

YARD

YOUTH AT RISK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

WHAT IS YARD?

YARD is a community-based, early intervention program that supports youth who are at risk of gang involvement. YARD is delivered in partnership by the Calgary Police Service; the City of Calgary, Calgary Neighbourhoods and Alberta Health Services.

YARD teams, including an Indigenous focused team, consist of a police officer and a registered social worker who work closely with the youth client, their families, schools and community agencies.

YARD develops an individualized case plan for each youth, based on their unique circumstances, to assist them in avoiding or leaving the gang lifestyle.

WHAT IS A GANG?

A gang is a group of three or more individuals who are engaged in unlawful activities on an ongoing basis.

WHO GETS INVOLVED?

Youth participation in YARD is voluntary. YARD works with youth between the ages of 10 and 17 who are currently at risk, affiliated with a gang or involved in gang activity.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Prevention of, or reduction in gang participation and/or criminal offending.
- Improved interpersonal relationships.
- Improved mental health and wellness.
- Increased life skills.
- Increased pro-social activities.

WHO IS AT RISK OF GANGS?

Some indicators that a youth may be involved in a gang are:

- Unexplained money or property
- Family involvement in gangs
- Unusual desire for secrecy
- Reliance on anti-social peers
- Lack of school engagement
- Lack of positive adult supervision
- Withdrawal from family and friends

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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- Make a referral online at: www.calgarypolice.ca

