police Department/ New Trier High School  
410 Green Bay Road  
Winnetka, Illinois 60093

Contact: Sergeant Glenn Florkow  
(708) 501-6034

Description: A patrol officer is assigned to the district, which includes New Trier High School. Primarily the officer acts as a liaison between the police department, high school, residents and merchants regarding neighborhood problems, such as crime patterns, traffic problems, youth problems and as a resource in resolving other matters of concern. It is also the officer's responsibility to recognize and identify youth gang activities and develop a plan to address the problem(s). The officer, who is also a Youth Office and Gang Crime Specialist, will occasionally be called upon to give talks to various community and student groups.

**Lake County Gang Crime Task Force**

Mundelein Police Department  
200 N. Seymour  
Mundelein, Illinois, 60060

Contact: Chief Raymond Rose  
(708) 949-3250

Serves: Participating Lake County Law Enforcement Agencies

Description: Gang intelligence "networking" and ride-along programs among agencies are the goals of this program. The Lake County Gang Task Force has taken a proactive "zero tolerance" stance against gang activity.

**Midwest Gang Investigators Association**

Illinois Chapter  
P.O. Box 87443  
Chicago, Illinois 60680-0443

Contact: Jerry Simandl  
(312) 622-GANG

Serves: Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin

Description: The goal of this program is gang intelligence information/education sharing among it's membership through monthly meetings, an annual seminar and training sessions.

**No Tolerance**

Hawthorne Woods Police Department  
2 Lagoon Drive  
Hawthorn Woods, Illinois 60047

Contact: Officer John Vinson  
(708) 438-9050

Serves: Citizens of Hawthorne Woods and Surrounding Communities

Description: Individuals identified by gang signs, symbols or language are detained, identified and told to leave the village. Gang affiliated arrestees are prosecuted to the full extent. Gang graffiti is removed by public works immediately.

**Northwest Suburban Gang Intelligence Organization**

Schaumburg Police Department  
1000 W. Schaumburg Rd.  
Schaumburg, Illinois 60194

Contact: Sergeant Paul R. Bassett S-7  
(708) 882-3586 Ext. 2232

Serves: Thirty-One Suburban Police Agencies, Illinois State Police, Chicago Police Department, Cook County and DuPage County Sheriff's Police, INS.

Description: The goal of this program is to disseminate street gang intelligence information between numerous police agencies at one location each month. The Northwest Suburban Gang Intelligence Organization examines trends and tracks gang members between communities. Each police agency provides a contact person assigned to gang intelligence, gang member lists and monthly meetings held at the Schaumburg Police Facility. Numerous arrests have been made due to information provided at the meeting that would have otherwise been missed.

**Operation SAFE (Schools Are For Education)**

Chicago Board of Education/ Chicago Police Department  
3151 West Harrison  
Chicago, Illinois

Contact: Lieutenant Byrne, School Patrol Unit  
(312) 746-8395

Serves: 67 Public High Schools

Description: Under this program, the Police Department and school administrators share responsibility for security in and around Chicago Schools. Two uniformed officers from the Police Department's School Patrol Unit are assigned to each of the City's 67 public high schools, to provide enforcement and prevention activities. Under an interagency funding agreement, the Chicago Board of Education reimburses the Police Department for the costs of these officers. The school patrol unit is supplemented by mobile police units that aggressively patrol outside troubled schools. During the 1992-93 school year, the School Patrol Unit made more than 9,700 arrests including 59 for aggravated battery, 128 for robbery, 14 for aggravated sexual assault, and 14 for murder. More than 1,500 school related arrests have already been made for this school year.

**Safety Net**

Eight municipalities of the Network III Communications System

17959 Dixie Highway

Homewood, Illinois 60430

Contact: Jerry Brandt

(708) 798-2131

Serves: All persons residing in and around the eight towns comprising Network III Communications.

Description: The goal of this program is to reduce the incidence of street gang criminal activity and enhance police presence in the eight towns involved in the task force. The project centers around the fact that the eight towns involved are on one common communications network with its central hub in the Village of Homewood police department. Each town contributes manpower and vehicles, under the supervision of a command, to react to intelligence that has been gathered to suppress known criminal street gang activities.

**School Zone Mission Team**

Chicago Police Department

3151 West Harrison

Chicago, Illinois

Contact: Lieutenant Byrne

(312) 746-8395

Serves: Chicago Schools

Description: To supplement the ongoing presence of the School Patrol Unit and metal detector program, the department this fall initiated the Mission Team program. The primary objective of this highly visible, uniformed team is to saturate areas around schools that are experiencing high levels of gang, drug, and weapons activity. Its composition includes school patrol officers, youth officers, and district tactical officers who are knowledgeable of the community and sensitive to the problems of school crime. Deployment of the team is based on crime reports, information from school principals and the community, and input from local police personnel. In just its first two weeks the School Zone Mission Team recovered five guns and five vehicles, and made nearly 100 arrests.

**Southwest Multi-Regional Gang Investigators Association**

Oak Lawn Police Department

9446 S. Raymond

Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453

Contact: Sergeant Rich Schryver

(708) 422-8292

Serves: Southwest suburbs of Chicago

Description: Once a month representatives from area police departments and area schools meet to share information about gang activities within their respective jurisdictions.

**Tactical Unit**

Downers Grove Police Department  
825 Burlington Avenue  
Downers Grove, Illinois 60515

Contact: Lieutenant Raymond Byrne  
(708) 719-4601

Serves: Police Department and Village residents

Description: Up to four plain clothes police officers investigate any reported gang activity and strictly enforce violations of criminal laws. The Tactical Unit maintains a computerized database, gathers intelligence and attends meetings related to the sharing of information on gang activity with other law enforcement agencies. The Tactical Unit also works with local schools to address mutual concerns and gives public education seminars.

**Tactical Unit**

New Lenox Police Department  
701 W. Haven Avenue  
New Lenox, Illinois 60451

Contact: Commander Carl Peterson  
(815) 485-3188

Serves: Village of New Lenox

Description: This program was set up to concentrate on certain problems in the community. The officers patrol in an unmarked unit in plain clothes. The officers keep track of any gang activity and gang members, files are kept on these subjects with their identifiers.

**Tri Village Gang Task Force**

Village of Hanover Park  
2121 W. Lake Street  
Hanover Park, Illinois 60103

Village of Streamwood  
401 E. Irving Park Road  
Streamwood, Illinois 60107

Village of Bartlett  
228 S. Main Street  
Bartlett, Illinois 60103

Contact: John A. Runion Commander  
(708) 837-0115

Robert Buschbacher  
(708) 837-0953

Lt. Dan Palmer, Acting Chief  
(708) 837-0846

Serves: The Tri Village Boundaries

Description: The goal of this program is preventing the growth of the current gang presence, through a planned and cooperative effort of strict enforcement as well as community awareness. The three communities jointly assign patrol officers trained in gang crime enforcement to patrol neighborhoods suffering from increased gang member presence. The officers also present gang awareness seminars to the public and utilize the resources of all three communities in these educational presentations. The *Police Chief* produced a booklet, "*Taking back the streets -- suppressing gangs in the Tri-Village area*".

**Walk & Talk**

Roselle Police Department  
103 S. Prospect Street  
Roselle, Illinois 60172

Contact: Chief Richard Eddington  
(708) 980-2030

Serves: Village of Roselle Residents

Description: As part of Community Oriented Policing program, Walk & Talk has patrol officers concentrated in parks, recreational centers, shopping centers and homeowner association gatherings leave their vehicles for a minimum of two hours for each twelve hour shift. The Roselle Police Department feels that with this type of saturation, the officers will be able to recognize the onset of gang activity, identify gang graffiti and hopefully deter this type of activity. Walk & Talk allows the opportunity for interaction between officers and business people as well as citizens within the community. This program also promotes officer assignment to designated areas of the community for a minimum of fifty-six days this way citizens will become more familiar with officers and develop a more favorable rapport. A log book has been assigned to each patrol vehicle, officers note pertinent information in this log which is passed on to the next officer assigned in that zone. In this way, each officer familiarized himself with any ongoing problems, expediting the problem-solving aspect of this program.

**SECTION 7**  
**STATE AND FEDERALLY SPONSORED PROGRAMS**

**D.A.R.E. - Drug Abuse Resistance Education**

Sponsored by: Illinois State Police

Serves: Youths from Elementary to Middle School

Description: D.A.R.E. is a 17 week classroom program taught by a uniformed police officer. Students are instructed on ways to resist pressures to use drugs as well as ways to resist gang membership. D.A.R.E. reinforces information on the negative aspects of drugs and gangs.

Participating communities: Round Lake Beach, Schiller Park, La Grange Park, Monticello, Tinley Park, Hanover Park, Mokena, Sterling, Glendale Heights and LaGrange, and Carol Stream.

**E. D. G. E. - Education for Gang Evasion**

Sponsored by: Developed by State Police Training Board

Serves: 6th and 7th Grade Students

Description: E.D.G.E. is an eight week program consisting of four classes. Information is provided on youth gangs, laws and drug use. E.D.G.E. increases personal refusal skills, decision making and critical thinking skills. This program also improves self esteem and provides positive alternatives to gang membership. Designed to follow-up and compliment D.A.R.E. program.

Participating Communities: Romeoville, Lake County Sheriff's Police and Orland Park.

**G.R.E.A.T. - Gang Resistance Education and Training**

Sponsored by:

Nat'l Center for State and Local  
Law Enforcement

Building 67

Fed. Law Enforcement Training Cntr.

Glynco, GA 31524

(800) 74-FLETC

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

P.O. Box 50418

Washington, D.C. 20091-0418

(800) 726-7070

Phoenix Police Department

Community Relations Bureau

620 West Washington

Phoenix, AZ 85003

(602) 262-7331

Serves: Anywhere from 4th grade through 8th grade students

Description: G.R.E.A.T. consists of eight one hour classroom sessions taught by a uniformed police officer. Lessons include: the impact of crime and drugs, conflict resolution, responsibility, cultural sensitivity and goal setting.

Participating Communities: Pontiac, Hazel Crest, Lemont, Joliet, Villa Park and Lombard

**Gang and Violence Awareness**

Oakbrook Police Department  
1200 Oak Brook Road  
Oak Brook, Illinois 60521

Contact: Officer Mary Jo Nugent  
(708) 990-3035

Serves: 6th Grade Students

Description: Four lessons approximately 50 minutes each - Lesson #1: students look at risk factors they face with peer pressure of gangs. Lesson #2 students learn the circle of violence Lesson #3 Peacemakers not Peacebreakers/ conflict resolution. Lesson #4: Thinking ahead - a look at tomorrow - cooperative learning in all lessons Inservices presented to parents and getting community involved as a whole.

**Gang and Violence Prevention Supplement**

Addison Police Department  
131 West Lake Street  
Addison, Illinois 60101

Contact: Officer Karen Miller  
(708) 543-3080

Serves: 6th Grade Students

Description: The purpose of this program is to teach violence prevention and the relationship of violence inside gangs. Four lessons, starting with why kids join gangs, how the circle of violence operates, what students can do to de-escalate a situation, and then a opportunity for students to work as a class to develop ideas to keep gangs out of their lives.

**Illinois State Police Gang and Violence Prevention**

Illinois State Police  
3700 East Lake Shore Drive  
Springfield, Illinois 62707

Contact: Ms. Linda Lang  
(217) 786-7057

Serves: Middle School 6th of 7th (DARE graduates)

Description: This is currently a pilot program, officers must receive two day training, cost of books and materials is not yet finalized. Four to five lessons done once a week. Concentrates on conflict resolution, breaking myths about gangs, breaking the circle of violence and understanding/overcoming prejudice.

