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Preparing Our Children **Protecting Our Future**



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A Message from Attorney General Peter C. Harvey

Gang activity exists in communities across the country. In New Jersey, we have created the **Gangs, Guns and Drugs** initiative to combat these three negative elements in today's society. One of the major components of the **Gangs, Guns and Drugs** initiative is Project Vision – New Jersey, an after school pilot program that provides a safe haven for youth 8 to 18 years of age.

Project Vision - New Jersey is a partnership between the Office of the Attorney General, the Division of Criminal Justice, county prosecutors and community based organizations to prevent the growth of gangs. Initially, **Project Vision - New Jersey** will commence at sites in Cumberland, Essex, Gloucester, Middlesex, and Monmouth counties and eventually will operate in all 21 counties in New Jersey, providing at-risk youth with an alternative to the violence of the streets.

Project Vision - New Jersey's eight core elements include personal responsibility, adult mentors, safe havens, personal safety, academic development, life skills, career awareness and community service through volunteerism, all presented in a positive and safe environment.

I invite you to become a part of developing tomorrow's leaders today through **Project Vision - New Jersey**.

Project Vision - New Jersey

*Personal Responsibility, Caring Adults, Safe Havens,
Personal Safety, Academic Development, Life Skills,
Career Awareness, Community Service*

A Partnership with Youth in Asbury Park, Bridgeton, Glassboro,
Irvington, New Brunswick, the New Jersey Office of the
Attorney General and the Division of Criminal Justice

For More Information:

● Call the Office of the Attorney General at **609-984-9497**

● NJ Office of the Attorney General: www.nj.gov/oag

● Division of Criminal Justice: www.nj.gov/oag/dcj

● Our Gang Awareness site: www.njgangfree.org

(view our 22 minute **Gangs, Guns and Drugs** video online)



8 Core Elements of PROJECT VISION

- 1. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY**
Decision making skills, fair play, respect for others and self
- 2. CARING ADULTS**
Adult mentors and supporters in law enforcement
- 3. SAFE HAVENS**
Safe places for program activities and program implementation
- 4. PERSONAL SAFETY**
Gang awareness and prevention
- 5. ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT**
Academic success through mentorship and instruction
- 6. LIFE SKILLS**
Life skill development to become productive adults
- 7. CAREER AWARENESS**
Career path development through apprenticeship and internship
- 8. COMMUNITY SERVICE**
Community pride and the spirit of volunteerism