

Gang Violence Task Force (GVTF)

Stakeholder Newsletter

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Commissioner



A MUST READ

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Pending
Conferences



Recreation
Opportunities



Educational
Opportunities



Employment,
Skill Training
Opportunities

*"We cannot always
build the future for
our youth, but we can
build our youth for the
future"*

Franklin D. Roosevelt

32nd president of US (1882 - 1945)

KEY

NEW

PLAN FOR

RESOURCE

The GVTF Organization Model—National Best Practice
Based upon: The US Comprehensive Gang Strategy Model
 Group composition is representative of that reduction strategy offered by the US Department Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Comprehensive Gang Strategy Model which requires: Establishing appropriate stakeholder partnerships; Identifying and measuring the problem; Setting measurable goals and objectives; Identifying appropriate programs and strategies; Implementing a comprehensive plan;

Please join us..... April 2nd, @ 10 AM @ 449 NE EMERSON

To GVTF members and associates **“thank you”** for making the Gang Violence Task Force a vital resource with the ever expanding need to offer service referrals and opportunities to



PIL Portland Interscholastic League September 10, 2009 Search... Go

5A - Cleveland, Jefferson, Madison, Marshall, Roosevelt 6A - Benson, Franklin, Grant, Lincoln, Wilson

ATTEND A SCHOOL EVENT WITH YOUR KIDS!!!

Portland Public School sponsored events or game web link:

www.pilathletics.com

STREET LEVEL OUTREACH

What is it?

How long has this “National Best Practice” been used in Portland?

To Learn More

See the “A Brief History of Portland Street Level Outreach Workers”

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<http://www.portlandonline.com/safeyouth/index.cfm?c=49758&a=260627>

Discover opportunities for education, employment training, recreation and other youth related events and services!

Call the Office of Youth Violence Prevention @ (503) 823-4180



OYVP Youth Writer

Agnes Yuen

- *1999 arrived in the United States*
- *Attended Reynolds High School*
- *Recently Graduated from the University of Oregon*

Change is difficult — Quitting is Not an Option
Or “How to Succeed when you are not Confident”

“Starting all over is never easy, especially when you have to leave your friends and family, give up what you have or have established at the moment, and starting a new life in a whole new environment”

When I was twelve, I moved to United States with my family. At first, I thought it would be very excited and fun to travel to a country that I had never visited. However, after two month, I realized the move wasn't as good or as fun as I expected. It was a difficult experience for me to adapt a whole new culture to my life.

It didn't strike me until two months after I moved to United States. The fact that I had to stay here, left all my friends and needed to adapt a whole new culture scared me. I would cry for days begging my mom to take me back to my friends, to where I was born, but later I learned that this wasn't an option for me.

Language was the biggest barrier that I had to overcome in this transitioning time. The school that I attended did not have anyone else who can speak my language, therefore, the only way to talk to others or to ask questions was to use my limited English vocabulary. Although I do understand what other people were trying to tell me, I was not comfortable. enough to speak in English. My lack of confidence and the language barrier prevented me from making friends and enjoying school life. I thought that no one understood me at that time, and people would laugh at me whenever I speak. I chose to be alone, not talking to anyone, and isolated myself from others.

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Things changed the day I talked to one of my close friends on the phone. I told her that I was very depress and was not able to make any friends at school. I really wanted to go back in time and to stay with them. At that moment, my friend became very serious and what she told me next changed my way of how to deal with my difficulties of adapting to a new culture.

“After the conversation with her, I started to realize it is a fact that I could never go back in time to change the history, but I could always try my best to make the best out of what I had. I would never know what would happen unless I actually tried to adapt and experienced it”

She told me, “Do you know how fortunate you are to be able to study aboard, learn the culture and the language in person? You should cherish this opportunity and to experience the best out of this which you can’t never experience by staying at your home country. Trust me, try your best and you will enjoy it”.

Constantly thinking about how good it was in the past would not help; trying the best at the moment is the most important thing. Staying happy, be optimistic, and take advantage of every opportunity that comes in life is a positive way to live the life to the fullest.

I started to be more involved with school activities, able to make a lot of friends, feeling more comfortable to ask questions when I needed, and understand more things in class. I was named Math Student of the year in my middles school graduation and graduated with a 4.13GPA from my high school with many scholarships that covered my all 4 years of college tuition.

**“I still believe in and live with what my friend
told me years ago,
*try your best, and you will enjoy it”***

Employment Training Opportunity through The Urban League of Portland

in partnership with Dale Blosser and Associates
is recruiting minorities for Hospitality Training in
the hotel industry.

Anyone that is outgoing has a friendly personality and is interested in working in the hotel industry is urged to come to the orientation April 21st at the living room theater 341 SW 10th Avenue in downtown Portland.

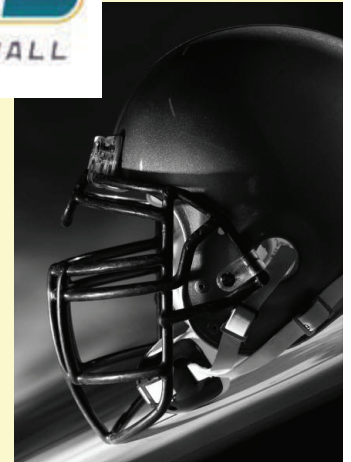
Please call the Urban League of Portland Workforce Development Program Assistant Michelle Weaver for more information at (503)280-2609.

Recruiting for the Urban Rangers through *The Urban League of Portland*

in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, and US Forestry Service are currently recruiting male minority youth the ages of 14-16 for the Urban Rangers Program.

This program is designed to engage inner city minority youth in exploring career options the great outdoors. The program begins June 28th and runs until August 19th. We will begin accepting applications April 1st 2010.

- *Applications are available at the Urban League office located at **10 N. Russell St.***
- *Please call Urban League Workforce Development Program Assistant **Michelle Weaver** for more information **(503)280-2609***



Football Camp for Girls

WHEN: April 3, 2010 6:30pm-8:00pm

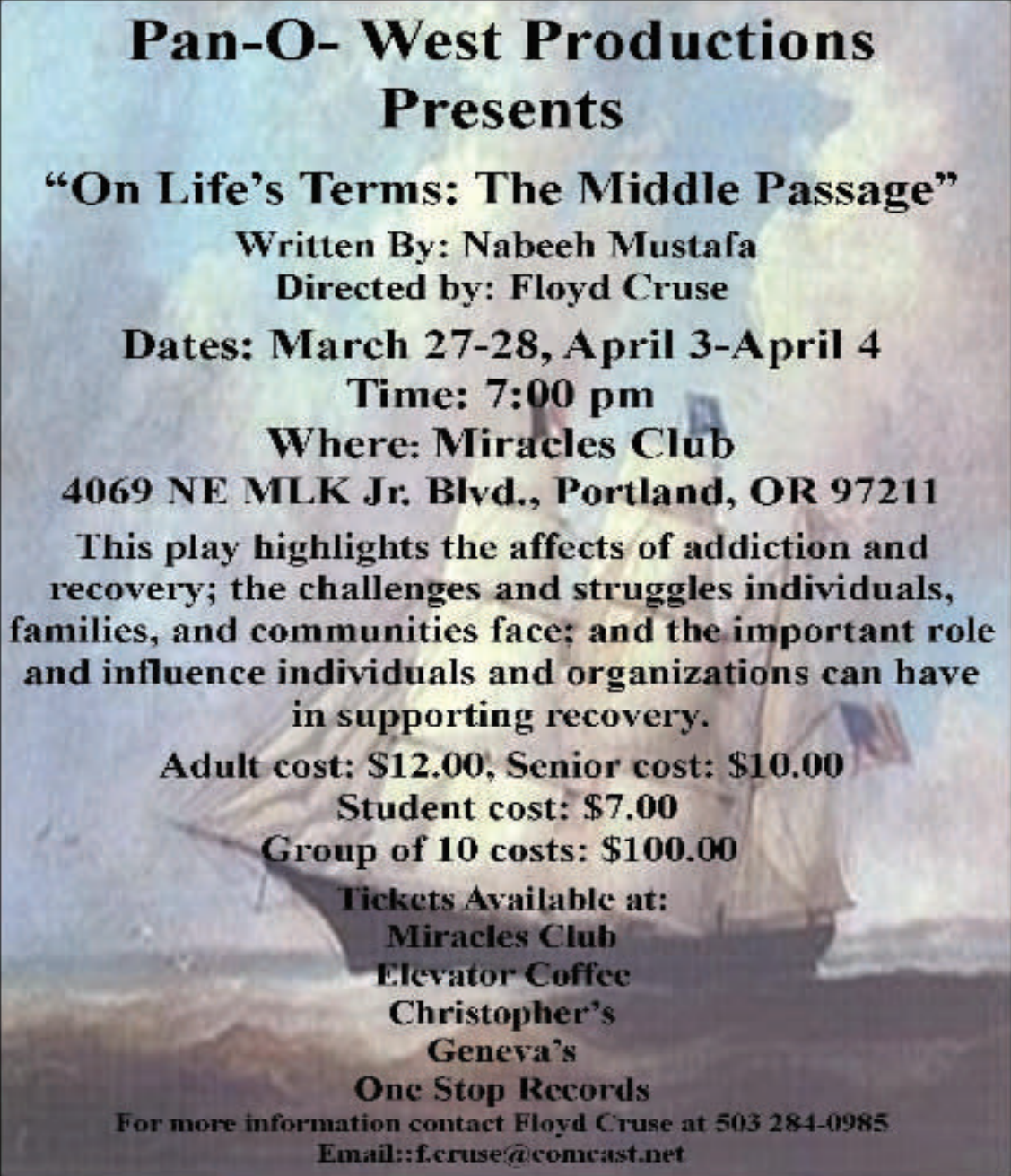
**WHERE: La Salle High School 11999 Southeast
Fuller Road
Milwaukie, OR 97222**

COST: FREE!

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE AT: WWW.FIGHTINGFILLIES.COM

A short scrimmage will be taking place at 5:30pm feel free to come watch the Fillies in action prior to the start of camp.

*In the event of rain the event will be held indoors at La Salle High School.



**Pan-O- West Productions
Presents**

“On Life’s Terms: The Middle Passage”

**Written By: Nabeeh Mustafa
Directed by: Floyd Cruse**

**Dates: March 27-28, April 3-April 4
Time: 7:00 pm
Where: Miracles Club
4069 NE MLK Jr. Blvd., Portland, OR 97211**

This play highlights the affects of addiction and recovery; the challenges and struggles individuals, families, and communities face; and the important role and influence individuals and organizations can have in supporting recovery.

**Adult cost: \$12.00, Senior cost: \$10.00
Student cost: \$7.00
Group of 10 costs: \$100.00**

**Tickets Available at:
Miracles Club
Elevator Coffee
Christopher’s
Geneva’s
One Stop Records**

**For more information contact Floyd Cruse at 503 284-0985
Email::f.cruse@comcast.net**

***To Be Involved As An Adult Mentor
Use the Web Link below:
<http://www.bbbsnorthwest.org/>
“Big Brothers Big Sisters Columbia Northwest”***

Organized by Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods with NNEBA, SOLV,
and many local partner business and organizations!

SPIFFIN' UP

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010

8:30AM-12:00PM **WORK PARTY CLEAN UP**

12:00PM-3:00PM **LUNCH AND MUSIC**

LOCATION: **VANPORT PLAZA CENTER ON MLK JR BLVD-
NORTH OF ALBERTA, ACROSS FROM BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB**

SIGN UP TODAY TO VOLUNTEER!

http://www.solv.org/programs/solv_it.asp

For More Info or to Sponsor,
Contact Imani at 503-823-4264 imani@necoalition.org






***All proceeds will support the Community Youth Hotline**



Be Involved

City of Portland Parks Recreation

TEEN FORCE



Portland Parks & Recreation offers exciting programs and activities for teens citywide! Check out your local [community center](#) and [SUN community school](#) to see what's happening.

Peninsula Park CC Winter Activity Guide	Montavilla CC Winter Activity Guide Open Mic Coconut Cafe	East Portland CC Winter Activity Guide Teen Scene Blog	Southwest CC Winter Activity Guide Teen Force Blog
University Park CC Winter Activity Guide	Matt Dishman CC Winter Activity Guide	Mt Scott CC Winter Activity Guide Teen F/X - Jan & Feb Ink Newsletter - Jan	Citywide Teen Enviro Program Snowboard & Ski Trips Teen Swim Live

<http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/index.cfm?c=44322>

Free counseling for teens and young adults

The non-profit Center for Family and Adolescent Research (CFAR) offers free outpatient counseling to families qualifying for one of CFAR's federally funded treatment research studies.

For more information, please call (503) 243-1065 or visit

www.ori.org/CFAR/Portland

729 NE Oregon St., Portland, OR, 97232



SEE INFO. ON SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CLINICS

<http://www.mchealth.org/sbhc/>

[en Español](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOUTH / PARENTS / GUARDIANS HOURS OF CURFEW

Under 14, not yet in high school:

- ★ **School days – 9:15 p.m. to 6 a.m.**
- ★ **Non-school days – 10:15 p.m. to 6 a.m.**

14 or older, in high school:

- ★ **School days – 10:15 p.m. to 6 a.m.**
- ★ **Non-school days – 12 midnight to 6 a.m.**

The Following Web Links Have Been Provided for Additional Information

Teens and Laws - In English:

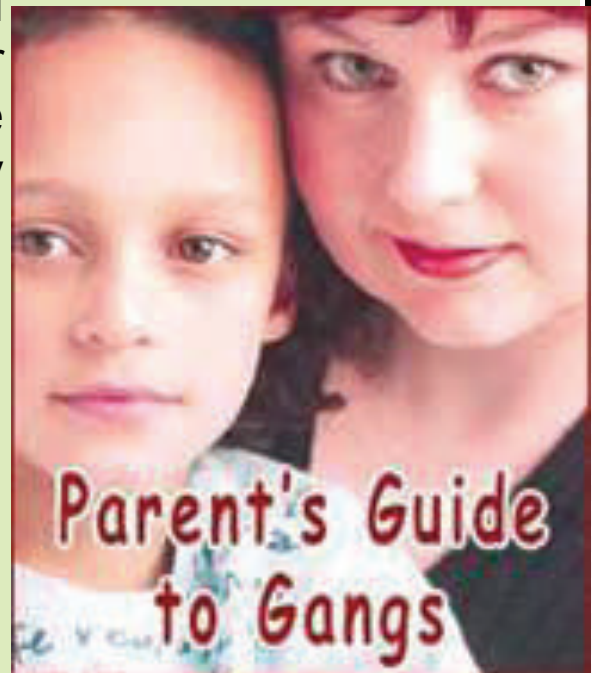
<http://www.portlandonline.com/shared/cfm/image.cfm?id=187803>

Teens and Laws - In Spanish:

<http://www.portlandonline.com/shared/cfm/image.cfm?id=187805>

Parent Informational Guide published by the National Youth Gang Center and the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

— *click on web link below*



http://www.palmbayflorida.org/police/public/documents/public_gang_parents_guide.pdf



ORGANIZATIONS OFFERING EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Evening Trades Apprenticeship Preparation (ETAP) program (503)943-5664

Program participants must be:

At least 18 years old, have a High School Diploma or GED, and have legal documentation to work in the US. Participants receive up to 240 hours of classroom and hands-on training in a 10- week training session. The ability to work out doors, do demanding physical work, and possess base-line reading and math skills, as well as pass random drug tests, is required. An ETAP training session is 10 weeks and includes life skills and hands-on construction training.

<p>ETAP - PCC Cascade 705 N Killingsworth Street TEB 200 PH: 503-978-5746 FX: 503-978-5099 Business Hours Monday – Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm</p>	<p>ETAP - New Columbia 4610 N Trenton Portland, OR 97203 FX: 503-943-5608 Business Hours Tuesdays 8:00am - 1:00pm Thursdays 1:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p>WCTC 4222 NE 158th Avenue Portland, OR 97230 (one block north of NE Sandy Blvd.) 503-287-3708</p>
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Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) (503)-234-1541 <http://www.irco.org>

YOUTH TRANSITION PROJECT provides career planning, job placement, retention, advancement, and support in transition to post secondary education and occupational skills training.

Native American Youth and Family Center (503) 288-8177 <http://www.nayapdx.org/>

NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (NAYES) project provides Native American youth with personal support, cultural life skills training, job skills training, internships, community service opportunities, job placement, retention, and advancement support.

New Avenues for Youth (503) 224-4339 <http://www.newavenues.org/>

PROMOTING AVENUES TO EMPLOYMENT (PAVE) project trains homeless youth in one of two employer-designed curricula featuring customized training and employer-hiring commitments in hospitality and business services with job placement, retention, and career advancement.

RETAIL INDUSTRY SALES EXPOSURE (RISE) project works with youth in N/NE Portland to develop long-term career goals and skills, and supports their entry into and advancement in the retail industry with multiple employer partners.

Open Meadow Alternative School (503) 978-1935 <http://www.openmeadow.org/>

CORPORATE CONNECTIONS PROJECT offers customized training, business internships and job placement into career-track positions within the financial and businesses services industry.

TRANSITIONS PROJECT provides former high-school dropouts with long-term mentoring, personal, academic and career assistance, high school completion, and training leading to employment or higher education.

TELLER TRAINING PROJECT provides basic skills enhancement, job placement, advancement, and life skills training in partnership with local financial institutions.



Outside In (503) 535-3800 <http://www.outsidein.org/>

HOMELESS YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROJECT prepares youth for work experience at Virginia Woof dog day care center and builds homeless youths' job skills and experience that lead to placement with committed employers in the pet industry and related fields.

Portland Metro WorkSource (503) 280-6046

Career Planning, Skill Development and Employment (click on web link below)

<https://www2.worksourceportlandmetro.org/>

Calendar for Events / Opportunities (click on web link below)

<https://www2.worksourceportlandmetro.org/Calendar.aspx>

For Worksource Facility Locations (click on the web link below)

<https://www2.worksourceportlandmetro.org/NewLocations.aspx>

Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (503) 735-1825

<http://www.portlandoic.org/index.htm>

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROJECT (COFY) provides at-risk youth with employer based training and certification in the coffee industry and support with career planning and transition into post-secondary education and occupational skills training.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT EMPOWERMENT PROJECT provides at-risk youth with career development services including work readiness training, job placement, and transition into post-secondary education and occupational skills training for high-risk youth.

Portland Youth Builders (503) 286-9350 <http://www.pybpdx.org>

Portland YouthBuilders (PYB) is a nonprofit organization that provides educational, vocational, and leadership development programs for low-income men and women aged 17-24. Founded in Portland, Oregon in 1995, PYB is part of a network of over 200 Youth Builder programs around the country.

Job Readiness Training <http://www.pybpdx.org/jobreadiness.htm>

SE Works 503-772-2300 <http://www.seworks.org/>

Youth Transitions Program provides career planning, job placement, and support during post-secondary and occupational skills training.

Urban League 503-280-2611 <http://ulpdx.org/>

Helps empower African Americans and others in the areas of advocacy, education, employment, and senior services.

Worksystems 503-478-7300 <http://www.worksystems.org/Home/tabid/62/Default.aspx>

From programs targeting teens at risk of dropping out of school to filling the gap between employer needs and worker skills. **Worksystems, Inc.** provides workforce solutions that support individual prosperity and business competitiveness.

Youth Employment Institute (YEI) 503-280-1058 <http://www.yei.org/>

Welcome to YEI, a nonprofit organization that provides education, employment, and personal development programs for youth in Portland.

Youth Opportunities <http://www.yei.org/YEI%20Opportunities.htm>

CITY OF ROSES ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROJECT (CORY) provides a curriculum that includes career exploration, adult basic education and occupational skills training followed by placement into pre apprenticeship projects and employment within the construction trades.

GANG VIOLENCE TASK FORCE STAKEHOLDER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS



Governments Services
City of Gresham – Police Dept. http://greshamoregon.gov
City of Portland – , Bureau of Parks and Recreation, City Council, Office of Neighborhood Involvement, Office of Youth Violence Prevention, Police Bureau, Police Activities League http://www.portlandonline.com/
Clackamas County - Youth Gang Task Force http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/socialservices/rguide/ccss0067aa.html
Metro Gang Task Force - (Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Clark WA, counties and federal agencies)
Multnomah County - Dept. of Community Justice, Juvenile Justice (GRIT), Corrections, Multnomah County DA, Parole and Probation http://www.co.multnomah.or.us
Multnomah County Health Department http://www.mchealth.org/
Oregon State - Oregon Youth Authority http://www.oregon.gov/OYA
United States Attorney’s Office http://www.usdoj.gov/usao
Public / Private and Alternative Schools
Centennial School District http://www.centennial.k12.or.us
David Douglas School District http://www.ddouglas.k12.or.us
Helensview High School http://www.mesd.k12.or.us/ae/Helensview/Welcome.html
Open Meadow School http://www.openmeadow.org
Parkrose School District http://www.parkrose.k12.or.us/
Portland Community College http://www.pcc.edu
Portland IOC (Rosemary Anderson High School) http://www.portlandoic.org/
Portland Public Schools http://www.pps.k12.or.us
Vancouver, Washington School District http://www.vansd.org
Community Service Organizations
Black Citizens Coalition of Portland Neighborhoods http://www.bccopn.com
Citizens Crime Commission http://www.pdxccc.org
Northeast Coalitions of Neighborhoods http://portland.necoalition.org
Somali Women’s Association
Business Organizations
Empire Security Services http://www.empiresecuritypdx.com/
GAP Inc. http://www.gapinc.com/public/index.shtml
Metro Expo Center – MERC https://www.expocenter.org
Lloyd Center Services http://www.lloydcenter.com
North Northeast Business Association http://nnebapdx.org/default.cfm

GANG VIOLENCE TASK FORCE STAKEHOLDER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS



Housing	
Housing Authority of Portland	http://www.hapdx.org
Human Solutions	http://www.humansolutions.org/
Private Non-Profit Service Organizations	
Big Brothers Big Sisters	http://www.bbbs.org/site/c.diJKKYPLJvH/b.1539751/k.BDB6/Home.htm
Brother's and Sister's Keepers Inc.	http://brothersandsisterskeepers.com/Biographies.html
Catholic Charities	http://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org
Center for Family and Adolescent Research (CFAR)	http://www.ori.org/CFAR/Portland
CREW Outreach Program	
De Paul Treatment Centers	http://www.depaultreatmentcenters.org/
Emmanuel Community Services	http://etchurch.com/
Girl Scouts Beyond Bars	http://www.girlscouts.org/program/program_opportunities/community/gsbb.asp
House of Umoja	http://www.houseofumoja.org
Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization	http://www.irco.org
Juvenile Assistance Organization	Step It Up, Inc.
Latino Network	http://www.latnet.org
Lifeworks NW	http://www.lifeworksnw.org
Mike Program	http://mikeprogram.org/
Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest Inc.	http://www.naranorthwest.org/
Native American Youth and Family Center	http://www.nayapdx.org
Neighborhood House	http://www.nhweb.org
New Decision TFC	http://newdecisiontfc.com
Northwest Family Services	http://www.nwfs.org
Oregon Outreach Inc.	http://www.oregonoutreach.org/Welcome.html
Resolutions NW	http://www.resolutionsnorthwest.org
Risk Organization	
Step It-Up Inc.	http://www.stepitupinc.org
Self Enhancement Institute	http://www.selfenhancement.org/home.asp
Take 3 Outreach	http://www.take3outreach.vpweb.com/
TEAM Organization	
Village Gardens, Janus Youth Program	http://www.janusyouth.org/what-we-do/urban-agriculture-services.php
Youth Employment Institute	http://www.yei.org
Youth Progress	http://www.youthprogress.org




The Office of Youth Violence Prevention

Offers increased capacity to coordinate services available to at-risk youth and their families, while developing stronger referral and service support networks.

Researches best practices in youth programming to offer the most effective services for the youth in Portland.

Is dedicated to assisting the community in problem solving efforts as well as offering youth intervention



The Office of Youth Violence Prevention Mission

The goal for youth violence prevention is to prevent opportunities for violence to occur by connecting community and service providers dealing with at-risk youth and their families with the following:

- ★ **Prevention Education**
- ★ **Policy and Community Organizing Support**
- ★ **Resource identification**



Gang Violence Task Force

The Director of the Office of Youth Violence Prevention hosts the Gang Violence Task Force (GVTF) which provides the largest bi-weekly service provider and citizen stakeholder problem solving forum in the Portland Metro area.

Attending stakeholders serve as an advisory body assisting in the identification of service and resource needs for at-risk youth as well as needs associated with agencies and organizations directly or in-directly responsible to serve at-risk youth and or their families.

The Office of Youth Violence Prevention is interested in your input specifically related to service needs for at risk youth and their families.

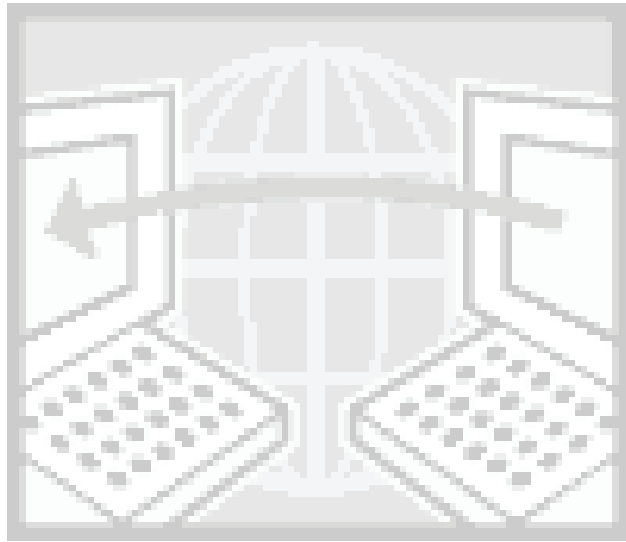
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