



Governor's Crime Commission  
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## GRANT PROGRESS REPORT

PROJECT NAME: Safer Chatham
GRANT NUMBER: 019-1-07-001-BN-438 <small>(14-digit #, see Grant Award)</small>
IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Chatham Citizen Corps Council
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Please review the goals, objectives, performance measures, evaluation methods and activities listed on your grant application, and the special programmatic conditions for each project BEFORE and while completing this report. Your answers should consist of more than one sentence.

### 1. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

#### PLANNED:

**Project Objective #1:**

Specially trained Bilingual Lay Advisors make 300 door to door presentations to parents and children on the growing risk of gangs, and what they can do to avoid them.

**Project Objective #2:**

GVP Coordinator and lay advisors make presentations on the status of gangs in the community and this information is compiled for presentation back to all community participants and project workers. This input will provide direction for the project through continuous quality improvement.

**Project Objective #3:**

Lay Advisors will coordinate with 2 major poultry processing plants to present interactive booths on gang prevention to employees. Employees will be asked how gang can be prevented.

**Project Objective #4:**

Implement a sustainable system of monitoring, analyzing and reporting gang-related activities in the Siler City area that involves all law enforcement agencies, court officials, schools, and organizations that work with parents and juveniles in addressing the problem.

**Project Objective #5:**

Develop communications and networking with other law enforcement and human service agencies to stay up to date on trends and identify possible connections with gang activities in the City.

**Project Objective #6:**

GVP Coordinator hired by the GVP Committee and trained to coordinate with gang prevention strategies of the project, and coordinate with other law enforcement, parents, schools, and human service agencies.

**Project Objective #7:**

GVP Committee provides oversight to project activities, and consists of representatives from public schools, all law enforcement, Courts, District Attorney, nonprofits, elected officials, Probation and major employers.

#### ACCOMPLISHED:

Six of my Lay Health Advisors experienced in door-to-door outreach will be trained in January to administer survey, and become liaisons to GVP Lay Advisor on gang issues- Yesenia Espiricueta, Lay Health Advisor Coordinator, Chatham Family Resource Center  
GVP Lay Outreach worker hired December 1, 2008  
Survey has been developed by GVP Committee in English and Spanish for administration  
Vital information is excerpted from the North Carolina Revised General Statutes, Chapter 14, Criminal Law and printed in English and Spanish for local distribution.  
Townsend's Poultry Processing Plant will include GVP Project in next health fair- Fred Judge, Safety Coordinator, Townsend's, and Member GVP Committee

Gang Net training conducted for 7 from Chatham County Law Enforcement by Terence Best December 9&10 at Siler City PD.

Gang Awareness classes planned through local community college for January, open to stakeholders outside law enforcement with possible CEU credits.

GVP Candidate Selection Committee formed comprised of members from elected officials, private, nonprofit, probation, schools and law enforcement to select Coordinator from 22 applicants. Candidate approved by full Council

GVP Project Coordinator hired October 16, 2008.  
31 different organizations receive GVP presentations  
57 presentations altogether by December 31  
22 presentations already scheduled beginning January  
18 training presentations made to 480 individuals  
8 trainings planned for January for 170 people  
12 Member GVP Committee appointed from Citizen Corps Council that includes law enforcement, Judicial, Probation, Schools, Park Rangers, DA, nonprofit, and private sector.  
Meeting held November 6, 2008 to discuss strategies.  
Next meeting planned January 21.



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## 2. PROJECT ACTIVITIES

### PLANNED:

-300 homes are visited with information and introduction of role of lay advisor as knowledge resource and confidential bridge to law enforcement if needed. Each home visited surveyed for knowledge and perspective on gangs in the community & this information compiled for presentation back to all community participants and project workers.

-Number of presentations made at what places, numbers in attendance, and notes of ideas.

- Lay Advisors will coordinate with 2 major poultry processing plants to present interactive booths on gang prevention to employees. Employees will be asked how gangs can be prevented. Measure: Number of presentations made and numbers of employee participants.

- Implement a sustainable system of monitoring, analyzing and reporting gang-related activities in the Siler City area that involves all law enforcement agencies, court officials, probation, schools, and organizations that work with parents and juveniles in addressing the problem. Measure: By 8/1,08, gang activity monitoring and reporting plan is in place and has produced its first activity report as a benchmark for future reports, which has been distributed to all law enforcement agencies and other key partners. Subsequent reports will be produced at least every six months.

- By August 30, all law enforcement offices will be participating in GangNet database.

- GVP Coordinator hired & trained, and other SCPD Officers trained by Sheriff's Dept. Gang Prevention Unit, and other trainers.

- Minimum of 4 meetings conducted to discuss project activities, outputs & outcomes with project staff, reports made weekly on Blog and email to Committee.

### ACCOMPLISHED:

Process just beginning as of December 31, 2008. Community Assessment Survey completed in English and Spanish.

Pilgrim's Pride plant closes. Townsend's Poultry Processing plant agrees to include GVP presentation to employees at health fair.

Gang Net classes conducted with 7 attending December 9&10.

After extensive search, GVP Coordinator hired October 16 from applicant pool of 22 by Citizen Corps Council at recommendation of GVP Committee.

Lay Outreach Worker hired December 1, 2008. GVP Committee Meeting November 6

## 3. GENERAL COMMENTS