

**Resources for specific information and support in your area of Northern Virginia**

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**Fairfax County**

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**Loudoun County**

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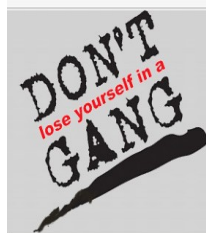
**Greater Prince William County Area or Manassas and Manassas Park**

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[www.pwcgov.org/gangprevention](http://www.pwcgov.org/gangprevention)

*80% of gang members reported they would leave the gang if offered the right help.*

*National Gang Crime Research Center*

[www.preventgangsnova.org](http://www.preventgangsnova.org)



If you or someone you care about needs help, call:



Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force  
Resource Information Line

**Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force**

*Resource Guide*

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**703-GET-HELP**

[www.preventgangsnova.org](http://www.preventgangsnova.org)



# GANG AND YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

## Some Reasons Kids Join Gangs

- Not connected with positive supports
- School, home, and community difficulties
- Family issues—wanting to feel a part of something
- Negative peer influences
- To matter to someone

## What You Can Do

- If you or someone you care about needs help, call **703-GET-HELP** or the Gang Prevention Coordinator directly (contact information on back)
- Report Crime and Graffiti to police (Call local police)
- Become a mentor, tutor, or community volunteer (**703-GET-HELP**)
- Encourage children
- Help children to have hope, become connected with caring adults, acquire skills, give back to their community, and foster a sense of control in their lives
- Role model good behavior

*Task Force strategies of good law enforcement coordination with prevention, education and intervention efforts has decreased gang crime since 2003. We continue to team with community members and organizations to create and enhance best-practice strategies.*

## Gangs will cost you your FREEDOM:

### If you:

(Recruit) - Try to get somebody to join a gang - JAIL

(Act) – Commit a crime for a gang – JAIL

(Property) – Wanna cause your mom to lose her house? Hold a gang meeting there. Homes, cars, computers will be TAKEN.

(Association) – I'm not in a gang – I just hang with gang members....If you're with 'em during the crime, you're goin' with 'em to JAIL, too.

### Read more:

[www.preventgangsnova.org](http://www.preventgangsnova.org)



**"Trust me Mom,  
I'd never join a gang."**

Trusting your kids is important. So is questioning them.

Talk to your kids about gangs and how to avoid them.

Educate yourself about what to look for so you can help your child make the right decisions.

If you or someone you love needs help, or you want to learn more about what you can do, call 703-GET-HELP (703-438-4357).

Learn more at  
[www.preventgangsnova.org](http://www.preventgangsnova.org)

*"My sons had promising futures and now they are both in prison."*  
Worrie

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A message from the Matheson Virginia Center for Justice, with support from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

