

## Indiana Criminal Gang Policy – Meeting Notes 4-12-16

- Look at the definition of Criminal Gang and incorporate language (gang activity) in the definition. Criminal gang refers to activity that would lead to a criminal charge. We want to ensure that law enforcement can still pursue charges of mischief or vandalism.

Criminal gang charges are rarely filed by the prosecutor because it is difficult to prove the offense was a result of gang activity.

- **Evidence Based Training**

Gang Resistance Education and Training.

(G.R.E.A.T.) <https://www.great-online.org/>

Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) is an **evidence-based** and effective gang and violence prevention program built around school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curricula. The Program is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership for children in the years immediately before the prime ages for introduction into gangs and delinquent behavior.

- **Support Services/Counseling**

Geminus Corporation – <http://www.geminus.org/index.html>

Crown Counseling – <http://www.crowncounselingservices.com/>

- Will send counselors to the school.

- The Superintendent **shall** seek federal funding to implement criminal gang prevention services. Replace word **shall** with **may** seek federal.
- **Staff/Student Training** – Lake Station District may use Tom Branson as a gang presenter. They will develop a short quiz for staff to answer as a measure for basic gang knowledge.

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Hobart School District is looking at producing a gang training video approximately twenty minutes in length.

Also, look at local law enforcement to provide gang training.

- Visit website - Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention.  
<http://www.ojjdp.gov/>  
The page contains model federal programs and additional resources to assist with the gang policy. It is also a good source for training and to locate speakers.
- Email your gang policy to Judge Stefaniak. He will review and endorse the policy.

Any questions for Judge Stefaniak can go through:

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