

# Leadership, Intervention, & Change (LINC)

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Leadership, Intervention, & Change (LINC) program is a group/gang and violence desistance program. LINC works to serve youth and families in Seattle and South King County.

Since 2015, the LINC program has served over 741 young people in King County who are gang involved.

In 2022, the LINC program served 112 participants between the ages of 14 and 24. 52% of these clients reduced gang activity/association, obtained employment, improved school attendance and school performance, or completed probation or other court ordered activity. 80% of LINC youth made progress towards completing their goals last year.

## OJJDP CGM Core Strategies



Suppression



Community Mobilization



Organizational Change and Development



Social Intervention



Opportunities Provision

In 2023, the LINC program served 173 participants between the ages of 14 and 24.

To reduce gang-related violence in King County and improve outcomes for young people who are group/gang-involved, LINC uses the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM).

The five OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM) core strategies provide an evidence-based structure for LINC's collaborative regional approach.

The CGM was developed and refined in culturally diverse communities and has been implemented, evaluated, and tested across the U.S. since the 1990s. Its implementation has resulted in a reduction in gang-related violence and increases in pro-social outcomes for gang-involved individuals.

## LINC's regional adaptation of the CGM in King County has three primary components:

### Steering Committee

The LINC Steering Committee oversees the implementation of the CGM in King County and collectively strategizes how to best support young people, removing barriers through legislative and policy reform and collaborative planning for future support of youth and families.

### Multi-Disciplinary Intervention Teams (MDITs)

MDITs include regional agencies, community partners, and the **Lead Agency: Center for Children & Youth Justice**. A third-party independent evaluator provides monitoring, evaluation, and technical assistance support.

## The LINC program focuses on fulfilling both short-term and long-term goals.

### Short Term, LINC:

- **Creates** individualized intervention plans with input from youth who are gang/group-involved
- **Engages** youth who are gang/group-involved in direct services to address their specific needs
- **Connects** youth and their families with services to support their needs and safety

### Long Term, LINC:

- **Improves** coordination of agencies serving youth who are gang/group-involved
- **Leverages** existing resources to better serve youth who are gang/group-involved
- **Reduces** gang/group-related violence in the community
- **Supports** all five Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM) core strategies
- **Creates** systemic and community-wide change to reduce gang/group involvement
- **Improves outcomes for youth and families**

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*"[We are] openly having a dialogue about 'what's in the best interest for this kid and how can we help get this kid to a better place, and a lot of these young men and women are amazing people who have stubbed their toe, and they need that help, and this program seems to be the best way to move forward with a plan that works.'" – Chief Ted Boe, Co-Chair*

### Program Structure for OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model

