

Gang Videos

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Communities Respond to Youth Gangs in America (POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)

Broadcast live from Washington, DC, this OJJDP videoconference will highlight community programs and strategies from across the nation to address the problem of youth gangs.

120 min. 2006 V-

Delinquents (60 Minutes Series)

They call them juvenile delinquents – the young elephants that were introduced into the Umfolozi (Kwazulu Natal) and Pilansberg (near Sun City) game parks. At the time nobody realized what valuable lesson these elephants were to teach everybody with regard to the social structure of a herd of elephant. These elephants were relocated and introduced into an area that lacked the presence of older bulls and matriarchs. The result was that the youngsters started behaving badly - completely out of their nature – by showing signs of undue aggression towards objects, people and animals, which they normally would have tolerated. The issue was accentuated by the fact that they started killing white rhino – a specie that is nurtured and protected to rescue them from extinction. Currently projects are underway to introduce mature elephants into these herds of “juvenile delinquents”, hoping that they will sort out the family structures of the younger ones.

High School/Adult 15 min. 1998 V-61

Gangs: the American Evolution

“The proliferation of gangs in the United States has reached epidemic proportions,” says Sergeant Harold M. Rochon, 20-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department and author of Terrorists and Designer Jeans.” In this 2-hour training telecast, Rochon describes the history of gangs, tells how to identify and classify members of gangs, explains gang ideology and recruiting, discusses the drug nexus within gangs, and much more. Aired 5/12/05

Adult 120 min. 2005 V-125

Hard Road Home [HOPE TO ORDER]

Filmmakers follow three former felons as they make the often-difficult transition to live "on the outside" after serving prison sentences. All get assistance from the Harlem, New York-based Exodus Transitional Community, a faith-based organization that helps ex-convicts re-integrate into society and avoid a life of crime. <http://hardroadhome.org>

Adult 60 min. 2007 DVD-

In the Mix Series/Voices from Inside: Incarcerated Teens Speak Out

With the 'get tough' legislation spreading across America, more teens are being tried in court as adults, with 77,000 youths incarcerated in adult jails and prisons. This program features teens, as well as former inmates, sentenced to juvenile and adult detention facilities in California, New Jersey, and New York for crimes such as burglary, assault and homicide. They expose the grim truth about life in prison, shattering the unrealistic illusions of others who might view prison as a badge of honor. They also send a strong message to teens to think about the consequences of their actions and gang associations that could have an impact on their lives and families forever.

Teens 19 min. 2006 DVD-

Peace Talks series

Dealing with Bullies, Troublemakers and Dangerous Situations, v. 4

This video deals with bullies and gangs, what to do when you feel afraid, protecting yourself in threatening situations, how to help victims, and making our schools and neighborhoods safer.

Grades 9-12 30 min. 1997 V-

Handling Peer Pressure and Gangs, v. 8

Teens reflect on what peer pressure is and how it works. Discussed are pressures to join groups, cliques, and gangs, as well as pressures by friends to do something you think is wrong. Gang involvement, including why kids join, getting out and dealing with friends who are gang members is addressed. Qualities to look for in true friendship are also presented.

Grades 9-12 30 min. 1997 V-

Preventing Gangs in Our Communities, pt. 1 [Aired May 23, 2006]**Preventing Gangs in Our Communities, pt. 2 [Aired June 6, 2006]**

Special features of the programs will include the following:

- A panel discussion by gang specialists from federal and local law enforcement agencies and community and faith-based organizations
- What law enforcement and communities are doing to share gang-prevention responsibilities

Adult 120 min. 2006 <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov> View the programs from the archives on this web site 24/7 for 12 months.

Violence

This video discusses the scope of violence in students' lives. It examines the types of violence students are confronted with in schools, including vandalism, possession of weapons, and gang activities. The video also describes ways to help teens avoid violence by teaching them alternative ways to resolve problems, such as competing with an adversary in a nonviolent fashion, collaborating toward a common goal, compromising by reaching some middle ground, accommodating by simply doing what is demanded by the other person (as long as the action is not illegal and does not compromise the person's principles), and mediating the dispute. The video also includes scenes from a talk presented by two police officers, who discuss how to avoid violence.

Junior High School/Senior High School 10 min. 1993 V-5041

What Can We Do About Violence? – A Bill Moyers Special (cc)**Juveniles Locked Up, #. 1; Domestic Violence, Street Violence, #. 2; Crisis In Our Inner Cities, #. 3; Solutions for Children, #. 4**

This four-part video focuses on solutions to the growing problem of violence in America. From a special "kid's club" that helps children cope with domestic violence, to unusual, but highly effective, alternative sentencing programs for youthful offenders, to high schools that are taking revolutionary steps to foster cooperation among students, the efforts profiled in this series attest to a growing national movement in which people from all walks of life are working to put an end to violence, especially among young people. The series features documentary reports filmed across the country and speaks to experts who have studied the problem and have worked directly to implement programs that have a real, lasting impact. Numerous efforts to combat violence are profiled, including adult mentoring, conflict resolution, parent training, peer education, alternative sentencing, violence prevention counseling, school-based programs, community-policing and activism, substance abuse rehabilitation, and firearm safety.

Juveniles Locked Up, #1

In the Ventura School, California's showcase juvenile prison, inmates discuss how drugs and alcohol, lack of family support, and gang involvement have influenced their lives. The program also looks at *Adult Time For Adult Crime*, a program in Dade County, FL, which sends more kids to adult court than any other county in the U.S. Those who prosecute, defend, and judge young offenders explain how our society has come to the point where the age of the defendant is no longer a mitigating factor—and how 14-year-olds are being sentenced to life behind bars. But there are alternatives to that kind of traditional sentencing of young, violent offenders which are explored in a report from the *Last Chance Ranch*, a work-study lockup rooted in firm discipline, treatment, and rehabilitation.

Domestic Violence, Street Violence, #2

Domestic violence is one of the least reported crimes in America. In Nashville, TN, we see how intense police investigation and follow-up of domestic abuse have led to the imprisonment of repeat offenders. *Teens on Target* shows the success of a program where a Los Angeles doctor (weary of treating young gunshot victims) and former teenage patients (half of whom have spinal injuries from gunshot wounds) speak to younger kids around their city about weapons and violence. This program illustrates what ordinary citizens, survivors, and parents can do about gun control. Violence in the media is movingly portrayed, and solutions to its impact on children are discussed.

Crisis In Our Inner Cities, #3

This program examines the tragic story of nine-year-old James Darby, who sent a letter to President Clinton asking him to stop the violence in his city as part of a classroom project. Nine days after he sent the letter, Darby was shot walking home from a local park. Successful community efforts such as *Cleveland Works* and *Beat the Streets* show how local businesses, religious organizations, and individuals can help at-risk youths divide their time between attending school and community service, building self-esteem and the skills to help restructure their lives.

Solutions for Children, #4

This program documents how domestic abuse within the family affects children, and looks at programs such as *The Kid's Club* at the University of Michigan where troubled children and families are getting help; *Sobriety High*, a special school in Edina, Minnesota, that works to reduce alcohol and drug abuse and lower the incidence of violent crimes; and Landmark High School in New York, a successful experimental effort that promotes small classes, strict enforcement of rules, and parental involvement.

High School/Adult 240 min. 1999 V-5090