

# GANG TRAFFICKING PRESENTATION

## 1. Difference between pimp trafficking and gang trafficking

Pimp objectives – money and status, get a name in the game

**Gang objectives** – power, control in certain area, fear mongering, many criminal activities that support the gang unit; want notoriety as a unit

Pimps more often go after the relationship aspect. They often target girls who want to be taken care of by a guy. **Gang members can have that approach too, but it always points back to ‘belonging’ to the family.**

Pimps will maximize profits – take the girl across the country to make money everywhere, often work alone and not in collaboration with other pimps.

**Gangs will only travel to visit sets/crews in other places, or to traffic drugs. It’s always organized.**

## 2. Defining the “family” concept of gangs

The concept of the gang is family. **The message is “We are stronger as one unit than alone.”** Criminally speaking, there is strength in a pack --- like wolves or wild animals. You have better advantage. You have strength. You have confidence and collective support for everything.

Within the gang family, you put your gang family’s needs first –even over your biological family. Everyone in the gang pays dues, or does chores (“put in work”) to support the family – whether its theft, assault, murder, extortion, prostitution, narcotics, etc. Everyone has to pitch in.

There’s a hierarchy. Everyone has a role. Some are the top guys who give out the orders, and they can be people in other countries sometimes ( the really HIGH up guys) or they can be local. Some operate from out of prison.

But there’s a defined organized structure of authority and punishments for people who step out of line.

They have regular meetings, code of conduct, consequences, terminology, colors, signs etc that are all specific to the gang. Everything supports unity.

## 3. The gang stats and trends nationally

Using the gang edition fact sheet as a reference, you can see that:

In a 2010 study students responded that they either knew gangs were in their schools, or considered themselves to be a part of a gang

- 45% of high school students
- 35% of middle school students

#### 4. What makes a victim vulnerable to gang recruiting?

Both types of recruiters target kids w/ vulnerabilities – **Gangs** more often target girls who are loners, don't have a 'family' support structure, long for an 'identity' that they find within the gang; gang girls are attracted to a sense of "belonging", the party lifestyles, the protection and status they get with the gang.

65% of victims have come through the foster care system. More than 90% have been abused (sexually, mentally, physically)

#### 5. What you can do to help prevent gang trafficking

Gangs don't simply terrorize neighborhoods; they deplete our most valuable asset: the next generation of community, business, and City leaders. We have seen gangs turn to recruiting younger and younger members from our schools and playgrounds. In poor neighborhoods, gangs promise a life of easy wealth, close-knit community, and physical protection. Yet gang life leads only to economic isolation, crime, and violence.

Preventing gang trafficking also intertwines with preventing gang activity, gang crime and gang recruitment.

Most teens are recruited into gangs 13-15 yrs of age, for both boys and girls.

Prevention is about helping expose the reality of gang life – the violence, drugs, increased death, etc. They get roped into gangs and can't walk away. They need to understand the reality of what gangs are about.

But to prevent trafficking overall, teens need a safety net.

- Mentoring programs, school/community intervention programs are huge preventative tools.
- Support local programs that help build up this community's youth.
- Help recruit volunteers and give funds to effective programs that serve the at risk populations.

You can take the CHOSEN gang video into your schools, police departments, social services, civic clubs and to your local city government. If kids know the signs, they are safer.

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