

GANGS AND SCHOOL VIOLENCE TRAINING

Often school transportation personnel and officials are often unaware of gang problems, due to insufficient training to help them detect the new gang identification symbols and practices. This training is designed to make staff aware of gang and school violence potential, particularly as it related to transporting students. Street gangs at school can be disruptive to the school environment. The training aims to not only remind school officials that our systems and facilities are vulnerable, but it also promotes action intervention and prevention strategies to better assure safety.

Among the many important many important transportation safety lessons, the program includes messages about:

- Potential threat of gang activity and school transportation
- Reasons for gang membership
- Why do kids join gangs?
- How much influence do gangs have in schools?
- Early warning signs
- Types of gangs
- Types of gang activity
- Stages of gang membership
- Major concerns
- Practical tips.

To inquire about the availability of Gang and Violence Training, please contact the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Transportation Services Section:

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