

Why Do Youth Join Gangs?

The Family Profile

The following is a list of conditions common in homes of gang involved youth.

- ◆ **Divorce or separation**
- ◆ **Single – parent household**
- ◆ **Physical, verbal, emotional abuse/ isolation, and/or sexual abuse.**
- ◆ **At least one dysfunctional parent, with problems involving, but not limited to, alcoholism, substance abuse, and bulimia.**
- ◆ **Poor family management, including minimal parental or guardian support or guidance, unclear or inconsistent rules for behavior, lax or nonexistent parental supervision, and high levels of interpersonal conflict or violence.**
- ◆ **People other than immediate family members living in the home.**
- ◆ **History of gang members in the family and/or gang members living in the same home, as well as parents or siblings who have a positive attitude towards gang membership.**