Warning Signs

- Admits to "hanging out" with gang kids
- Shows an unusual interest in one or two particular colors of clothing
- Has an unusual interest of gangster influenced music and movies
- Uses unusual handshakes and signs to communicate with friends
- Comes home with unexplained injuries
- Has unexplained cash, clothes, or jewelry
- Withdrawing from family
- Getting in trouble at school
- Staying out late without reason

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OJJDP Model
A comprehensive wrap-around approach to gang intervention

Hybrid Model
Gang intervention mentoring, behavioral and academic support.

The OJJDP & Hybrid Model specifically address the needs of students at risk or actively involved in gangs

Universal Model
Gang awareness prevention training and consultation, Gang activity investigation and de-escalation

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Gang identifiers
Gang members wear clothing in particular manner and color to represent their gang.

Tattoos are used to show gang membership.

Gang members used hand signs to communicate with each other and other gangs.

What can parents do?
- Spend quality time with your child
- Get involved in your child’s school activities
- Be a positive role model
- Know your child’s friends and their families
- Teach your child how to handle peer pressure
- Teach your child non-violent conflict resolutions skills
- Encourage your child to engage in positive after-school activities
- Talk to your child about the dangers and consequences of gang activity

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