

Facts Sheet - Street Level Gang Outreach Worker Program

- In 2009 the City of Portland established the Street Level Gang Outreach Grant Program (SLGO). The program is modeled after best practices recommended by the US Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Comprehensive Gang Strategy and Cure Violence organization program models.
- Since 2009 the SLGO has expanded, now serving communities in Portland and Gresham.
- Public funding for the SLGO program is provided through the City of Portland Mayor's Office of Youth Violence Prevention, Portland Parks and Recreation, Tri-Met and the City of Gresham.
- SLGO workers work 3-11 PM, flexing shift hours based upon need.
- SLGO workers, to gain information about persons needing service referrals, regularly meet with Portland, Gresham and Multnomah County law enforcement units.

SLGO Worker Service Responsibilities

- To identify and intervene, utilizing effective violence reduction strategies, in the cycle of street-level violence between high-risk gang members and their associates.
- To offer prevention, intervention and referral service to high-risk gang-involved and gang associated youth and young adults up to the age of 25.
- To provide intervention outreach services to city areas considered hotspots, working in coordination with law enforcement and other service providers during hours of highest activity probability.
- To provide intervention assistance in the aftermath of violence at crime scenes, and hospitals.
- To build relationships with programs in the community, connecting persons at risk and/or their families to educational, social, medical, and employment-related services.
- To assist in the provision of culturally specific service referral needs.

NGOs supplying SLGO workers

- Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)
- Latino Network
- Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (POIC)
- Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA)

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