

Project **REJUVENATE**

Comprehensive Gang Intervention and Youth Violence Prevention Program



Program Overview

Comprehensive Anti-Gang Programs for Youth

- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
- 3-year grant period through Sept. 2023

Program Goal:

- Through a combination of positive youth interventions:
 - Reduce youth involvement in gangs
 - Reduce youth offenses related to weapons, drugs, and alcohol
 - Increase social-emotional well-being among youth



Program Eligibility

- Ages : 12-17
- Live in San Diego Promise Zone
- Gang-involved youth, or at-risk of joining
- Number of youth served: 192 direct service



Comprehensive Gang Model

Five Core Strategies

- 1. Opportunities Provision**
- 2. Social Intervention**
- 3. Community Mobilization**
4. *Suppression*
5. *Organizational Change and Development*

This program uses 3 of these 5 strategies to prevent violence and reduce gang involvement.

Opportunities Provision

UPAC's Job Training and Employment Readiness Course

- 40-hour course
- Culinary Skills, Print, Entrepreneurship, Hospitality/Café Operations
- The course will be offered twice a year to a total of 24 youth
- Referrals
 - CRD: Project Rejuvenate Job Readiness and Employment Training (Inactive)
 - More Info Coming Soon



Social Intervention: Restorative Talking Circles

Project AWARE's Restorative Talking Circles

- 8-week program
- 40 youth a year
- Restorative Talking Circles
 - Emotional literacy skills
 - Problem solving skills
 - Explore trauma through restorative practices.
- Project AWARE will train partners on:
 - Trauma-Informed Care
 - The Trauma-Informed Code of Conduct,
 - Restorative Practices
 - Other techniques related with supporting gang-impacted youth
- Referrals
 - CRD: Project Rejuvenate Restorative Talking Circles (Inactive)
 - Projectawareprogram@gmail.com



Community Mobilization

- Youth-led Advocacy Coalition addresses root causes of gang participation/youth violence
 - Leadership skills, Civic Engagement
- We will examine new approaches to violence prevention, conflict resolution
- Opportunities for personal and professional growth for our youth
- Adult Advisory Council
- Referrals
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Thank you for your time!

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