

Youth LINC

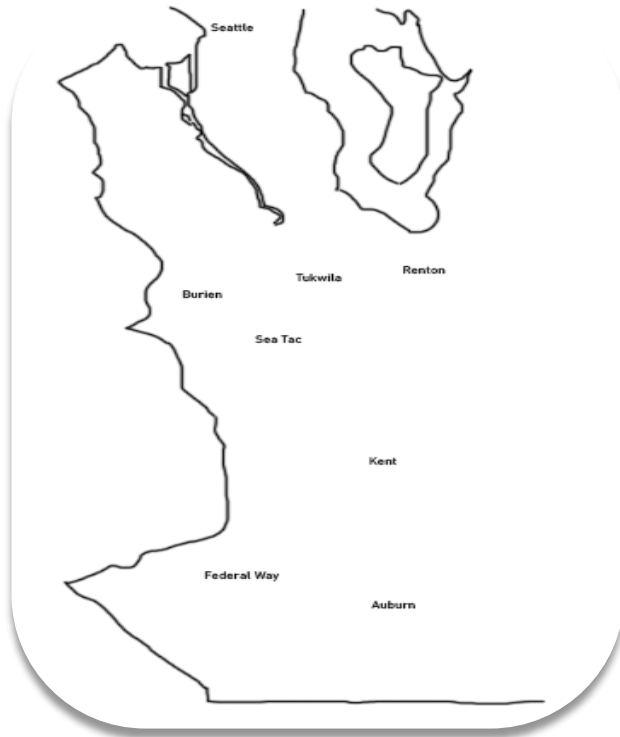
SOUTH KING COUNTY GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM



What is LINC (Comprehensive Gang Model)

- ▶ A Group and Gang Violence Reduction Model
- ▶ This model provides a structure for a collaborative response to gangs. CGM has been implemented around the United States. Has been evaluated and tested since the early 1990s. The CGM Has been implemented in cities of varying sizes around the U.S. and has resulted in reductions in gang - related violence and increases in pro -social outcomes for gang - involved individuals.

Youth LINC– A Collaborative Regional approach



- ❑ Auburn
- ❑ Burien
- ❑ Des Moines
- ❑ Federal Way
- ❑ Kent
- ❑ Renton
- ❑ Sea Tac
- ❑ Seattle
- ❑ Tukwila
- ❑ Unincorporated King Co

Youth LINC Wrap Around Services

Prosocial Activities

- Groups
- YMCA Membership
- Summer Programs
- Fall Programs
- Winter Programs
- Special events

Connection to Basic Needs

- Health care/mental health
- Housing assistance
- Clothing Support
- Holiday Programming
- Transportation assistance
- Other necessary services

Service coordination

- Bi-monthly service coordination meetings
- Individualized intervention planning for all clients



Education assistance

- Reconnecting with school
- IEP/504 Plan support
- Coordination with educational providers

Outreach Support

- Trusting relationship
- Assistance with daily activities
- Problem-solving
- Behavioral coaching
- Modeling prosocial behavior

Employment assistance

- Job search assistance and coaching
- Pre-employment preparation classes

Street Outreach



- ❑ Reach out to high-risk youth and their families and engage them in a supportive, mentoring relationship
- ❑ Assess the needs of youth and families and link them to necessary services
- ❑ Advocate for the needs of high-risk youth and their families with other agencies
- ❑ Provide a model of positive social behavior for participants
- ❑ Provide crisis response directly to high-risk youth and their families
- ❑ Work to implement the team's plan with each participant

Gang Intervention Takes Time



▶ Client behavior change goals over time in program

- ▶ Connected to prosocial activities
- ▶ No new Juvenile or adult offenses
- ▶ Enrolled in School or GED program
- ▶ Assistance in obtaining employment
- ▶ Connected to Drug and Alcohol treatment
- ▶ Completion of Diversion program or Probation
- ▶ Reduction in Group or Gang involvement
- ▶ Increased Parent support

Youth LINC– By the Numbers

- ▶ Total youth served this year: 131
- ▶ Youth admitted FY2021: 50 (Numbers down due to COVID-19)
- ▶ Admitted prior fiscal year: 46
- ▶ Completions FY 2020: 33
- ▶ Active clients as of 1/1/2021: 100
- ▶ Average client stay: 350 days

Participant Outcomes

January 2021- December 2021

- ▶ Intervention plans developed/reviewed by team -574
- ▶ During 2021, 78.2% of participants served by the MDITs were able to complete one or more unique goals
- ▶ Enrolled in school- 18
- ▶ Improved School Performance- 43
- ▶ Completed probation or Court Activity- 36
- ▶ Enrolled in mental health/substance use services - 12
- ▶ Completed mental health or substance use services- 6
- ▶ Gained employment – 45
- ▶ Maintained employment consistently- 32
- ▶ Connected to housing- 15
- ▶ Decreased Group or Gang Involvement - 65



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