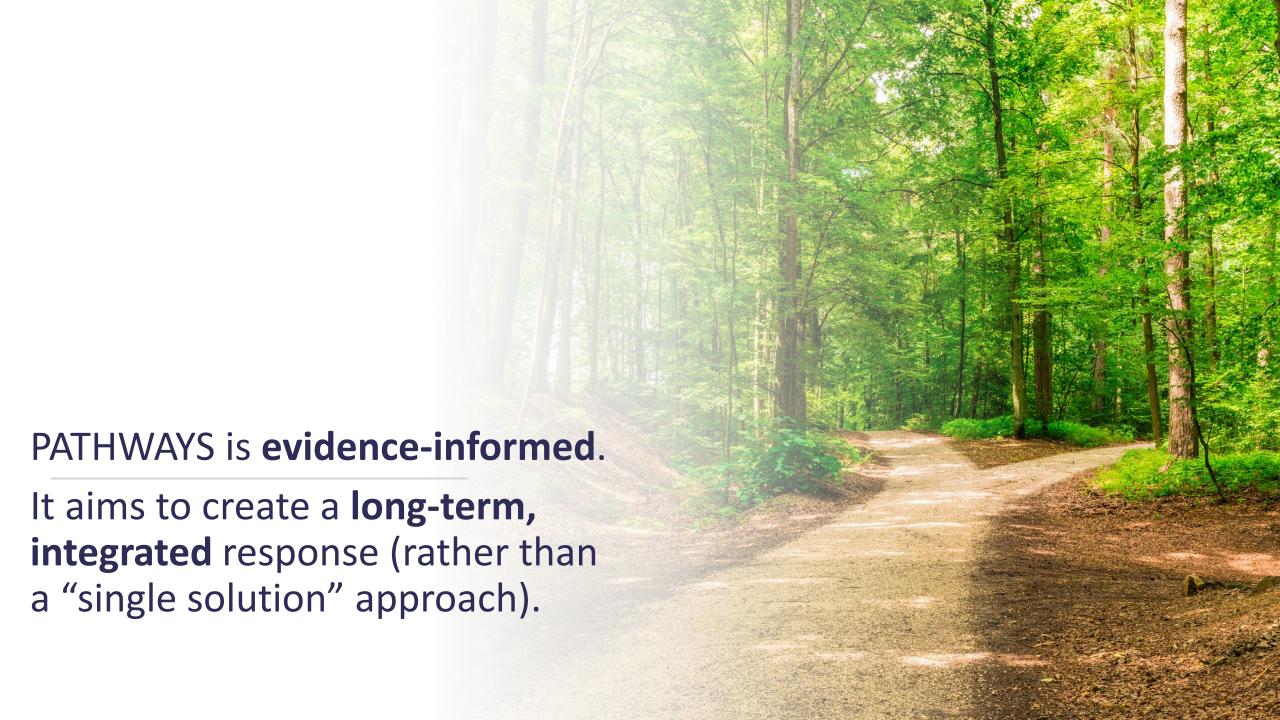
ABBYPD PATHWAYS

Creating positive pathways for at-risk youth in collaboration with families, communities, and stakeholders.



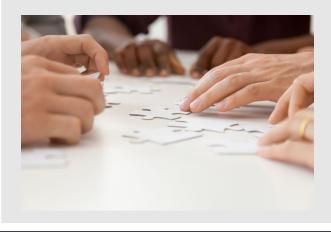


PATHWAYS takes a balanced, 3-pronged approach.

1

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Listen, Identify, understand and address the factors that have an impact on community due to gang participation.
- Build trust and mutual understanding with diverse and emerging communities.



2

PREVENTION

- Identify and address risk factors and strengthen protective factors to deter gang participation.
- Take preventative approaches through engagement, education and empowerment.

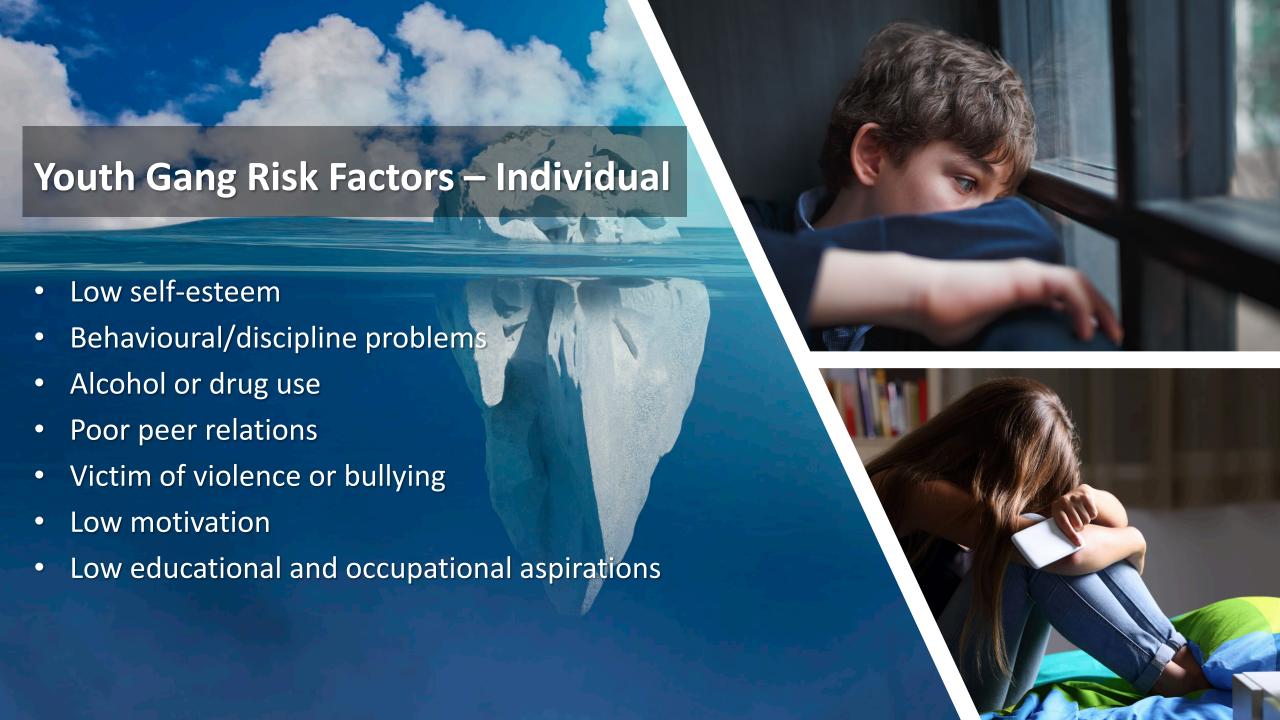


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INTERVENTION

Provide intervention opportunities for at-risk youth and young adults to prevent them from gang participation.







Youth Gang Risk Factors – Family

- Family violence, abuse/neglect
- Family drug or alcohol abuse
- Parental non-involvement or ineffective parenting
- Low parental expectations
- Lack of adult and parental role models and supervision
- Extreme economic deprivation
- Gang or criminal behaviour by other family members
- Negative sibling or parental influences











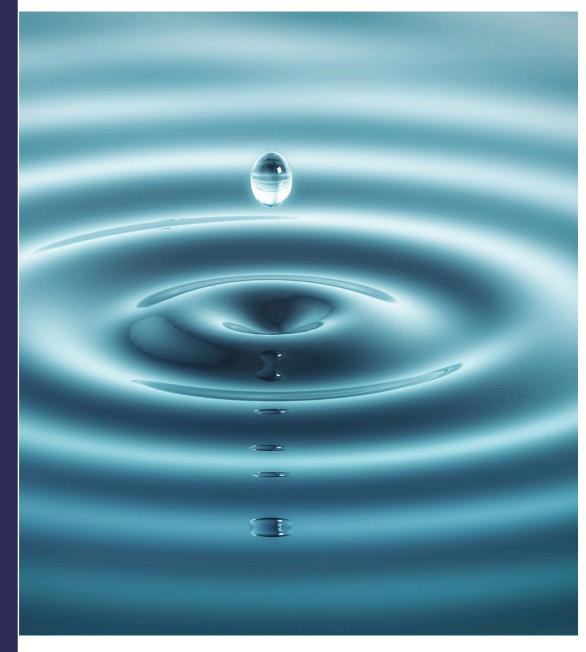
"...the effects of risk factors vary with age. For example, in childhood the risk factors that have more of an impact are those that exist within the family; as children grow and become more integrated into their environment, risk factors related to peers, school, neighbourhood and community play a more important part."

Source: Savignac, J. (2009). Families, Youth and Delinquency: The State of Knowledge and Family Based Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Programs.

The interaction and accumulation of risk factors increase the likelihood of acting out, not only because the effect of risk factors is **cumulative**, but also because they **interact**: the effects of one multiply the effects of another, and so on.

For example, parental alcohol abuse may generate family conflict, which in turn may increase the risk of problems related to substance abuse.

Source: Savignac, J. (2009). Families, Youth and Delinquency: The State of Knowledge and Family Based Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Programs.





The answer to prevent youth from joining gangs is both simple and complex.

The simple answer is: Start early and prevent risk. The complex part is determining how best to do this across different ages and the various contexts of community, family, school and peers.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice & U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2013). Changing course: Preventing gang membership.

Enhancing Protective Factors

Improving the lives of children and youth, especially those at risk, begins with limiting the impact of "risk factors" (conditions which endanger youth and lead them off track) and increasing exposure to "protective factors" (conditions that promote healthy behaviors and sound decision making).

Like risk factors, protective factors can exist in - and be addressed by - individuals, families, communities, and institutions.

Source: The Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs (IWGYP)



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