

Supervising Gang Members in Rural Communities

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TRAINING OVERVIEW

Community corrections professionals who work in rural areas are increasingly likely to encounter gang members among the offenders they supervise. This training provides an overview of the scope of America's gang problem and offers insight into the factors that have led more people into the gang lifestyle than ever before. It discusses the types of gangs that are responsible for an increase in violence and narcotics trafficking and the resultant impact on the quality of life in many communities.

This workshop is designed to inform probation and parole officers who work in rural areas about the growing and ever expanding problem of gangs in America. The presentation identifies the scope of the gang problem including the growth, influence and migration to rural parts of the country.

The class will also talk about why people join gangs and the conditions which have led more people into the gang lifestyle than ever before. Gang identifiers, levels of gang involvement and a profile of the major gangs which operate across the country will be presented. How gangs operate on the streets and the correlation between prison gangs and street gangs will be explained.

Lastly, the presentation will contain suggestions on supervising gang members, officer safety tips and interviewing techniques. The class will contain a combination of intervention, prevention and suppression information which parole and probation officers will find informative and mission critical to the performance of their very important positions in the criminal justice system.