

The GangWise Project
Fall 2009 & Winter 2010 – Ocean County Library

The GangWise Project: What Our Community Needs to Know

You will learn...

General warning signs of gang affiliation; Why kids join gangs; brief history of gangs; gang markings – colors, symbols, clothing as gang identifiers. Gangs in schools and popular culture; Gang graffiti, paraphernalia and language. Advice for parents and teens on avoiding gangs.

Presenters: Edwin Torres, Retired Lt. and Juvenile Gang Expert
Rory Wells, Assistant Ocean County Prosecutor
Jasmine Long – ex-gang member. Real person on which the character “Oz” was based in the film “On the Outs” and also the film’s advisor.

This Free program is Funded through a community collaboration of the O.C. Board of Chosen Freeholders, O.C. Youth Service Commission, O.C. Health Department, S.C. of NJ Ocean County Probation-Juvenile Supervision, O.C. Library, Municipal Alliance Project, N.J. Governors Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse

Monday 9.28.2009
Plumsted Branch 609-758-7888

Monday 11.9.2009
Lakewood Branch
*Spanish Language Presentation Only

Thursday 12.3.2009
Point Boro Branch 732-295-1555

Tuesday 1.12.2010
Barnegat Branch 609-698-3331

The GangWise Project – Level 2 “My son/daughter is in a gang – what do I do?”

A panel of experts working with gang involved youth will lead a discussion & offer real solutions to real problems and answer questions.

Robert Chadwick, Supervisor of Custody – O.C. Dept of Juvenile Services
Paul Curto, Counselor & Therapist – Woodbridge H.S.
Dan Pontillo, Director of Middle Earth Program – Somerset County
Edwin Torres, Retired Lt. & Juvenile Gang Expert
Rory Wells, Assistant O.C. Prosecutor – Juvenile Division
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Thursday 10.22.2009
Mancini Hall Toms River 732-349-6200

Monday 1.25.2010
Brick Branch 732-477-4513

All Programs: 5:30-6:00pm Sign-in & Program Starts Promptly @ 6:00pm

Registration REQUIRED for all programs: online at www.theoceancountylibrary.org, click on "Program Calendar"; or by calling the hosting branch.
All programs are "FREE" and light diner refreshments will be provided.

Teens ages 12 & up are encouraged to attend along with interested adults, parents, educators, clergy & youth workers.

Professional Development Certificates Provided.

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