



# Basic Gang Awareness, Prevention / Early Intervention

## Objectives

- Basic overview regarding gang awareness.
- Review and discuss risk factors associated with potential gang involvement
- Review and discuss both clinical and non-clinical approaches that can reduce the risk of gang involvement.
- Review and identify existing and emerging community based resources and safe spaces that our youth and families already trust and use.
- Explore and discuss the benefits of open, equal partnering between families, community based organizations and system. of care agencies, using case study activity.

**Date:** 06/12/2010

**Time:** 12:30-3:00

**Location:**

Ellicott/Masten YMCA

585 William Street  
Buffalo , New York  
14206

**NOTE: The facilitators ARE NOT representatives of Law Enforcement and ARE NOT Gang Investigators. We will be focusing on basic awareness but more importantly on staying with in our roles versus "playing cop", while identifying practical use of resources we already have in our own community as we try to positively impact this issue.**

## Facilitator Background

Duncan N. Bethel, BSW, MS Ed, is currently the Director of Development & Training for CCNY. He is an Advanced Gang Specialist as per certification from the New York Gang Investigator's Association and has over 25 years of work with and/or on the behalf of youth and families in our community via work for community based organizations, child welfare, special education and children's mental health. Mr. Bethel is co- developer of this workshop and will also weave direct life experience where applicable into this session.

Elizabeth Davis, M.S., ART-BC, LCAT, is a Basic Gang Specialist as per certification from NYGIA ( New York Gang Investigator's Association). She is a board certified and state licensed art therapist with over 10 years experience working with at risk youth from the Buffalo/ Niagara Region and beyond via her clinical work in the community for The Family 25 Inc. combined with her work at Gateway-Longview Inc.. Ms. Davis is co-developer of this workshop offering.

## Registration Requirements

Registration is open to Family Voices Network vendor agency staff, Community Based Organizations, Care Coordination and other System of Care agency staff, Family members, care givers, natural supports and interns completing coursework in a related field. This work shop is **FREE OF CHARGE**. Registration opens Monday May 3rd 2010 and closes Friday May 28th, 2010. To register you can e-mail to [dbethel@comconnectionsny.org](mailto:dbethel@comconnectionsny.org); or call (716) 563-5082).

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