

Family Resources

Report Crime:

WE TIP—anonymous800. 782.7463

Hollister Police Dept.....636.4330

SBC Sheriff's Dept.....636.4080

Referrals (youth & family)

Hollister Youth Alliance.....636.2853

SBC Probation Dept.....636.4070

SBC Mental Health

24 hour Crisis Line..... 636.4020

Other Resources:

Victim/Witness Assistance....634.1397

Victims of Crime

Resource Center.....800.842.8467

Youth in Crisis and

Runaway Hotline.....800.843.5200

Sexual Assault

Crisis Hotline.....877.363.7238

Tattoo Removal Program.....457.7169

STD Hotline.....800.232.4636

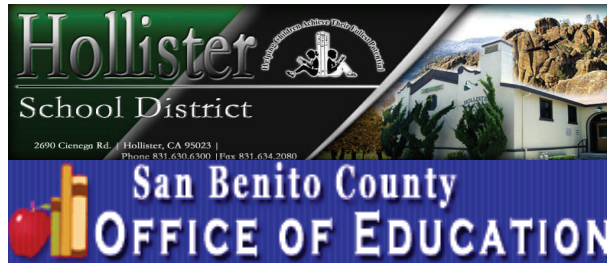
(Sexually Transmitted Diseases)

Alcoholics Anonymous.....424.9878

Spanish.....206.7292

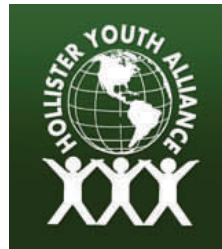
Hollister Recreation.....636.4390

San Benito Countywide Gang Prevention Collaborative



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Protect your children

*Keep our
community safe
from gangs*



Fight Crime
Improve quality of life
Be active, Be aware
Be part of it...
YOUR COMMUNITY
...Keep it Safe

How can you keep your child from becoming part of a gang?

Get your child involved in special activities like sports, music, art or hobbies.

Talk with your children and let them know you do not want them to associate with gang members because you care about them and want to protect their safety and their future.

Volunteer at your child's school and after school activities.

Listen to your child. Talk with your child. Show respect for your child's feelings and attitudes.

Do not buy or allow your child to wear gang style clothing.



The love you give, limits you set and talks you have all keep your children safe.

Learn about gangs, youth crime and drug activity in your community.

Remember, the first few hours after school is out are the most dangerous. Get your child involved in positive out-of-school activities.

Get to know your child's friends and their parents.

Establish rules, set limits and be consistent, firm, loving and fair.

If you feel like something is wrong and don't know what to do, get help immediately.

Common Gang Identifiers to Look For

Norteño, N, Norte, North, North Side, NS, SK, 14, XIV, X4, 114%, NF, NR, Norteño Ryder, Northern Rider



(Not UFW flag)



187 or *one eighty seven* (homicide)

Sureño, S, Sur, Puro Sur, Sur Trece, M, eme, la eMe 13, XIII, X3, Trece;



SSL, BHT, SSS, South Side, ESW, ESL, WSL, West Siders, Hazel Block

WARNING SIGNS OF GANG INVOLVEMENT YOUR CHILD NEEDS YOU NOW!

Admits to having friends who are in a gang.

Unusual interest in a particular color, like red or blue, a color of clothing or a logo.

Callers won't give you their names or only tell you their nickname. Callers ask for your child by nickname.

Withdraws from and shows disrespect toward your family; disrespect for adults & police.

Shows excessive need for secrecy and privacy about whereabouts, activities and/or friends.

Withdrawal from longtime friends and associates with new undesirable friends.
Uses hand signals while with friends and practices them at home.

MORE SIGNS OF GANG INVOLVEMENT

Unexplained money or goods, i.e., electronics, clothes, weapons.

Suspected drug or alcohol use, attitude change.

Presence of guns, ammunition or other weapons.

Peculiar drawings or language on books, notebooks, backpacks, body, closet or bedroom walls (may appear later as tattoos or brands).

Physical injury as though beaten, or injuries to hands and knuckles from fighting. Child lies about events surrounding injury.

Interest in gang influenced music, videos or movies.

Myspace, Facebook, and/or cell phone has pictures of gang members or gang symbols.

WHAT IF YOUR CHILD IS ALREADY IN A GANG?

It will be extremely difficult for your child to turn his/her life around once he/she has developed pro-gang values, attitudes and relationships. At this point your child may be bonded more to the gang than his/her family and more to his/her fellow gang members than to you.

Remember, you are not alone, you can get help to handle the situation. Your child, your family and your community need you to act deliberately and with resolve.

Prepare yourself and your family for a challenge. Commit for the long-term and decide to get the help it takes. Professional service providers, Law Enforcement, spiritual leadership and family/parenting education are all part of the formula. Your love, strength and guidance will be needed daily.