

Gang Intervention

An Integrated Strategy

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The Problem

Negative Behavior

Negative Perceptions

Inconsistent Zero Tolerance Policies

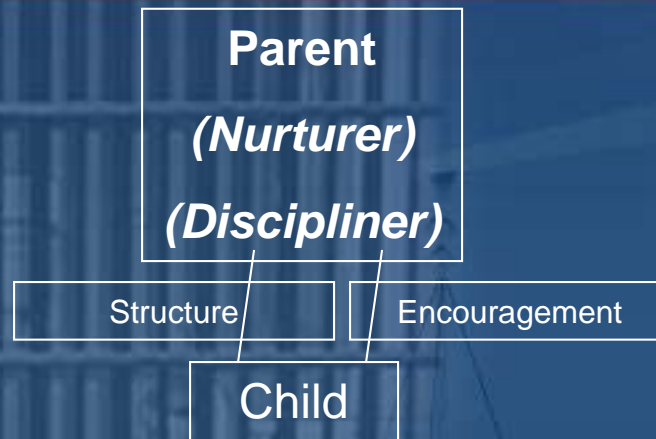
Inconsistent Consequences

Lack of Collaboration

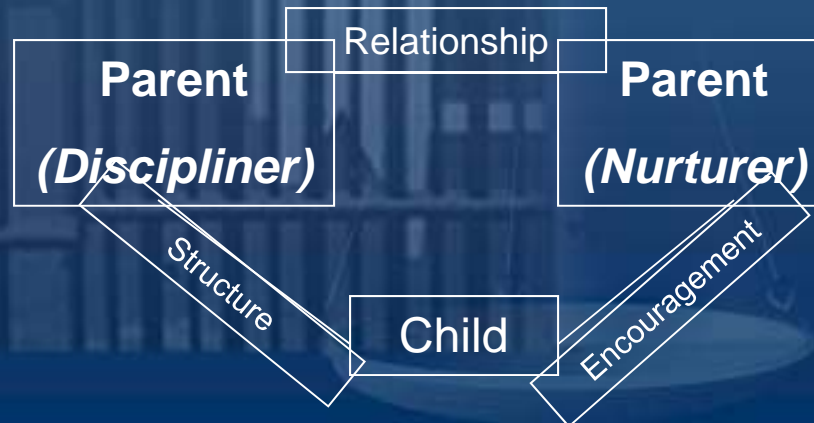
Lack of Community Involvement

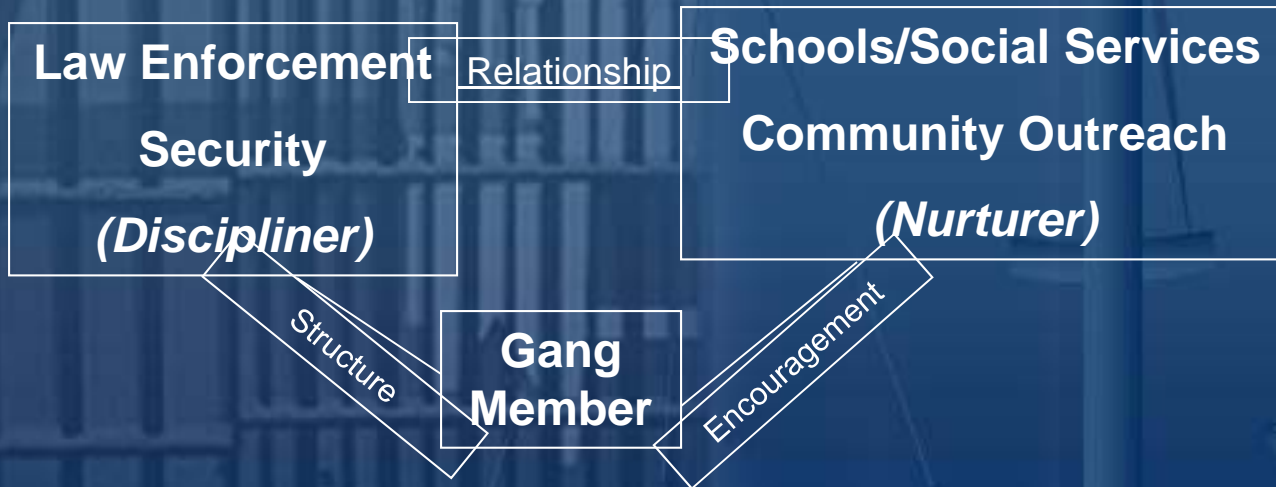
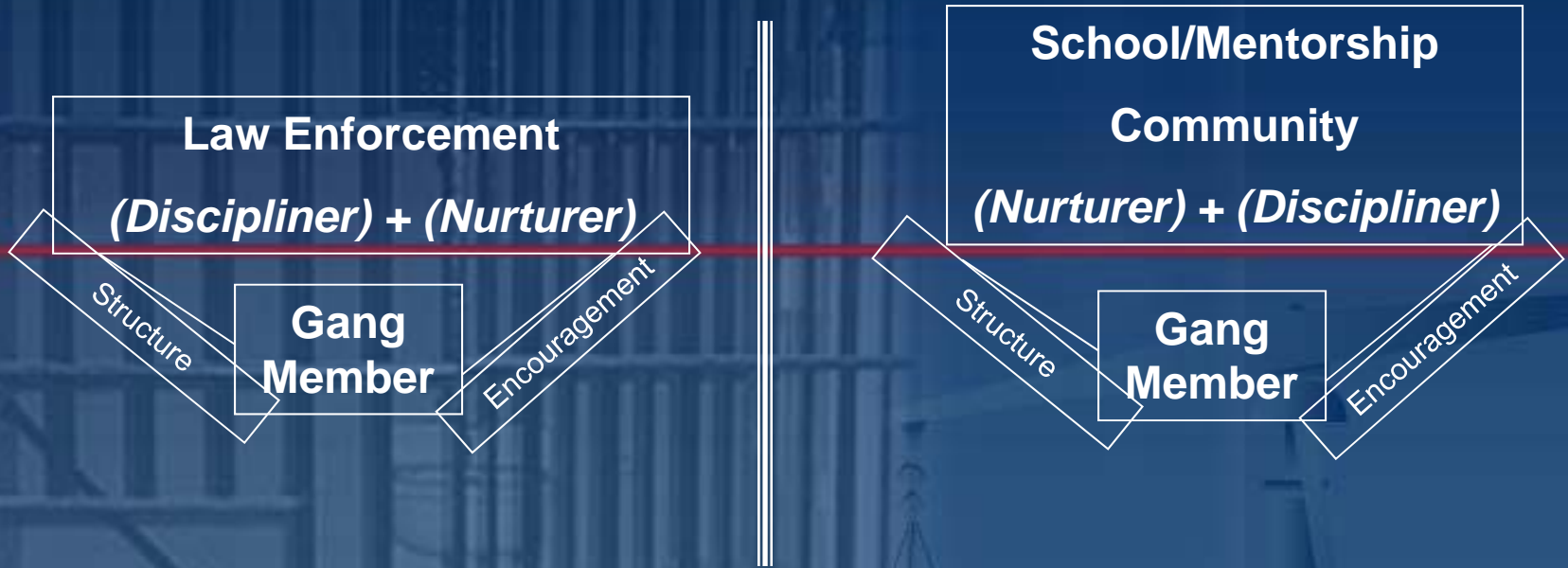
Lack of Common Direction

The Single Parent Family Unit



The Two Parent Family Unit





An Integrated Solution



Psychology of Gang Members

Desire for purpose

- Instead of a purpose for good, gangs have a corrupted purpose for bad

Desire to be loved and accepted

- Instead of love from family, they find a distorted love and coerced acceptance

Desire to be a part of a Something

- Instead of being part of something positive, they become a part of at least something

Characteristics of Gang Members

Desire to instill fear and intimidation

- By instilling fear and intimidation the gang member feels empowered

Family Life/Enabling Parents

- Most of the time, the parents either are absent or naïve in allowing the gang member to go unchecked

Failing kids in low income areas

- Kids are often not given the choice to resist gangs out of fear and retaliation
- Many agencies have abdicated their role to protect the youth

Behavior Patterns

**Gathering in groups to intimidate
Violent tendencies**

Potential opportunities to commit crimes:

- Carjackings/Robberies
- Assaults
- Narcotics

Perceptions

- Is gang activity what San Diego wants its tourists or community members to see as a way of life?

Rules Without Relationships Lead to Rebellion

Values and Integrity Must be Taught and Modeled

Mentorship is Key

Encourage and Support Those Willing to Serve
Their Community

We Have the Opportunity to Empower Others, or
Destroy Their Effectiveness!

If We Don't Reach The Inner City Kids, The
Gangs Will!

Intervention Strategies

Zero Tolerance

Target negative behavior

Empower the community by supporting them not empowering the gangs

Firm approach

Disrupt their activities utilizing all available resources.

Empower the families when possible. *(A child left to himself brings shame to his mother. --Proverbs)*

Most gang members are looking for a leader, if they do not see positive role models, they will succumb to the negative gang leaders

What Are YOU Doing To Make A Difference?

Why are you in the position you are in?

Are you purpose and results driven?

Have you become cynical?

Are you empowering others, or hindering
their efforts?

Are you enabling negative behavior?