

## [Implementing Project Safe Neighborhoods \(PSN\)](#)

### **Issue Description:**

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a nationwide commitment to reduce gun and gang crime in America by networking existing local programs that target anti-gang and gun related crimes and providing these programs with additional tools necessary to be successful. Since its inception in 2001, approximately \$2 billion has been committed to this initiative.

This funding is being used to hire new federal and state prosecutors, support investigators, provide training, distribute gun lock safety kits, deter juvenile gun crime, and develop and promote community outreach efforts as well as to support other gun and gang violence reduction strategies.

Starting in 2007, a significant component of PSN has been the Department of Justice (DOJ) PSN Anti-Gang Training. This training is delivered by DOJ law enforcement agencies and other criminal justice professionals. Among a wide ranging agenda, intervention, prevention, suppression, and reentry strategies are presented, as well as a executive session to identify and develop strategic responses, a briefing on national and regional gang trends, a community gang problem assessment, and tips for working with cooperating witnesses and confidential informants.

### **Recommended Tactics/Strategies for Addressing the Issue:**

Successful strategies involve a range of approaches and resources which in part include:

- Comprehensive Anti-Gang Training to address a range of approaches to include: strategic planning, enforcement and prosecution, and prevention and intervention
- Use of task forces to focus coordinated and collaborative responses
- Media outreach strategies
- Involve probation and parole in a coordinated response
- Enhanced prosecution efforts
- Prevention and intervention strategies

### **Available Resources:**

A list of the Federal and National Partners with a brief overview of their services can be viewed at [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/Antigang\\_Partners.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/Antigang_Partners.pdf) and [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/antigang\\_presentation.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/antigang_presentation.pdf)

- [Academy for Educational Development \(AED\)](#)
- [American Probation and Parole Association \(APPA\)](#)
- [American Prosecutors Research Institute \(APRI\)](#)
- [American University \(AU\)](#)
- [Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives \(ATF\)](#)
- [Bureau of Justice Assistance \(BJA\)](#)

- [Bureau of Prisons \(BOP\)](#)
- [Council of State Governments \(CSG\)](#)
- [Federal Bureau of Investigation \(FBI\)](#)
- [Hobson & Associates](#)
- [International Association of Chiefs of Police \(IACP\)](#)
- [Institute for Intergovernmental Research \(IIR\)](#)
- [Institute for Law and Justice \(ILJ\)](#)
- [Michigan State University \(MSU\)](#)
- [National Crime Prevention Council \(NCPC\)](#)
- [National District Attorney's Association \(NDAA\)](#)
- [National Gang Center \(NGC\)](#)
- [National Sheriff's Association \(NSA\)](#)
- [National Youth Gang Center \(NYGC\)](#)
- [Regional Information Sharing Systems \(RISS\)](#)
- [United States Marshals Service \(USMS\)](#)

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