

Gang Prevention and Intervention Program  
California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant  
Local Evaluation Report

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## Project Background

The City of Marysville’s violence has been on the rise since 2010. Below is a chart from the California Department of Justice showing the increase in violent crime since 2010.

	2010	2015	2019
Violent Crimes	250	313	326
Homicide	2	5	7
Robbery	45	63	61
Aggravated Assault	179	219	217

With the raise in violent crime there has been a correlation with youth gang involvement. In Juvenile Hall we currently have 17 identified juveniles who have admitted or been identified as gang associated. In the last 2 years there have been 5 shootings involving juveniles who have been identified as or admitted to being gang associated. At the Yuba County Office of Educations expulsion/ probation school there is a current enrollment of 51 youth. Of those 61 youth 26% of those youth are on probation and 20 students have been identified as gang associated.

In March of 2020 a stakeholder meeting was provided by Yuba County Office of Education to combat the violence youth were committing in the City of Marysville. During this time incarcerations and gang violence was on the rise. During this stakeholder meeting it was concluded that the youth gang involvement was increasing and the need for intervention became evident. The stakeholder group consisted of James Moralez (Yuba County Juvenile Probation Program Manager), Stephanie McKenzie (Marysville City Council Member), Jolie Critchfeild (Marysville Joint Unified School District Director of Student Discipline), Daryl Shackelford (Marysville Police Department Sergeant), and Matt Ricard (Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility Superintendent). From this meeting an initiative was developed to create a gang prevention and intervention service through the Cal VIP grant.

Based on the community need it was decided that a mentor-based program was needed to individually mentor youth to provide positive alternatives from the peer associations and decisions the youth are currently making. Victor Community Support Services has implemented gang prevention and interventions at another location. These services are aimed to take gang associated youth and provide mentoring through experience to expose youth to positive alternatives. There is currently no gang services for youth in the Yuba County region.



➤ Did the project work as intended? If not, explain why.

Although the program had many successes, there were barriers in implementation. The first barrier was COVID-19. Altering services to a virtual model impacted participation rates amongst clients. During this period, participation was low. The second barrier in implementing the program was staff turnover. During the first six months of implementing the program we had three staff implementing the program during that time. The lack of consistency and periods of time with the lack of staff created a gap in participation rates. The last barrier of implementing the program was the geographic logistics of services. Yuba County Probation facilities a Tri-County Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility within the City of Marysville. However, the clients housed within the facility did not live in the City of Marysville. Services were discontinued for the clients that were not living within the City of Marysville. This impacted participation rates as well.

➤ Project accomplishments

Throughout the project time there had been many clients' success. A total of sixty-four (64) clients were served, of that sixty-four (64), thirty (30) clients were accounted for due to the service's geographic location. Of those thirty (30) clients the gang involvement had dropped according to recidivism and crime rates amongst the client's case managed. Of the thirty (30) clients case managed six (6) clients had recidivated, gained criminal charges, and/or were unsuccessful in completing the program. Twelve (12) clients had assistance in education and was able to graduate high school and/or obtain the amount of high school credit to be on track for graduation. Three (3) students were able to gain successful employment through the program as well.

Exposure to pro-social activities and services through a warm handoff was a key component to the success of the program. Clients in the program had the opportunity to take field trips to employment fairs, college visits, and pro-social activities. Clients also were greeted with a warm hand-off to services. Therapeutic services were identified as a large need for the clients in the program. Through a partnership with Yuba-Sutter Behavioral Health Augmented Forensics Department, clients were brought to therapy with the gang prevention staff to build comfortability and familiarity. Clients showed a great success in therapeutic services through this warm handoff approach. This approach was also a key factor in connecting clients to the proper supports and resources in the community. This approach was utilized in settings such as but not limited to Department of Rehabilitation, Department of Motor Vehicles, physical health agencies, and Health and Human Services.



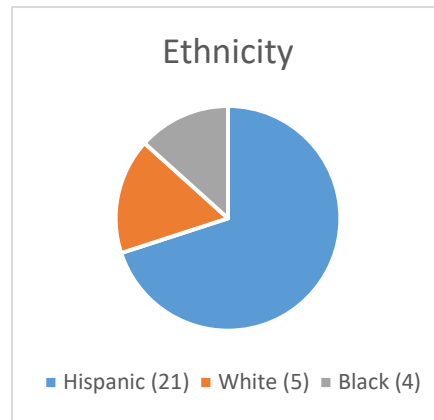
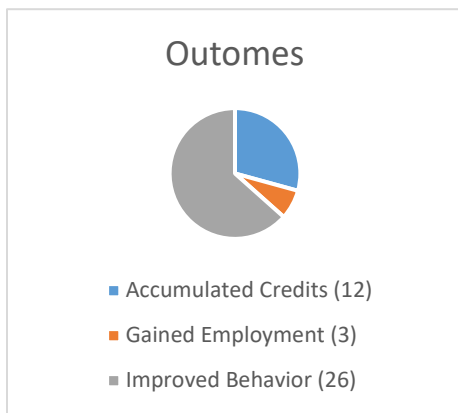
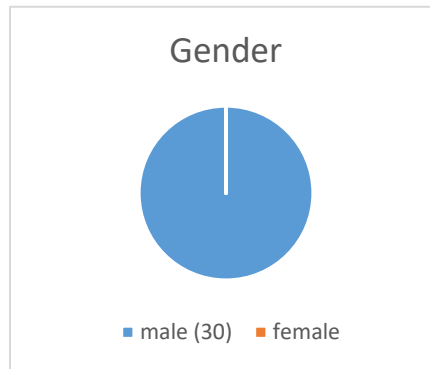
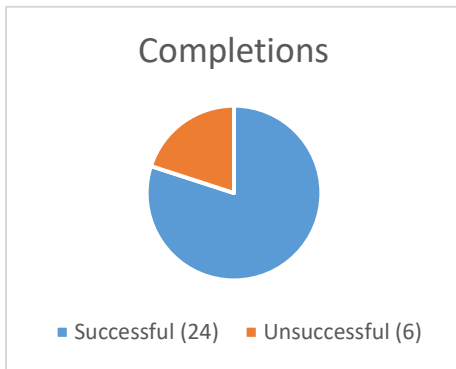
➤ Goals accomplished.

The Gang Prevention program consisted of three main goals:

1. Provide direct services to a minimum of 20 gang associated youth a year.
2. Improve behavior amongst gang associated youth in the program.
3. Improve academic performance amongst gang associated youth in the program.

The project had successful outcomes including the accomplishment of the goals listed above.

The following data demonstrates the outcomes of the project:



➤ Problems/Barriers Faced and How They were Addressed

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➤ What unintended outcomes (positive or negative) were produced?

The unintended outcomes that resulted from the program consist of an increase in community resources targeting gang involved youth and the increased collaboration amongst agencies servicing gang associated youth. Working with employment agencies, mental health service providers, and local educational agencies on providing services to gang associated youth had led to an increase in local initiatives to increase services to gang associated youth. The second unintended outcome has been the development of collaborative groups that focus on gang associated youth. Meetings such as the Gang taskforce meetings, and employment services meetings have continued since the ending of the grant program. These groups have increased services and focused on providing quality direct services.

