

Resources— Youth Gang Prevention Toolkit

Objectives:

The Ministry of Justice produced this resource on youth gang prevention to help communities develop local plans of action to address youth gang issues. The full title is the Youth Gang Prevention Toolkit for Community Planning, and is accompanied by a Quick-Start Guide.

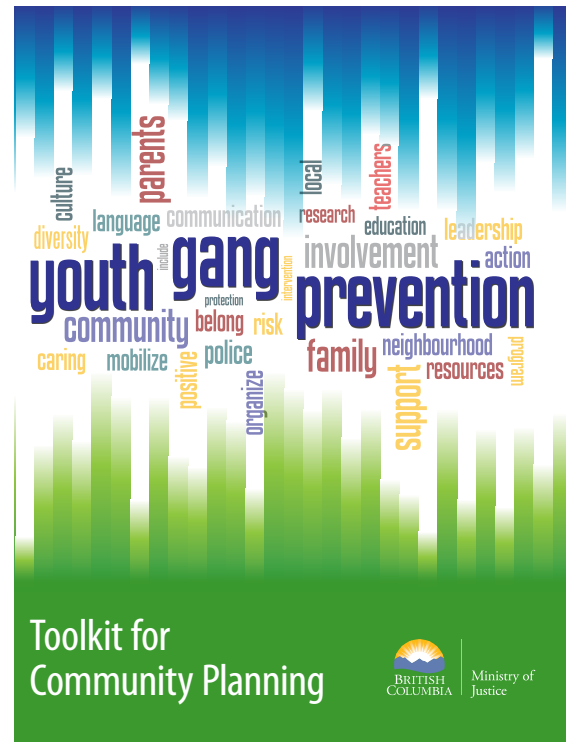
The Toolkit offers communities in BC the chance to build upon existing opportunities that engage youth in positive and preventative activities. It leads communities to gather support from key stakeholders, identify strengths, and develop effective action plans for youth gang issues. Communities are encouraged to start local programs that will empower and engage youth in positive and socially responsible directions.

Organization:

The Toolkit includes a “Five-Phase Community Plan” for creating a response to support vulnerable youth. This five-phase model is based on the current thinking and experience in the field of community development. Each phase in the plan includes key resources to help guide the development and implementation of a program in a given community.

Authors:

The Toolkit was compiled by several keystakeholders including BC’s Ministry of Justice, Alberta’s Ministry of Justice, the Combined Forces Special Enforcements Unit – BC, and the federal government. The Toolkit includes tips and ideas for action from the work of eight communities — Community Action and Assessment Networks (CAANs) — that previously participated in the BC provincial youth gang prevention strategy.



How To Access:

- Access the Toolkit, Quick-Start Guide, and video featuring notable gang prevention experts for free:
<http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/crimeprevention/gangs/index.htm>
- Download or read the PDF of the Youth Gang Prevention Toolkit for Community Planning:
<http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/crimeprevention/shareddocs/pubs/youth-gang-prevention.pdf>
- Watch the video about the Youth Gang Prevention Toolkit for Community Planning featuring notable anti-gang proponents on YouTube:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lthzlkUTMhk>