

RESOURCES

▶ **G.R.E.A.T. PROGRAMS:**

www.great-online.org

▶ **NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL: TEENS, CRIME, AND THE COMMUNITY:**

www.ncpc.org/tcc

▶ **NATIONAL YOUTH GANG CENTER:**

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/>

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WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP



YOUTH AND GANGS

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.



Promising Youth Project

"Unlocking Promising Potential"

► WHY YOUTH JOIN GANGS:

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 CAN HELP:

1. 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.
2. 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 CAN DO:

"AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE MOST OVERWHELMING KEY TO A CHILD'S SUCCESS IS THE POSITIVE INVOLVEMENT OF PARENTS."

-JANED.HULL



1. Be a positive role model.
2. Praise your children for doing well and encourage them to 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.
6. Know where your children are at all times, and schedule activities to occupy their free time.