Anaheim Police Department’s
Truancy...Ditching a Life of Crime

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Centrally located in Orange County, California

One of 34 cities in Orange County

10th largest city in CA, with population of 348,467 (2009)

15 miles from some of the most scenic beaches in California
Orange County Gangs

13,158 Documented Gang Members

303 Separate Gangs

19 Gang Homicides in 2009
### The Cost of Crime

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**Grand Jury**

*Orange County*
Anaheim Gangs

Over 35 documented gangs

Over 2,500 documented gang members

2 gang injunctions in place
Information Gathering

76 percent of all CA inmates committed truancy as their first crime

On average, most CA inmates have a 7th grade level of education

65 percent of students who are truant are more likely to commit criminal offenses

Lack of parent participation affected academic success and increased juvenile delinquency

Truancy efforts fragmented and incohesive.
Scanning

Nine separate school districts

Increased truancy, discipline and suspension issues

Schools suffering from loss of Average Daily Attendance (ADA)

Increase crime on campus
Esther L. Walter Elementary

One of the most under achieving schools in Anaheim

Little or no parent participation

English as 2nd language

Primarily low income community

Lowest attendance in district
**ANALYSIS**

**QUANTITATIVE**
- School administrative records such as student attendance records, disciplinary records, and California’s Accountability Progress Reporting (APR) system provided significant quantitative data.

**QUALITATIVE**
- Interviews and input from school administrators, teachers, parents and other community stakeholders.
- Chief’s Advisory Board focus group.
RISK FACTORS

INDIVIDUAL

- Prior delinquency
- Desire for group rewards
- Anti-social attitudes
- Exposure to violence or victimization.
RISK FACTORS

PEER GROUP

- High commitment to delinquent peers
- Street socialization
- Consistent interaction with delinquent peers
- Limited exposure to teens who are positive role models
- Early exposure to stressors
Risk Factors

SCHOOL

- Truancy
- Poor school performance/low achievement
- Low educational aspirations
- Negative labeling by teachers
- High levels of anti-social behavior
- Few teacher role models
- Educational frustration
- Low attachment to school
- Learning difficulties
Risk Factors

FAMILY

- Family disorganization
- Family violence and neglect
- Family members in a gang
- Lack of adult and parental role models
- Parental criminality
- Siblings with anti-social behaviors
- Extreme economic deprivation
Risk Factors

COMMUNITY

- Social disorganization, including high poverty and residential mobility
- High crime neighborhood;
- Presence of gangs in the neighborhood
- Availability or perceived access to drugs in the neighborhood
- Cultural norms supporting gang behavior
- Feeling unsafe in neighborhood

Source: Adapted from Howell (1998, 2005).
The GRIP Program is currently operating in:

Anaheim
Buena Park
Orange
San Juan Capistrano
San Clemente
Stanton
County Unincorporated Areas
Orange County District Attorney’s Office
Anaheim Police Dept.
Buena Park Police Dept.
Orange County Probation Dept.
Orange County Sheriff’s Dept.
Orange Police Dept.
12 School Districts
Social Services
CSP- Counselors
Pepperdine University
Community Partners

Mission Hospital
Orange County Bar Foundation
Faith-based Partners
Costco
PTA
Community Groups
Horace Mann Bike Shop
White House Restaurant
Anaheim Angels
LA Galaxy
Big Brothers and Big Sisters
PREVENTION

Faculty Education

Parent Education

Student Education
STRIKE TEAM

MEETINGS

STRIKE Team

- Family Intervention
- School, DA, Police Department, Probation, Counseling services
- Accountability
ENFORCEMENT

Truancy Sweeps

Curfew Sweeps

Prosecution
COMMUNITY BUILDING

Incentives
White House Dinner
Mentor Party

Angels Game
LA Galaxy Game
Boys/Girls Day
Soccer Camp
RESULTS

Crime Reduced in targeted areas up to 30%

Orange County Grand Jury Recognized

Educated and mobilized thousands in community