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Gangs: Be Aware

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GANGS: BE AWARE *A Tool For Dialogue*

Gangs: Be Aware, a videotape and educational program, is a tool designed to combat one of society's greatest challenges -- the spread of street gangs and their violence. This videotape alone will NOT solve the problem. But it WILL stimulate discussion: parents talking to their children, police talking with parents, school leaders talking with community leaders, etc.

The purpose of the **Gangs: Be Aware** video is to set a mood, to focus attention, to provide a forum for dialogue about street gangs. For discussion leaders, (police, educators, parents) we suggest the following format:

1. Introduction
2. View **Gangs: Be Aware** Videotape
3. Group Discussion
4. Community Awareness Program

As a discussion leader, it is important that you tailor the Group Discussion and the Community Awareness Program to address the specific concerns and the level of gang activity in your community.

Gangs: Be Aware includes a 24-minute video, an intricate weave of street scenes, natural sound, original music and interviews. "**Gangs: Be Aware**" tells several compelling stories. In very human terms, it shows how gang activity leads to suffering, violence, and sometimes even death. The entire piece was shot in Evanston, Illinois, but these stories are also playing out in EVERY city & many suburbs in America.

GANGS: BE AWARE INTRODUCTION OF THE TAPE

There are thousands of street gangs in the U. S.

Street gangs are present not only in every major city but in small towns and villages across America as well.

** There are 130,000 gang members in Los Angeles County.*

** There are 40,000 gang members in the city of Chicago alone.*

(How does this compare to our city?)

Gangs commit hundreds of thousands of violent crimes every year.

Crimes such as:

- Extortion*
- Intimidation*
- Vice*
- Drugs*
- Murder*

*Make no doubt about it -- gang members commit **violent crimes!***

Gangs are composed of all racial and ethnic backgrounds.

The video, you are about to see, was made in a very affluent north shore suburb near Chicago, Illinois.

Keep in mind when a young man or woman joins a street gang it not only effects them, it effects family members, relatives, friends and neighbors. Here now, the story of several young men who chose to join a gang.

(GO TO VIDEOTAPE GANGS: Be Aware)