

Prevention

Anti-Gang Legislation

- Additional Sentencing for Gang Related Crimes

Applying for Federal Grants

- Funding for Law Enforcement
- Funding for Prosecution
- Funding for Programs

Collaboration between Agencies

- Shared Intelligence
- Cooperation amongst all Law Enforcement Agencies

Public Awareness

- Work with Local Media to publish known gang members

Intervention

Human Services

- Providing resources for outreach
- Applying for Federal Grants

State-of-the-Art Training

- Law Enforcement
- Prosecutor
- Victim Advocates
- Judges

Public Awareness

- Public speaking engagements within the community
- Distributing Educational Literature

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**Stop the Violence....
Before it's too late**



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Suppression

Increased Resources

- Law Enforcement
- Prosecution
- Parole
- Corrections
- Organized Neighborhood Watch

Universal Database

- Common Identification of Gang Members
- Central Location to Gather and Access Information

Neighborhood Watch

- Communication and Coordination between Law Enforcement and Neighborhood Associations

Defining Street Gangs:

Gangs are a group of people forming an allegiance for a common purpose; engage in criminal activity, and conform to one or more of the following traits.

- Group name
- Frequent Interaction
- Deliberately involved in illegal activities

- Share common collective identity
- Congregate upon, or lay claim to a geographic location

Recognizing Gangs:

1. **Colors:** obvious or subtle colors of clothing, particular clothing brand, jewelry, or haircuts
2. **Tattoos:** Symbols on arms, chest, or elsewhere on the body
3. **Gang Literature:** symbols, poems, prayers, procedures in notebooks or other documents
4. **Graffiti:** Unusual signs, symbols, or writing on walls, notebooks etc.
5. **Initiations:** Suspicious bruises, wounds or injuries resulting from a type initiation
6. **Hand signs:** Unusual hand signals or handshakes

What Makes New Mexico Susceptible to Gang Crime?

- New Mexico is the only state in the Southwest that has not enacted some form of gang legislation.

- Lack of recognition and consistent reporting of gang-related crimes.
- Inadequate funding at all levels of the state criminal justice system.
- Close proximity to the Mexican border
 - Antelope Wells
 - Santa Teresa
 - Columbus
- North American Free Trade Agreement (Transportation Containers, Commercial Vehicles etc...)
- Limited Treatment, Prevention and/or Intervention service.

