

SAFE PASSAGE

“THE PATH TO LITERACY,
RESILIENCY, JOY AND JOBS”





WHAT IS SAFE PASSAGE?

Safe Passage is a program designed to steer children away from participating in troublesome behavior and possible gang affiliation.

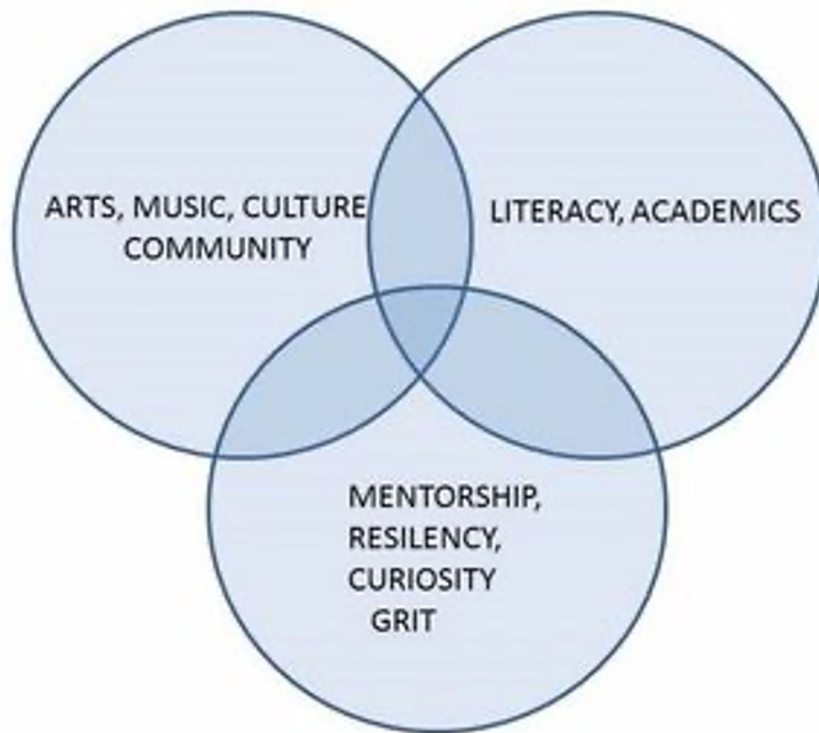
This is an outreach program for vulnerable youth from kindergarten through Sixth grade.

HOW IS THIS ACCOMPLISHED?

Community policing asymmetrically provides the same basic needs the gangs have supplied. These needs include food, education, trust, safety and affirmation. Safe Passage centers are open six days a week, free of charge, to 100's of underserved *K -6th* youth who live within micro communities that have traditionally been targets for gang recruitment and violence .



SAFE PASSAGE ACTIVITY COMPONENTS



STEAMO

Science

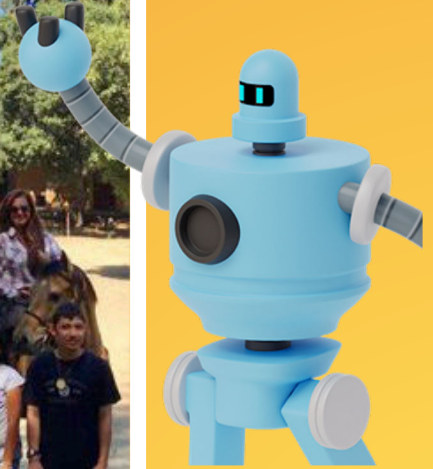
Technology

Engineering

Arts

Medicine

Outdoors



OUR GOAL:

Make communities safe by eliminating gang-related crime by stopping gang recruitment and replenishment process among at-risk youth.

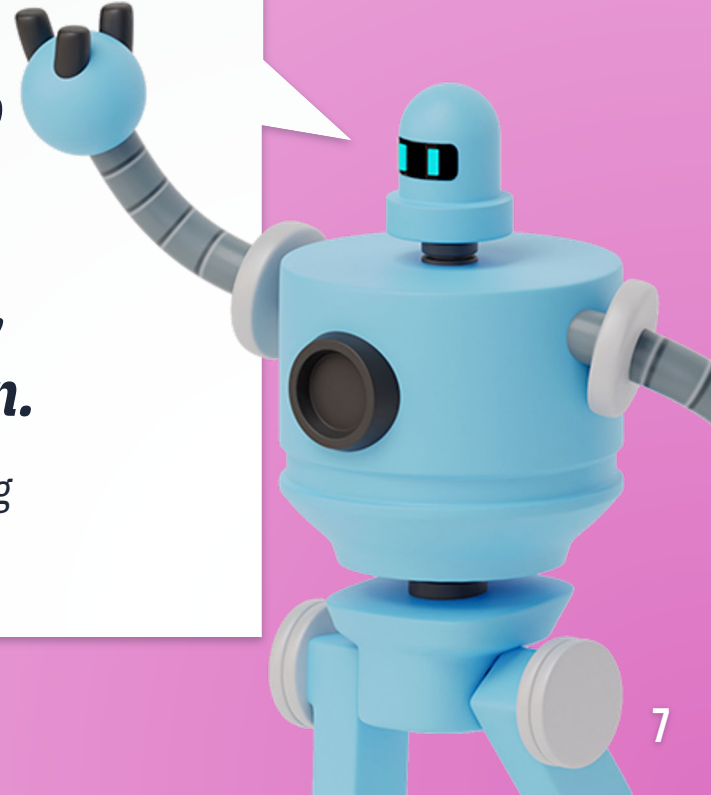


Literacy

Safe Passage uses many of the gangs' proven recruitment pillars to fill the void for youth.

Gangs provide a sense of belonging, safety, infrastructure and education.

At SPYF we say, "Stop the supply chain of future gang members and in turn, make tomorrow's business & community leaders."



CREATING A SENSE OF BELONGING

Approach:

Safety

Literacy

Mentorship

Community

Involvement



Stakeholders:

Conejo Recreation and
Park District (CRPD)

Thousand Oaks Police

Cal Lutheran University

Conejo Unified School
District

AmeriCorps - Rotary

Moorpark College


City of TOaks

Faith Org & TOPCF

Art Trek - Kiwanis

Los Robles Hospital



A woman with dark hair and bangs is wearing a light blue surgical mask and a black top. She is standing outdoors in front of a light-colored building with horizontal vents. There are trees and bushes in the background. The image has a dark overlay at the bottom where the text is located.

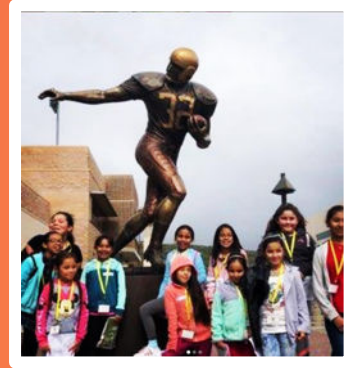
City of Thousand Oaks Mayor Claudia Bill De La Pena Honors Safe
Passage Teen with the City's Highest Award

SAFE PASSAGE COORDINATES OUR COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, EACH WHOM CONTRIBUTES TO THE FOUR PILLARS OF SAFETY, LITERACY, MENTORING & COMMUNITY.



THIS IS DONE THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY

We use multiple community resources to organize the day-to-day programs and activities, provide strategic direction, and coordinate extensive logistics and support throughout vulnerable neighborhoods.

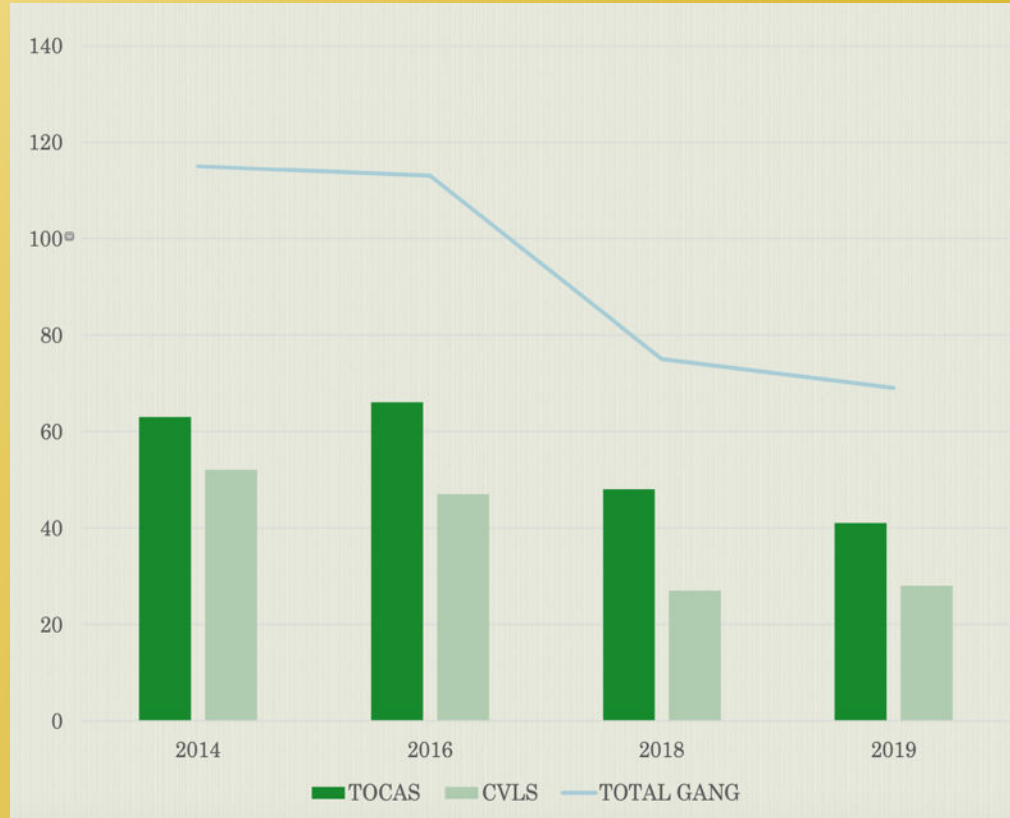


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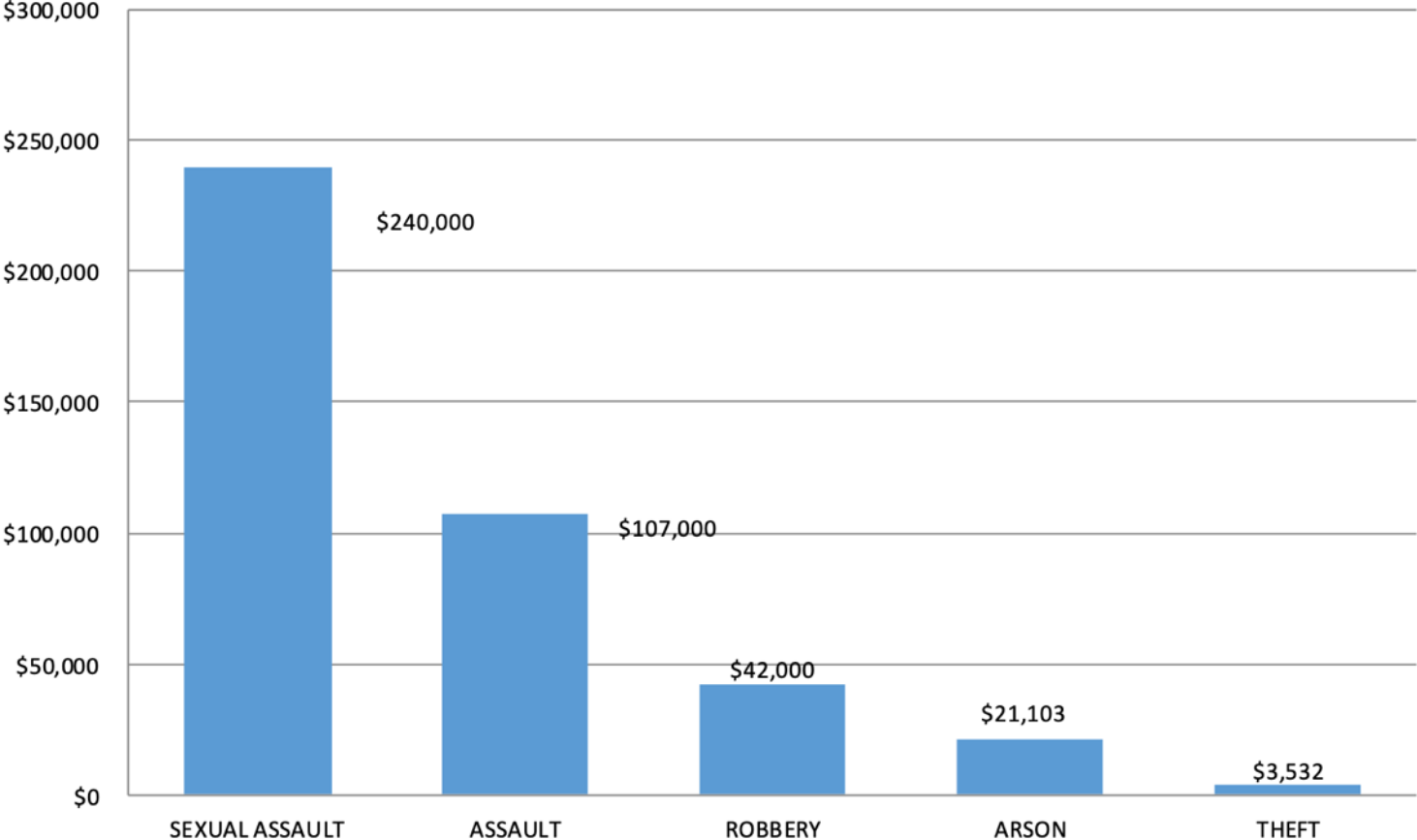
There has been a significant correlation between Safe Passage, reduced gang activity, and more willingness to call police for support.



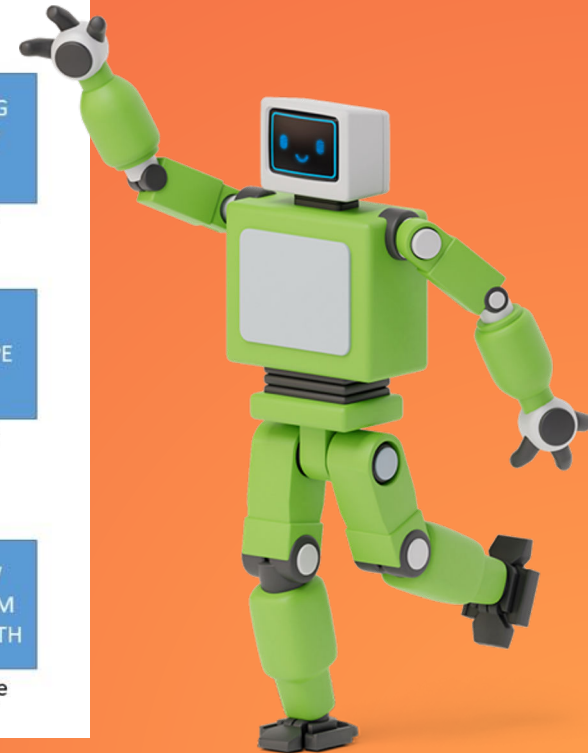
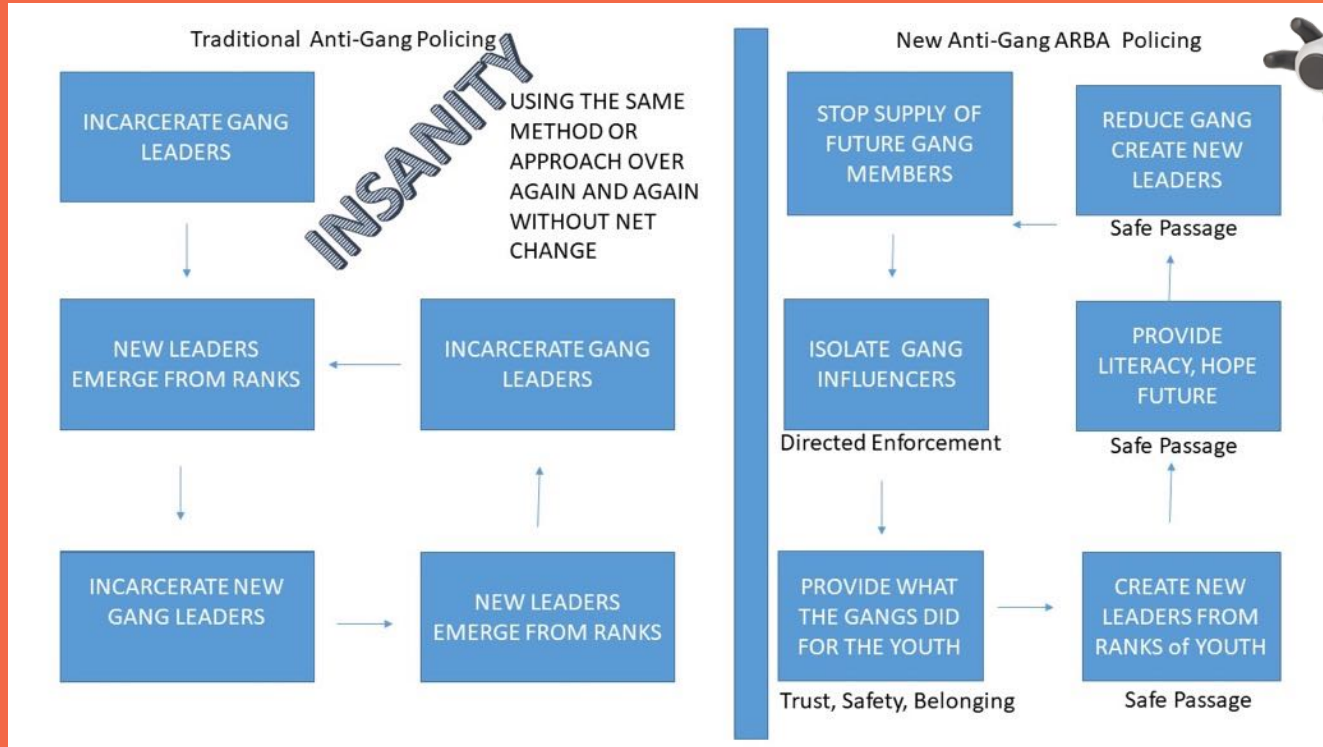
Gang Population



COST PER INCIDENT BY A GANG MEMBER



NEW ANTI-GANG POLICING MAKES SENSE





VIOLENT GANG POPULATION DOWN 35%

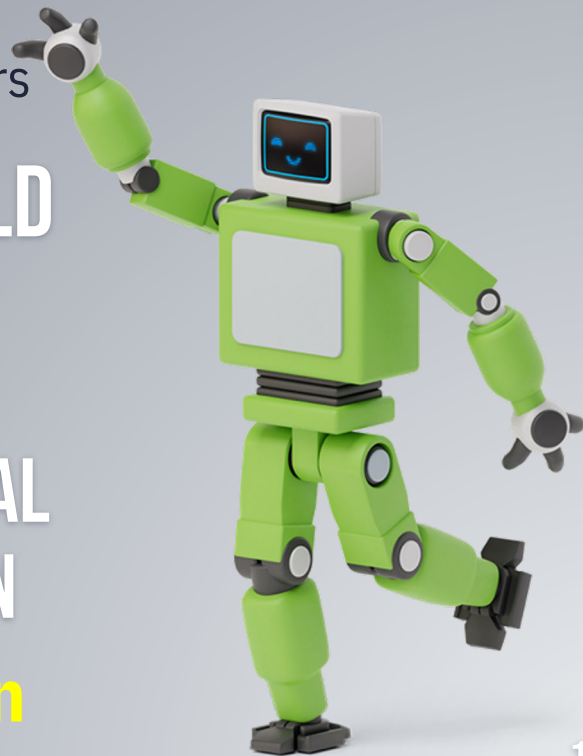
This is the first decline in 25 years

NO SAFE PASSAGE CHILD HAS JOINED A GANG

This is a direct correlation

17.9% DECREASE IN TOTAL CVLS GANG POPULATION

Population is going down



IN THEIR WORDS:

James

I love here because we do science experiments and I like doing my homework and I like doing games.



Ricky

I like being here because I like playing games and I like playing with my new friends.



SAFE PASSAGE IS PROMOTING LEARNING AT ALL LEVELS

Our first graduates of the Safe Passage program began college in 2020 with full scholarships (the first to graduate school in their families), and have become youth leaders for Safe Passage, guiding and supporting the younger members of the program (K-7th).



Volunteer educators work daily, outside, with the members of our youth community with special learning needs to ensure that they are not left behind during the adaptation to online learning.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

The summer of 2021, we will continue our summer programming which includes 10 weeks of outdoor STEAMO camp.

8-week full Summer 2021 STEAM Camp for 75 Safe Passage children whose families are affected by COVID economics.



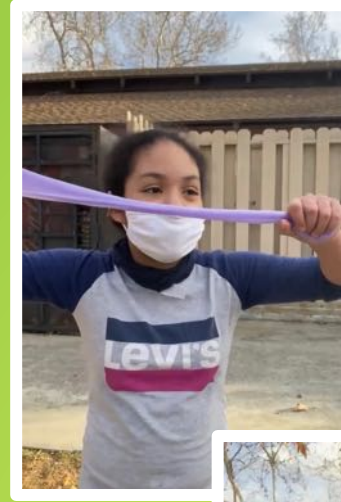
IN THEIR WORDS:

Arisbeth

I like coming here because they help me and we do crafts!

Rey

I always stay here because I really like this place and you can like play different kinds of things and do everything you ever want and I always like it.



SERVING THE COMMUNITY DURING COVID

COVID Job Losses Creating Food Insecurity:

Safe Passage stepped in immediately Jan 2020 to provide 100,000s of pounds of food to at-risk families, distributing food daily provided through becoming a Feeding America Food supplier.

COVID TESTING



MICRO GRANTS

2021 Continued Food Security:

- Deliver over 1000 Meals per week to 400 children
- Family weekly grocery food support (8,000 pounds delivered per week to families with kids).

INFANT CARE

COVID RELIEF





Safe Passage

For more information, we encourage you to visit our website at safepassageyouth.org for additional information, papers, statistics, and detailed program descriptions.

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