

## Mission

Promote public safety using comprehensive discharge plans for high impact ex-offenders **returning** to this County.

Goal 1: Reduce overall crime and gang activity by assisting high impact ex-offenders with their successful re-entry as they return to Hillsborough.

Objective 1: Serve 100 high impacts, ex-offenders (with emphasis on known gang members during transition back into the community) so they become productive.

Goal 2: Deliver individualized services consistent with documented re-entry plans through contractual efforts of primary and secondary collaborators.

Objective 2: Have necessary, immediate/inter-mediate, services available.

Goal 3: Keep known gang members or other felons from engaging in criminal activity and gang lifestyles.

Objective 3: Have critical services and pro-social opportunities to counteract the lure of anti-social gang cultures.

*Helping bridge the immediate gaps between incarceration and life in our community for returning ex-offenders!*



*"Building bridges – reconnecting people to communities"*

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The U S Attorney's Office, Middle District of Florida, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Hillsborough County have partnered together for the Project Safe Neighborhood Super Six Anti-Gang program. There is a law enforcement/prosecution component; as well as the youth prevention (ages 7-14) and Ex-Offender Prisoner Re-Entry programs.

These strategies are consistent with the Board of County Commissioner's goals for public safety. While Tampa/Hillsborough does not have the worst gang problem in the nation we are already working to reverse an emerging trend of gang activity and graffiti.

The law enforcement initiative includes an anonymous gang hotline (Gang-Out @ 1-877-426-4688). The Youth prevention component includes individualized opportunities for high-risk children in specific neighborhoods. The Ex-Offender Prisoner Re-entry component targets known gang members returning to Tampa/Hillsborough from prison.

## Eligibility

Individuals over the age of 18 **returning** to Tampa/Hillsborough from prison may be eligible. Due to very limited resources we have established priority tiers for eligibility.

1<sup>st</sup> tier: Gang members

2<sup>nd</sup> tier: High impact offenders

The Dept. of Corrections identifies known gang members who are about to be released. Staff conducts in-reach to assess and enroll. (The Sheriff's Criminal Registration Unit may also refer to the program.)

Discharge plans are created to identify immediate and intermediate needs. Upon arrival clients can access use vouchers for services through primary or secondary collaborative partners during the transitional and case management phase.



***Services are intended to be time-limited and are designed to address immediate and intermediate necessary needs.***

- Shelter
- Food
- Appropriate clothing
- Assistance obtaining adequate identification
- Employment referrals
- Educational programs
- Vocational programs
- Family counseling
- Substance abuse treatment
- Mental health treatment
- Medical & Social services

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