

Day One Agenda

0800-0845 Registration and Refreshments

0845-0900 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Charles W. Larson, Sr.
United States Attorney
Northern District of Iowa

Matthew G. Whitaker
United States Attorney
Southern District of Iowa

Lt. Dan Avenarius
Dubuque Police/Midwest Gang Investigators Association

0900-1200 Drugs, Violence & Music

Presentation focusing on rap music, violent video games, and related media that are used to promote gang messages and violence

Detective Ernest Cuthbertson
Greensboro, North Carolina Police Department

1200-1300 Lunch *(provided)*

1300-1415 Gangs on the Internet

Presentation focusing on the use of myspace.com and similar sites by gangs and other criminal organizations

Officer Bruce Ferrell
Omaha Police Department Gang Unit

1415-1430 Break *(refreshments provided)*

Non-Law Enforcement Break Out Session

1430-1700 Gangs 101

Presentation that traces the historical origins, signs, and symbols associated with most common gangs operating in the Midwest

Detective Ernest Cuthbertson
Greensboro, North Carolina Police Department

Law Enforcement Break Out Sessions

1430-1500 Immigration & Customs Enforcement (Law Enforcement)

An overview of the assistance Immigration and Customs Enforcement can provide in gang investigations

Special Agent Christopher Cantrell
Department of Homeland Security, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement

1500-1600 Local Perspective (Local Enforcement)

A round table discussion about the investigation and prosecution of gangs; Panelists include corrections workers, law enforcement officers, and prosecutors

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- 0800-0900** **Legal Issues for Schools**
Presentation focusing on preventing gang activity and ensuring a safe environment while protecting the privacy of students
- Mary Gannon
State of Iowa School Board Association Attorney
- 0900-1000** **Recognizing and Responding to Gang Graffiti**
Presentation provides practical advice on how to recognize and respond to gang graffiti in the schools and community
- Detective Mike Stueckrath
Des Moines Police Department
- 1000-1015** **Break**
- 1015-1115** **Local Model for Gang Prevention: HOLA Program**
Presentation focusing on how community outreach programs can positively impact neighborhoods to help prevent and deter gang activities
- Sergeant Joe Gonzalez
Des Moines Police Department
- 1115-1215** **Asset Building**
Presentation focusing on building developmental assets for and with youth, starting with community-wide initiatives to create organizational and community change on behalf of youth
- Jim Conway, Senior Trainer
Vision Training Associates
Developmental Assets from the Search Institute
- 1215-1315** **Lunch** *(provided)*
- 1315-1515** **Asset Building** (cont.)
- 1515-1600** **Utilizing Local Resources to Strengthen the Community**
Presentation focusing on what smaller communities can do to utilize local, state, and federal resources to strengthen their schools and communities
- Bob King
Centerville Community Schools
- 1600-1615** **Break** *(refreshments provided)*
- 1615-1715** **Forming Community Connections**
Panel discussion outlining team approach to gang prevention
Follow-up on day one surveys