

A.F.T.S. G.A.N.G.S.

Objective

Provide individual and group treatment to male and female gang members ages 13-20, and their families who have been referred by parole or probation officers for prior or present involvement with gangs. The services are offered to juveniles both residing at home or in residential treatment facilities in the local region.



EVALUATION

The success of this program will be based on the effectiveness of the client, client and family's progress towards achieving the goals and objectives developed in the individualized Service Plan. In addition, AFTS conducts an on-going evaluation of its services/program. Information regarding the number of referrals, acceptance rate, monthly utilization rate, successful, unsuccessful termination rate and average length of stay are routinely kept on all youth and families involved with AFTS. Program auditing and evaluation services are in strict compliance with Federal and State regulations, and in keeping with any other standards as established by existing contracts to which AFTS is committed. Data collection is an inherent part of the service delivery decision-making process. Client Satisfaction Surveys will also be used to monitor service delivery and the performance objectives will be used to measure the client's progress and the effectiveness of the program.



G.A.N.G.S.

GENERATING ACCEPTABLE NOTABLE GAINFUL SKILLS



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SKILLS PROGRAM

PHASE I

Assessment

3-Weeks

PHASE II

Education

4-Weeks

PHASE III

Interventions Gaining New Skills

3-Weeks

PHASE IV

Community Linkage

2-Weeks



AFTS GANG counselors are available 24 hours per day in 7 days per week to provide crisis management and monitoring. Core services include conducting a thorough gang member and gang affiliation assessment, and the provision of individual, group and family therapy designed to assess and address the level of oblivion to the impact the Oppressive Socialization Theory (OST) has on the appeal to becoming affiliated with a gang. The treatment process usually last from twelve to sixteen weeks. Planning and implementation of strategies aimed at reducing gang recruitment are designed to help the juvenile decrease undesirable behaviors and interrupt the cycle of recidivism that leads to gang re-affiliation. Educating juveniles about the culture of gangs to include the history, original intent, influence, recruitment, and appeal is the continued focus.



Jerry states, "I can certainly understand and relate to why so many of our young people join gangs, sell drugs and commit violent acts including murder and have such a hatred for their own."



"Gangs Bring Families together."



"I am a former gang member and drug dealer."

"...I was a down right thug!"

"It was during my stay at State and Federal Prisons that I began to understand the process that is responsible for these conditions and ways of thinking."