

**PASADENA-ALTADENA VISION 20/20 INITIATIVE
COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION-PREVENTION INSTITUTE & NETWORK
FACT SHEET**

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WHAT IS THE INSTITUTE'S ROLE IN PREVENTING VIOLENCE?

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WHAT ARE THE COMPONENTS OF THE COURSE?

1. Local Gang History and Current Gang Dynamics
2. Public Health Approach to Community Violence Prevention
 - *Intra-ethnic (Internecine), Inter-ethnic and Incarceration Dynamics*
 - *Cycles of Gang Violence, Recent Local Incidents, Emerging Trends*
3. Girls/Women & Gangs: Neighborhood Female-Male Relationship Dynamics
4. Causes & Consequences of Violence: Alcohol, Drugs, Emotional/Mental Health
5. Community Outreach Training
6. Community Violence Intervention Education: History, Principles, Skills, Strategies, Do's & Don'ts, License to Operate/LTO
7. Pasadena-Altadena Volunteer Intervention Network
8. Workforce Development, Employment Preparation, Human Services Referral
9. Personal and Professional Development
 - *Self Knowledge, Brain Development, Asset-Based Youth and Young Adult Development, Life Management and Planning*
 - *Character, Ethics, Intergroup Relations*
10. Leadership, Advocacy, Community and Civic Organizing

WHO ARE THE INSTRUCTORS?

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WHAT IS THE CURRENT COURSE SCHEDULE?

7/16/10 – 9:00 to 10:30 – Orientation
7/23/10 – 8:00 to noon – Session #1
7/30/10 – 8:00 to noon – Session #2
8/6/10 – 8:00 to noon – Session #3
8/13/10 – 8:00 to noon – Session #4
8/20/10 – 8:00 to noon – Session #5
8/28/10 – 8:00 to noon – Session #6
9/3/10 – 8:00 to noon – Session #7
9/10/10 – 8:00 to noon – Session #8
9/17/10 – 8:00 to noon – Session #9
9/24/10 – Graduation

Sessions are hosted at the Flintridge Retreat Center, 236 West Mountain Street, #118, Pasadena

IS THERE A COST TO PARTICIPANTS?

The course is provided at no cost to service providers and volunteers who are accepted for participation. A generous grant from The California Endowment supports costs related to the Institute, and the Flintridge Center donates use of its retreat center.

WHAT IS CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COURSE?

Participants must be service providers or volunteers who are involved in serving gang-impacted youth, young adults and their families. Participants must be sponsored by one of the Sponsors/Steering Committee members.

WHAT PREPARATION IS NEEDED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COURSE?

Program participants will need to be substance free, responsible and on time for all meetings and classes. Participants may not be active in gangs.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION?

To be included in graduation, participants are expected to have 100% attendance, be on time and stay for the full course each session. Note: One excused absence, tardy arrival and/or early departure from class is permitted if approved by Tarik Ross, Community Intervention/Prevention Organizer.

WHAT DOES THE COURSE PREPARE PARTICIPANTS FOR?

The course enhances participants' abilities to effectively engage in their current informal intervention/prevention activities. Completion of the course broadens the participants' understanding of risk associated with gang intervention and

exposes the participants to concepts, language and personal training that are required for hardcore gang intervention. Completion of the course also certifies that the participants have fundamental knowledge of gang culture in the Pasadena/Altadena area and exposure to a network of specialized, experienced interventionists who currently work in the community. Finally, participants who earn certificates of completion will have knowledge of the many community based organizations and resources currently serving Pasadena/Altadena that are focused on community and gang violence prevention.

HOW DOES THE INSTITUTE CONNECT TO THE CITY'S NOW PROGRAM?

The Institute and NOW Program are separate programs. NOW participants are eligible to enroll the Institute. The Institute and the NOW Program provide mutual assistance and support.

WHAT OTHER PROGRAMS DOES THE INSTITUTE CONNECT TO?

All programs affiliated with the 20/20 Initiative.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

The Intervention Institute is a collaborative effort, planned/coordinated by a steering committee, inspired by Councilmember Jacque Robinson's Vision 2020 Initiative, developed in partnership with the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations' Racialized Gang Violence Prevention Initiative Coordinator Tony Massengale. Co-facilitated by Prentice Deadrick, Institute steering committee members include the following:

- Sonya Amos, Pasadena Human Relations Commission
- Brian Biery, Flintridge Center
- Prentice Deadrick, Alta/Pasa Community Improvement Center
- Porfirio Frausto, Outward Bound Los Angeles
- Florence Haraway, Harambee Christian Family Center
- Cheryl Hubbard, Moms on the Move
- Tony Massengale, L.A. County Commission on Human Relations
- Yvette McDowell, Community Member
- Gary Moody, Crown Cities Community Development Corporation
- Ricky Pickens, Flintridge Center
- Tim Rhambo, Asian Youth Center
- Tarik Ross, Amer-I-Can Foundation
- Wynne D. Thompson, Pasadena Church

HOW MAY I REFER POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS?

Call Tarik Ross at the number/email on page 1 for additional information.