

# Salt Lake Area Gang Project: Community Partners

As with any organization the partnerships with the community are a vital aspect to that organization. The Salt Lake Area Gang Project partners with several agencies in the community to make citizens more aware of who and what the Salt Lake Area Gang Project is about. The Salt Lake Area Gang Project provides 10-15 Gangs 101 presentations a month that are geared towards community groups which provide education about gangs and gang involvement. These presentations are free of charge to anyone in the community who wants to become more knowledgeable about gangs in their communities.

The Salt Lake Area Gang Project also has a Community Advisory Board which is composed of representatives from education, courts/judicial agencies, community leaders, elected officials, treatment providers, social services, religious organizations, and minority groups. The goal of the board is to provide a link between the community serviced by the Salt Lake Area Gang Project and Project staff. The board representatives are as follows:

Juvenile Justice Services	Salvador Mendez, ( <i>Chair</i> )
Jordan School District	Hema Katoa, ( <i>Co-Chair</i> )
Granite School District	Clay Pearce/Jason Rosvall
DiverCity	Alfred Murillo
SL Co. Division of Youth Services	Roger Gisseman/Jason Brown
Salt Lake Valley Detention	Wilton Lolofie
Salt Lake Peer Court	Kathleen Zeitlin
Salt Lake City School District	Jan Adams
Midvale Peer Court	Lori Silcox
Salt Lake County Council	Chad Bennion
Colors of Success	Leticia Medina
3 <sup>rd</sup> District Juvenile Court	Jessica Eldridge
Jordan School District	Brett Wilson/Gale Threet
Murray City School District	Deb Ashton
Deputy District Attorney	Vince Meister
LDS Family Services	Doug Lecheminant
Utah State Office of Education	Verne Larsen
Neighborhood Action Coalition	Darrin Cottle
NeighborWorks Salt Lake	Clifton Uckerman
Mayor, City of Midvale	Joann Seghini
SL Co. Sheriff's Citizens Advisory Board	Randy & Viki Cutliff/Sigmar Hoffmann
Taylorsville Police Department	Brandy Stephens
Project 180	Kenny Dorrell
Criminal Justice Services	Richard Simons
State Office Ethnic Affairs	Fotu Katoa

Fathers & Families Coalition of Utah  
SHOCAP  
Poder Para La Familia Hispana  
Boys & Girls Club South Valley  
Boys & Girls Club of Greater SL  
Boys & Girls Club of Sugarhouse &  
Park City

Frank Bedolla  
Stacey Frame  
Zach Layton/Joe Mena  
William Swartzfager  
Leann Saldivar  
  
Wendy Thompson

Several agencies throughout the Salt Lake valley provide services for gang-involved youth and their parents. The gang project provides a list of community resources on its website at [www.slsheriff.org](http://www.slsheriff.org), or you can call and request a copy be mailed to you by dialing (801) 743-5864. Individuals who need additional assistance in locating community programs should call the gang unit's Community Coordinator, Michelle Busch-Upwall, at (801) 743-5891.

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Salt Lake Area Gang Project