

Santa Maria Violence Prevention Efforts
“One on One” Interview Questions

1. What services and programs does your organization provide to the community? What do you see your agency’s role in youth violence prevention?

Here we want to identify what specific youth violence prevention efforts provided by community organizations and how the organization sees their role in the Youth Safety Task Force. Will they join the community effort to help reduce youth violence and keep youth safe?

2. What is working in your community to reduce youth and gang violence — within your purview, or on the part of other agencies or partners? What convincing evidence of effectiveness have you seen or heard?

Here we are looking for technical assistance or training needs. Look for themes in T/A and training needs. i.e. identifying the signs for gang impacted youth, Trauma Informed Approaches, Evidence Based Practices, the role of Law Enforcement in prevention, engaging the community, evaluation of services, etc.

3. With what agencies or individuals have you partnered in your youth and gang violence prevention efforts? What has worked especially well in these partnerships?

Here we are looking for the organizations willingness to partner and share information and to help them increase their capacity to provide services to this population through strong partnerships. We are looking to build a strong safety net for youth by identifying gaps in services and duplication of services.

4. What new strategies/partnerships would you like to see put in place in your community to reduce youth and gang violence?

What do they see in service gaps, are they willing to be a part of a community pool of resources, do they see a lack of services in intervention or re-entry, do they see their role in the broad prevention, intervention, enforcement and re-entry collaborative?