

GOAL I

DEVELOP AND PROVIDE RESOURCES TO LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL POLICYMAKERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, PRACTITIONERS, AND RESEARCHERS TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EFFECTIVE ANTI-GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION STRATEGIES.

Objective 1. *Conduct a National Youth Gang Assessment.*

The 2005 and 2006 National Youth Gang Survey (NYGS) Fact Sheets were published by OJJDP in July 2008. They are also available on the NYGC and National Criminal Justice Research Service Web sites.

Data collection efforts for the 2007 NYGS were completed at the end of August 2008.

Data analysis of the 2007 NYGS was completed in October 2008.

The 2007 NYGS Fact Sheet was submitted to OJJDP in November 2008.

Preparations for data collection regarding the 2008 NYGS began in November.

The NYGS Advisory Board met in San Antonio, Texas, on December 9, 2008, to discuss potential questions for the 2008 NYGS. It was agreed that questions on immigration, reentry of gang members, gang-related crime, and demographics would be asked in the survey. New topics also were selected, and the 2008 NYGS will include questions about implementation of gang laws and law enforcement monitoring of social networking Web sites.

NYGC staff members receive frequent requests for data from the annual National Youth Gang Survey. During this reporting period, requests from the following organizations were received:

- National Council on Crime and Delinquency
- The FBI—Boston Division
- Arizona State University

In addition, NYGC staff gave two presentations on findings from the NYGS. Two presentations were given at the American Society of Criminology's annual conference in St. Louis, Missouri, in November 2008. The presentations were titled "Exploring Gang Member Immigration in the United States" and "Are the Newer Gangs Different?"

Staff attended the National Institute of Justice Conference in Arlington, Virginia, in July 2008 and attended panel discussions regarding gangs and juvenile delinquency.