



Gang Prevention Gang Intervention

Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. (YAP) provides Gang Prevention and Gang Intervention Services that build from best practice, research and direct experience in Chicago, Dallas, Fort Worth, Baltimore and other US cities. YAP's intensive model addresses the youth/young adult, their family and their neighborhood factors that often lead to gang involvement. Services are provided in the home, school and community through engaging a paid, trained and supervised "mentor" recruited from the same community in which the youth resides.

Core Components of the YAP Model

- Wraparound Services and Supports
- Paid Mentoring/Coaching
- One-on-One, Family and Group Work
- **Evidence-based** Curricula, including Peaceful Alternatives to Tough Situations (PATTS) and components of the Phoenix Gang Curriculum
- Focus on Education and Life Skill Development
- Connection of youth to pro-social people, places and activities and to needed services

2013 Tarrant Co, TX Outcomes

94% of TCAP youth live in the community at discharge

92% of TCAP youth remained arrest-free at discharge

98% of TCAP youth were not adjudicated of new charges while in the program

98% of TCAP youth were enrolled and active in an educational program by discharge

What Makes YAP Unique?

- 24/7 staff availability
- Individualized services tailored to each youth's needs
- Culturally and linguistically competent staff
- Work within the home, school and neighborhood
- Intensive face-to-face weekly contact
- Flex Funds to pay for emergency needs

Additional Gang Intervention Services

- Retreats, Mediation and Tattoo Removal
- Supported Work, Job Training and Placement
- Relocation Services when Necessary

What is Supported Work?

Supported Work provides short-term on-site work experience (up to four months) whereby YAP pays the wages for the youth/young adults to work in local business to gain valuable work experience. YAP also provides job training and placement services.

YAP is recognized as a **"Promising Practice"** by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the National Council on Crime & Delinquency. YAP is COA Accredited since 2009. Our Chicago Program was highlighted in Paul Tough's New York Times best-selling book "How Children Succeed." YAP is located in 28 states and the District of Columbia, serving over 20,000 youth and families a year in their homes, schools and communities. Visit us at yapinc.org.