

Mission

Create a sustainable, community, framework of gang and violence prevention initiatives for at-risk youth.



Goal

Utilize a primary collaborative partner and secondary collaborative partners to implement programming that deters youth (ages 7 to 14) from participating in gang activity and violence.

Objectives

Develop comprehensive programs that provide a variety of structured after school, weekend, and summer programs offering pro-social activities.

Engage and serve 1,274 high risk youth using a combination of individualized and structured programming.

Have 1,082 youth participants successfully complete targeted prevention programs.

Strengthening communities with services, for youth and families, to promote non-violent neighborhoods!



"Together, it can be done!"

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Gang Out



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Super Six Initiative

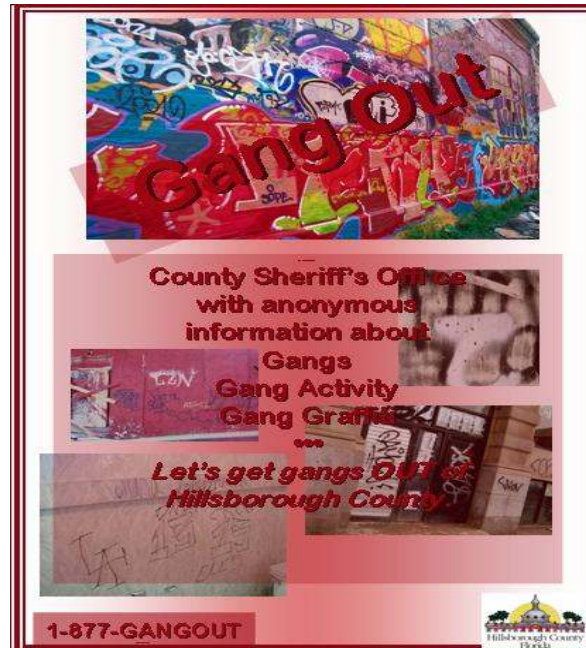
Hillsborough County in partnership with the U S Attorney's Office, Middle District of Florida, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement were selected as one of six sites for an anti-gang initiative: "Project Safe Neighborhoods Super Six Gang out program." The strategies of Super Six are consistent with the Board of County Commissioner's goals for public safety and crime reduction. Gangs are involved in criminal activities ranging from mischief to extremely violent crimes like murder. Other crimes include:

- ✚ Auto theft;
- ✚ Burglary
- ✚ Carrying weapons;
- ✚ Drug sales
- ✚ Graffiti;
- ✚ Gun Sales;
- ✚ Loitering; and
- ✚ Vandalism

The youth prevention component will serve children (ages 7-14) in targeted areas: Town N Country; Wimauma, Riverview, Dover, Palmetto Beach, West Tampa, University area, Sulphur Springs, and Busch and 50th. This age group was selected because gang recruitment and involvement occurs at this stage.



"WE" (the community-at-large, parents and law enforcement) can work as a **"TEAM"** to prevent our youth from joining gangs and from becoming involved in violence.



Report gang activity by calling "Gang Out" the anonymous hotline/tipline. The Gang Out hotline is operated by the Sheriff's Office, every day, 24 hours a day.

The centralized hotline also takes calls for:

**Tampa,
Plant City, and
Temple Terrace.**

Youth Services

Youth prevention services are individualized and will be provided to eligible elementary and middle school children through one or more collaborative partners using a voucher system. Programs include:

- ✚ Before or after school activities
- ✚ Weekend activities
- ✚ Summer programs
- ✚ Sporting events
- ✚ Educational field trips
- ✚ Community service projects
- ✚ Family activities
- ✚ Mentoring
- ✚ Tutoring
- ✚ Character and leadership development
- ✚ Social & religious activities
- ✚ Cultural & Performing Arts
- ✚ Substance abuse prevention
- ✚ Counseling

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