

Comprehensive Gang Assessment Proposal

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Randolph County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) requests data and research to support decision-making processes in Randolph County. Randolph County JCPC requires a Gang Assessment based on methodology and recommendations made by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) in the *OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model: A Guide to Assessing Your Community's Youth Gang Problem* model.

Project Purpose and Scope of Work

Specifically, the Gang Assessment will focus on the goals outlined below:

1. To identify the most serious and prevalent gang-related problems;
2. To determine potential factors contributing to gang problems;
3. To identify target group(s) for prevention, intervention, and suppression efforts;
4. To shape community mobilization efforts and identify community members who should be involved;
5. To identify various organizational or systems issues that must be addressed to have a long-term effect on the problem;
6. To identify current efforts to address gangs and gang-involved youth.

Following the recommendations described by the OJJDP, the provider will conduct an initial community scan that will be shared with the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) to inform the selection of any focus areas or populations to be investigated in more detail in the report.

After the initial scan is conducted, the provider will work with the JCPC to identify focus areas or populations and define the scope of the full report.

Data Collection Approaches

In alignment with the OJJDP's recommendations, the provider will engage in the following forms of data collection and analysis:

Analysis of Existing Data

The provider will analyze US Census Bureau and other publicly available datasets as well as data provided by local agencies such as the school systems, sheriff's office, and local police departments. This proposal anticipates that members of the JCPC will be able to assist with the acquisition of administrative and other datasets from local agencies as necessary. The provider will also conduct a review of past gang assessments and other relevant community reports to inform their analysis.

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Interviews and Focus Groups

The provider will engage community leaders, school systems' staff, parents, and law enforcement and criminal justice staff in focus groups and/or interviews and will analyze interview and focus group context for major themes. The cost estimates for this proposal anticipate that the JCPC will be able to recruit participants for these interviews and focus groups. The provider's staff will be responsible for designing interview tools (when necessary), developing an informed consent protocol, conducting interviews, and analyzing interview/focus group content.

Surveys

The provider will use survey instruments to gather primary data from students, community residents, youth-serving agencies, and former/current gang members. This proposal anticipates that members of the JCPC will be able to facilitate the distribution of survey materials to their target populations. The provider will be responsible for creating data collection tools, developing an informed consent protocol, advising on survey sample selection and distribution, entering data (when needed), and cleaning and analyzing survey data.

Community Resource Inventory

The provider will survey and/or interview agencies providing resources relating to addressing gang-related issues or preventing gang involvement to identify community assets and potential gaps in services. This proposal anticipates that the JCPC will be able to help distribute questionnaires or connect the provider's staff to agencies that are providing these services. The provider will be responsible for providing data collection instruments and analyzing the resulting data.

Timeline and Deliverables

The anticipated timeline for the entirety of this project is up to 12 months. In alignment with OJJDP's recommendations, the provider will provide analyzed data to the JCPC as it becomes available so that the provider can incorporate feedback or questions from the JCPC in future data collection as the study progresses.

The provider will generate a final report with all the findings and include an executive summary with the key findings. Additionally, a presentation can also be created with key findings if needed.

Project Expenses

Up to \$60,000.00

Deadline for proposals

April 26, 2021 at 5:00 PM to:

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