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*in partnership with
Morris County Child Abuse Prevention Collaboration
present a symposium:*

***Children and Gangs:
Training on Gang Awareness, Identification, and
Prevention of Youth Gang Involvement***

Friday, April 3, 2009

College of St. Elizabeth, Morristown, NJ

Please join us for this training session by the:



**Intelligence Crime Task Force,
Morris County Prosecutor's Office**



**New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission,
Office of Gang Management**

Registration and Continental Breakfast 8:30 AM

Opening Remarks 9:00 AM

Registration Fee: \$25

Registration free for Collaboration Agency Members &
College of St. Elizabeth's Students & Personnel (with copy of a valid id.)

Questions? Contact symposium@dobcac.org or 973-631-5000

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Please join us for a training session on Youth Gang Involvement Prevention by the [Intelligence Crime Task Force](#), [Morris County Prosecutor's Office](#) and the [New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission, Office of Gang Management](#). This conference is specifically designed for leaders and role models including law enforcement, educators, social service and non-profit personnel, medical professionals, childcare providers, parents, and members of the community.

Identifying, understanding, and preventing gang activity is of fundamental importance to all of us. Gang violence is a growing problem for all communities, with profound and devastating ramifications. Gangs are a relevant factor in the violent destruction of many young lives. Gang activity is a causal factor in the perpetration of violence upon others, inside schools and out. In some cases, gang membership initiation causes devastating infliction of self-harm, as well as harm upon others. An increase in gang influence in your community is a potential catalyst for violent acts within today's youth population and on society at large.

The [Intelligence Crime Task Force](#) will discuss its mission; gang awareness, including what constitutes a gang and the nature of the crimes and violence perpetrated by gangs; how to recognize and identify gang activity; a short history of gang activity in Morris County; current gang activity and trends in Morris County and surrounding areas; biker groups; and it will introduce gang prevention strategies, including what to look for and how to report. The discussion of prevention by the [New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission, Office of Gang Management](#) will explore root causes for gang involvement; profiles of youth who tend to join gangs; profiles of youth who are gang members; PHOENIX Gang Prevention/Intervention Project; best practices for prevention and early intervention including how to help youth learn the true nature of gangs, avoid joining a gang and leave a gang; state and national initiatives for gang activity prevention; parental issues/responsibilities; community issues/responsibilities; and action steps for leaders. The [Intelligence Crime Task Force](#) and the [New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission, Office of Gang Management](#) will, in short, help educate us and help us learn how we can best educate children/youth and thereby help prevent the spread of gang activity among our children, youth, and young adults.

Who Should Attend?

This program is intended for Teachers, Administrators, Child Welfare Specialists, Medical Professionals, Social Work/Mental Health Professionals, Childcare Providers, Law Enforcement Professionals and other service providers, Parents, and all others interested in increasing awareness & learning healthy, defensive skills to prevent youth gang involvement.

Program Schedule:

8:30-9:00 - Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 - Opening Remarks and Introduction of speaker by Maria Savetti, Esq., Executive Director of Deirdre's House

9:00-1:00 - Intelligence Crime Task Force, Morris County Prosecutor's Office and NJ Juvenile Justice Commission, Office of Gang Management

1:00- Wrap-up/Reminder re: Completing Symposium Evaluation Survey by Maria Savetti

Program Location:

The Octagon-Mahoney Library, College of Saint Elizabeth, 2 Convent Road, Morristown, NJ

Directions & Parking: Directions and campus maps can be viewed by visiting the website for the College of St. Elizabeth at <http://www.cse.edu>. Parking for the seminar is available in the designated areas of the college campus.

Cost: Cost of the program is \$25 per person payable by check to "Deirdre's House" with the completed registration form. Admission is free for Collaboration Agency Members and College of St. Elizabeth personnel/students presenting a copy of valid employee/student id. Cost for other college students who submit copy of valid student id is \$10.

Application will be made for Continuing Education Credit:

According to the regulatory criteria established by the New Jersey Board of Social Work Examiners, and our intended compliance with those criteria, the Collaboration is applying for continuing education credits. If granted, we will offer this program to meet the continuing education requirements for the renewal of your New Jersey Social Work license/certification. If our application is granted we will offer four (4) Continuing Education Hours for successful completion of this program.

Certificates: If our application is granted we intend to distribute Certificates at the conclusion of the program or as soon thereafter as possible. Participants must attend the entire program in order to receive a certificate of attendance.



**** About the Presenters ****

Intelligence Crime Task Force

In November 2007, Morris County Prosecutor Robert A. Bianchi, Esq. and Deputy Chief William Schievella established the Intelligence Crime Task Force for the purpose of targeting violent offenders, drug and gang related crime, as well as the illegal possession and use of firearms.

This Task Force employs intelligence-led policing strategies, utilizing the data and resources of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. The ICTF develops strategies and plans to target violent offenders in a proactive fashion, so that investigations and prosecutions are focused on the hierarchy of organized criminal activity and investigative resources are driven toward those target rich packages.

Organized criminal activity can take on many forms. They can be funded by the illegal activity itself, or from other sources, such as drug sales, burglaries, robberies, home invasions, or the sale of guns to name a few. The Intelligence Crime Task Force is responsible for collecting data pertaining to crimes such as this within the county. The information is then analyzed and disseminated for the purpose of assisting municipal agencies in identifying suspects, criminal organizations, methods of operation, and patterns of criminal activity.

In addition, the Intelligence Crime Task Force develops sources of information (Confidential and Citizen Informants) to assist in targeting criminal activity. These sources are often utilized to assist in identifying Street Gang members and associates living, working and frequenting communities within Morris County. Strategies to infiltrate and annihilate organized criminal activity within Morris County are then put into motion.

Recognizing the close nexus between organized criminal activity utilizing the sale of drugs and guns to conduct business, the ICTF works closely with the MCPO

narcotics unit (SEU) on all investigations. The exchange of information and resources between these units has already paid some impressive dividends.

The Intelligence Crime Task Force also assists in training police recruits and municipal law enforcement officials on the identification, awareness and current trends associated with criminal street gangs. Educational programs are also coordinated through the Morris County Prosecutor's Office Community Affairs Unit for students, teachers, community groups and any other local group regarding criminal street gangs.

In an effort to ensure that local officials have the most current information about juvenile gang and criminal activity in Morris County, meetings are conducted with School Resource Officer, Municipal Juvenile Officers, Municipal Gang Liaison Officer, Morris County Juvenile Probation Officers and staff from the Morris County Juvenile Detention Center.

The Intelligence Crime Task Force also assists local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies with investigations of Criminal Street Gang activity in Morris County, in addition to coordinating information between local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies to assist in synchronizing efforts to effectively combat violent crime.

New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission, Office of Gang Management

Mission: As the number of gang-involved youth increase in neighborhoods statewide, gang awareness and prevention have become a major focus for the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC). The JJC addresses the issue by uniting all gang efforts through the Office of Gang Management. Their mission is to ensure that young people understand that gang life is not the road to success, but rather a path to destruction.

The JJC understands that gangs and gang related activities impact every community in NJ. The JJC has responded with a comprehensive program that addresses youth gangs at all levels. With funding from the NJ Dept. of Education, the JJC has developed a cutting-edge education curriculum, entitled PHOENIX that corresponds with the NJ Core curriculum standards. This course can be tailored for youth in secure detention and JJC residential and day programs, as well as county-operated detention centers and community-based programs. The workbook-based lessons provide structure, support, and clearly identify the progress of participants. The most important goal of the curriculum is developing self-efficacy skills, thereby allowing juveniles to understand how to react to risky situations and to think through their actions and responses to avoid future gang involvement.

To expand its reach, the JJC is forming partnerships with communities to train others in the PHOENIX curriculum. The JJC is also coordinating with the local office of probation as well as the police department and is working to build a "safety net" of resources for youth in the community.

Experienced JJC staff is also available to conduct workshops. One-day training sessions can be adapted to meet an audience's specific needs and information level. It can also be expanded to provide more in-depth training.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Please return registration form with fee to:

Deirdre's House
Attention: Donna Tyson, Esq.
8 Court Street
Morristown, NJ 07960

****The College of St. Elizabeth personnel/students or Collaboration Agency Members may email or fax completed registration form to:**

Telephone (973) 631-5000 FAX (973) 829-8683 E-MAIL: dbtyson@gmail.com

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Please register the following individual.

Personal information:

Name:

Title: _____

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Address: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL(*required to receive CEU credits, if granted*): _____

Payment Information:

Payment method (personal check or purchase order):

Personal check or purchase order number: _____

Name as it reads on check or name of paying entity on purchase order: _____

A fully completed copy of this registration form and a fee of \$25 payable to "Deirdre's House" by check or purchase order only must be enclosed to register.

This program is FREE of charge for Collaboration Agency Members and College of St. Elizabeth personnel and students submitting copy of valid personnel/student id via fax or in person.
Cost for other college students submitting copy of valid student id is \$10.

Seating is limited. Registration is not complete until fee is received. Thank you.

Please use a separate registration form for each individual.

Deadline for Registration is Wednesday, March 25, 2009.