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

5 CGM Core Strategies



Suppression



Community Mobilization



Organizational Change and Development



Social Intervention



Opportunities Provision



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 youth community violence and increases in pro-social outcomes for youth involved.

Three Components of the CGM



MULTI-DICIPLINARY INTERVENTION TEAM



STEERING COMMITTEE-POLICY MAKERS



STREET OUTREACH



Helping youth reduce group/gang violence and providing resources to help meet their personal goals



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

In 2023, the LINC program served

173 participants between

the ages of 13 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).

Over one third

of all LINC clients reduce community violence activity and association, obtain employment, improve school attendance and school performance, and complete probation or other court ordered activities

62% of LINC youth make progress towards completing their goals.

LINC Wrap-Around Services



We partner with YMCA Alive and Free,
Pro Se Potential, Freedom Project WA, and
Neighborhood House to provide mentorship,
case management, and resources to help
our young people reduce group/gang violence
and meet their personal goals in life.













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

Short-Term Goals

- Create individualized intervention plans with input from youth who are community violence and systems impacted
- Engages youth to address their specific needs
- Connects youth and their families with services

Long-Term Goals

- Improve coordination of agencies serving youth impacted by community violence and criminal justice systems
- Leverage existing resources to better serve youth
- Reduce youth violence within the community
- Support all five CGM core strategies
- Create systematic and community-wide change to reduce youth violence
- Improve outcomes for youth and families