

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



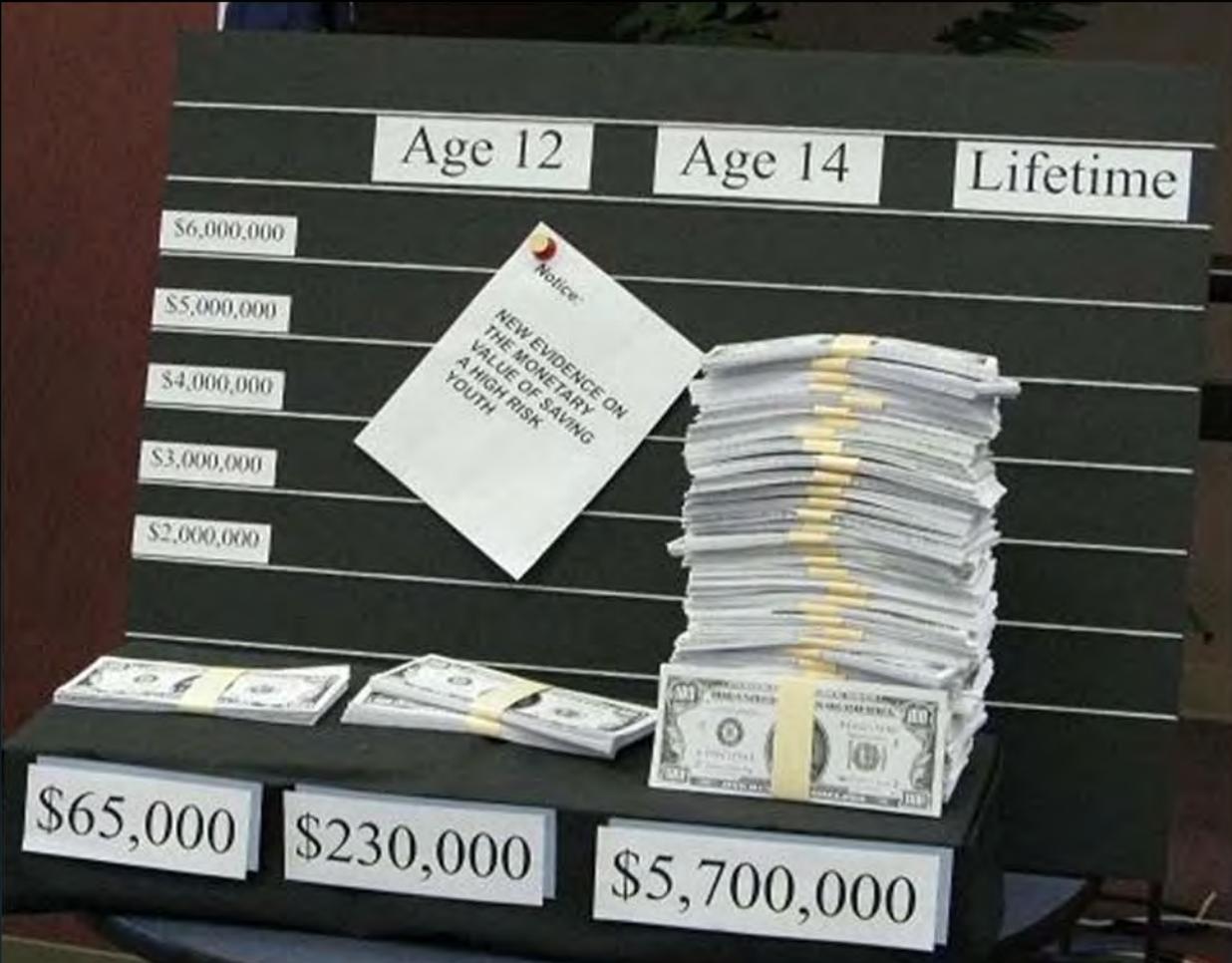
Orange County Gangs

13, 158 Documented Gang Members

303 Separate Gangs

**19 Gang Homicides
in 2009**





THE COST OF CRIME



Grand Jury
Orange County

Anaheim Gangs

Over 35 documented gangs

Over 2,500 documented gang members

2 gang injunctions in place



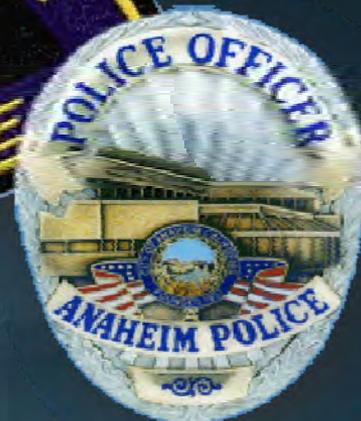


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Information Gathering

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

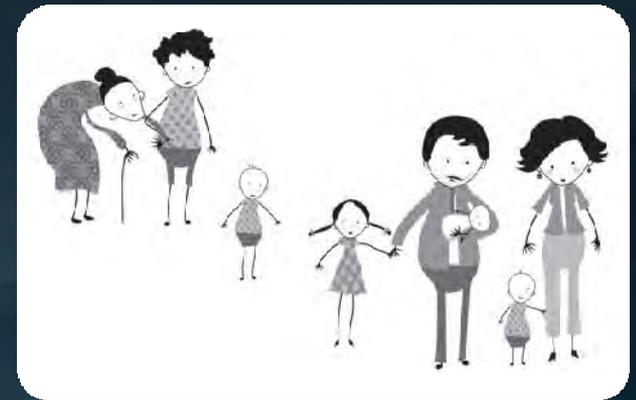




Risk Factors

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).**



GRIP

A Gang Prevention Partnership

The GRIP Program is currently operating in:

Anaheim

Buena Park

Orange

San Juan Capistrano

San Clemente

Stanton

County Unincorporated
Areas



ORANGE COUNTY GRIP PARTNERS

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

INTERVENTION

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%

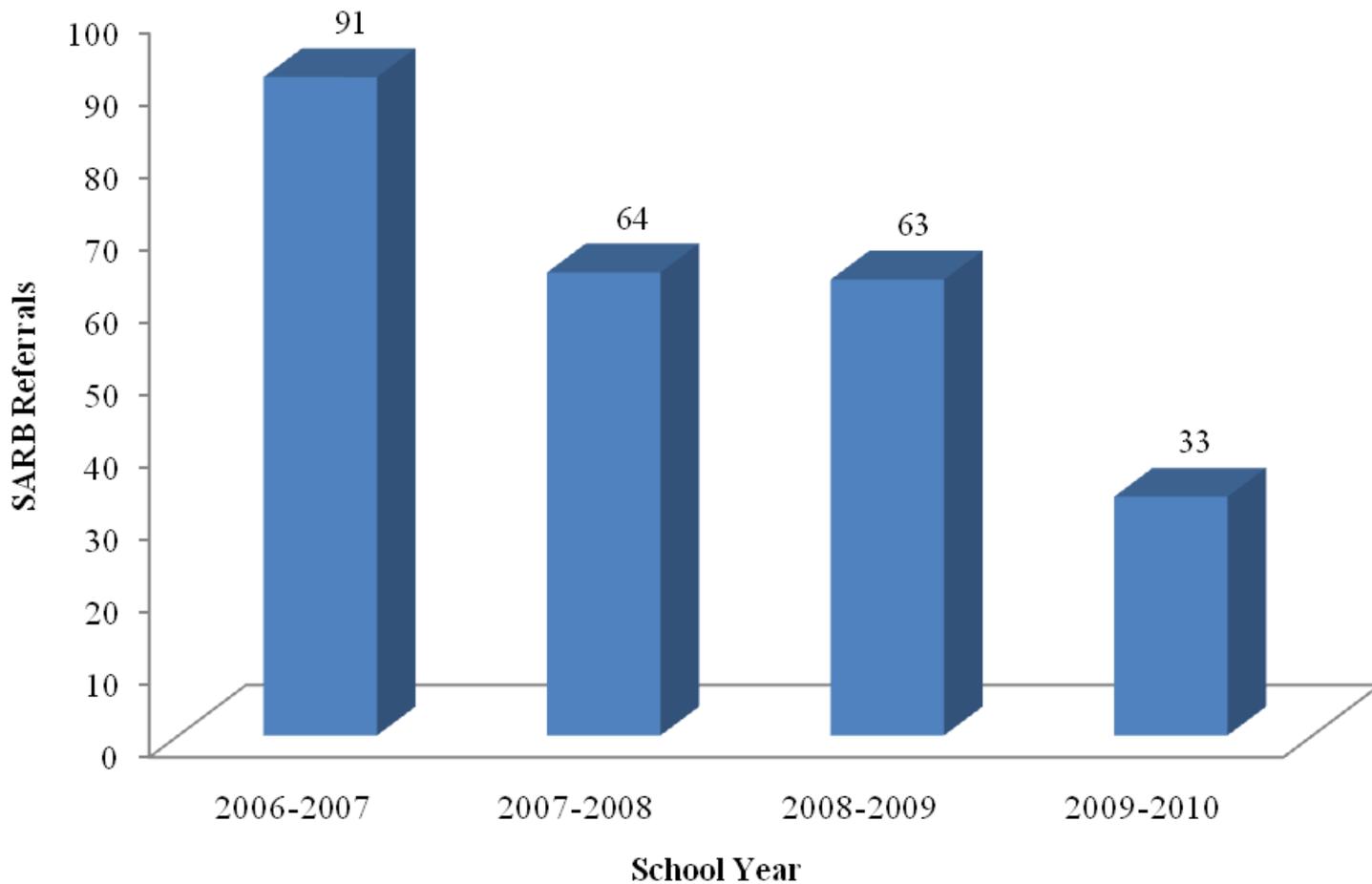
Orange County Grand Jury Recognized

Educated and mobilized thousands in community

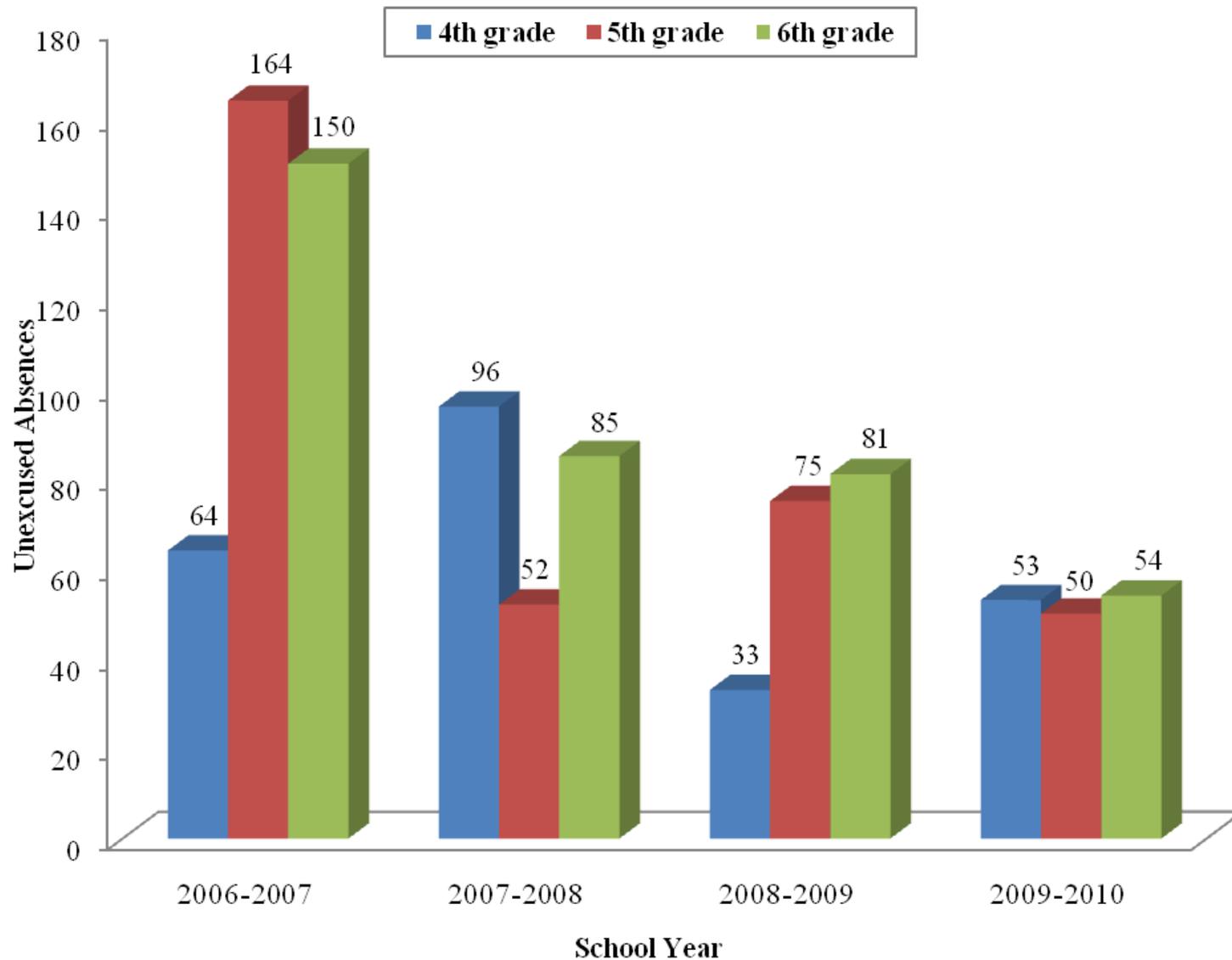


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Walter Elementary School SARB Referrals



Walter Elementary School Unexcused Absences



Magnolia School District vs. Walter Elementary Unexcused Absences

