# RESOURCES



## ► NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL: TEENS, CRIME, AND THE COMMUNITY:

www.ncpc.org/tcc

## NATIONAL YOUTH GANGCENTER:

www.irr.com/nygc

## NATIONAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION RESOURCE CENTER:

www.safeyou.org

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL:

Salt Lake City Police Department Gang Prevention Advocate: (801) 799-3365



Emergency | Non-Emergency: 911 | 801-799-3000

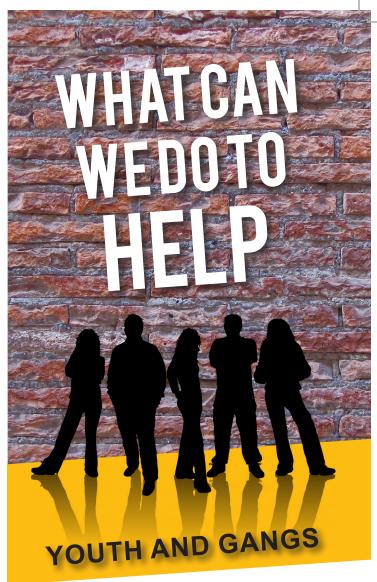
Tipsoft Crime Tips: Call 801-799-INFO (4636) or text 274637

File a Police Report: http://slcpd.com/online-report/

> 475 South 300 East Mailing Address: PO Box 145497 SLC, Utah 84114-5497

> > www.slcpd.com @slcpd

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If you have questions about gangs, resources, how to receive help, or about graffiti removal, our gang prevention advocates can help with that as well.



# **WHY YOUTH JOINGANGS:**

A Sense of "Family": Youth want to feel included and a gang allows them to get the attention and security they might not be getting elsewhere.

**Need for Food and Money:** Gangs present themselves as a means of survival to youth who lack basic essentials at home.

**Protection:** Youth may join because it is easier to join and be protected rather than be vulnerable and unprotected especially in high risk neighborhoods.

#### RISK FACTORS OF GANG Involvement

- Lack of positive support system.
- Lack of alternative activities, such as community youth programs or after school programs.
- Lack of positive role models.
- Low self-esteem and/or a sense of hopelessness about the future.
- Too much unsupervised free time.
- Poor school achievement.
- Lack of positive interaction with authority.
- Poor communications skills.

# HOW SCHOOLS CANHELP:

- Encourage all students (including at-risk) to participate in sports, drama, music, art, and other positive activities that will increase their confidence and sense of belonging.
- Ensure that gang, drug, and violence prevention are part of the curricula, and present gang and drug awareness programs to parents.
- 3. Photograph and remove all graffiti from the school grounds and property.
- 4. Work with parents, counselors, School Resource Officers, and school personnel to determine when intervention is necessary and what steps should be taken.

#### "LET US REMEMBER: ONE BOOK, ONE PEN, ONE CHILD, AND ONE TEACHER CAN CHANGE THE WORLD."

#### -MALALA YOUSAFZAI



## **WHAT PARENTS CANDO:**

"AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE MOST OVERWHELMINGKE TO A CHILD'S SUCCESS ISTHE POSITIVE INVOLVEMENT OF PARENTS." - JANED. HULL

1. Be a positive role model.

- 2. Praise your children for doing well and encourage them do their best.
- 3. Get to know your children's friends and parents.
- 4. Monitor their social media, video games, and phone activity.
- 5. Teach your children to set positive goals, to hold high standards, and to prepare for a positive future.
- Know where your children are at all times, and schedule activities to occupy their free time.