

The 2026 NGCRC 29th International Gang Specialist Training Conference Early Registration Brochure



Mark your calendar now for the biggest Gang Training Event in 2026!

When: August 3rd, August 4th, and August 5th, 2026

Where: Chicago Westin Michigan Avenue Hotel

Special Features: Over 100 Courses To Pick From

There will be over 100 different training sessions to pick from in 2026. No other gang training program has this level of sophistication. The NGCRC has the biggest and best training program and other special features as well. Many courses (over N = 50) are already listed at the website.

You Can Be A Presenter

There is still time to submit a session proposal if you wanted to be a presenter at the 2026 NGCRC Training Conference, just complete a session proposal form from the NGCRC conference website and send it in. The NGCRC is still accepting proposals for new presentations for the 2026 Conference. To see the information you need to submit a proposal, go to: <https://ngcrc.com/callforpresenters.html>

Special Networking Opportunities: Friendly Environment

The NGCRC's 2026 Training Conference provides a special social networking events designed to help persons attending the conference to network with others in the field. There are special ticketed receptions or networking events that you can sign up for on the registration form itself, there is no extra fee for the social networking receptions, they are free to all registered for the conference. Here are the receptions and events for 2026: (1) Law Enforcement, Prosecution, and Corrections Reception; (2) Gang Prevention, Intervention, Counseling Reception, (3) Christian Gang Specialists Reception, (4) Probation and Parole/Court Officers Reception, and (5) Chicago Cubs Baseball Social Networking Events. Plus a "mix and greet" social.

Special Field Training and Social Networking Events

The NGCRC has historically organized special field training events that provide networking opportunities to meet community members and program staff, as well as see the devastation by Chicago gangs and find out how some organizations are working to reduce and prevent gang violence. The conference website provides information about how to sign up for these opportunities to meet with program staff and others. In the past we have offered attendees to do ride-a-longs or tour a local juvenile correctional facility, we will try continue these field training events and give these away on a first come first served basis at the conference website. Over 100 attendees in the 2025 training conference also went to one of the evening baseball games. This year we are giving away tickets to two different Cubs baseball social networking events. We also sponsor an evening "social mixer" (with DJ, cash bar).

Special Features Like the Open Intake/Open Exit Training System

This means we provide an enormous amount of flexibility in allowing you to earn and accumulate your required 24 hours of training outside of the regular 8 to 5 schedule. We provide courses on Sunday evening, August 2nd, 2026, in the afternoon and evening, allowing you to accumulate hours before the conference officially begins 8:00am on Monday August 4th. We offer noon hour sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, so you can accumulate more hours. We offer evening activities and sessions on Monday and Tuesday evenings so you can accumulate more hours. And we offer the "early riser" (6am-8am) sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday so you can accumulate more hours. This means you can accumulate your 24 hours as quickly as you want to, allowing you to exit almost any time (a real convenience for meeting tight flight and travel plans).

Special Take Home Training Materials (The Goody Bag)

No one provides more in terms of valuable printed gang training publications. The NGCRC provides a free "goody bag" of training and reference materials to all attendees. At a minimum, attendees receive four (4) copies of the *Journal of Gang Research* and other valuable information. The copies of the Journal retail for \$75 each (a \$300 value overall). So there is added value in the NGCRC training and this is reflected in the objective material value of the take home goody bag every trainee registering for Certification or Non-Certification receives.

This is Your Invitation to Attend the August 3 - August 5, 2026 NGCRC Special Gang Training Conference:

It's the conference you cannot afford to miss. In the summer of 2026, the National Gang Crime Research Center will hold its 29th International Gang Specialist Training Conference in Chicago — once again bringing together the Nation's top experts on gangs and gang-related issues. Last year's (2025) conference was a success as reflected in the detailed evaluation results at our website.

It's the experience you've come to expect — the opportunity to network with all segments of corrections (juvenile and adult corrections), prisons and jails, probation and parole, prosecution and law enforcement, K-12 School staff and prevention/intervention program staff from all over the country and abroad, including private sector prevention professionals.

Once again, the NGCRC will be offering you an enormous variety of choices to craft the education that is most pertinent to you and your jurisdiction. Many courses are already listed online for you to study (www.ngcrc.com/courses.html)!

You'll come away with new insights, the latest intell, and the most effective strategies to combat gangs.

You cannot afford to miss the NGCRC's 29th International Gang Specialist Training Conference in Chicago in the summer of 2025.

We Have Proof The NGCRC Training Is Worthwhile and Effective: Basically The Best Available Today

By visiting the NGCRC website (www.ngcrc.com), you can click the button for the "2026 Conference" and see a massive amount of backup and supportive material offering hard proof of the value of the NGCRC training model. This includes much statistical evidence. This also includes a vast number of testimonials from gang experts in the field who testify as to the value of the NGCRC Training Program. We offer N = 30 different areas of recognized special training including the newest --- Services for Gang Crime Victims, Witnesses, and Survivors.

Why the NGCRC has continued to set the "Gold Standard" for Gang Training:

The National Gang Crime Research Center (NGCRC) has pioneered the field by first of all being producers of gang knowledge, publishing and disseminating useful information recognized at the highest levels of the social scientific community. Additionally, the NGCRC has a long track record of service (1990 to present) to law enforcement and correctional agencies nationwide in the goal of reducing gang violence. The research and intelligence analysis developed by the NGCRC over the years, and published in its scholarly journal, the *Journal of Gang Research* (now in its 32nd year of publication), is of great practical value for gang investigators in law enforcement and STG coordinators in the field of corrections. Gang investigators at all levels of government, here and abroad, including criminal intelligence analysts and gang victim specialists, as well as gang prevention/intervention practitioners and program staff who attend the NGCRC training conferences have clearly made their views known that the NGCRC training is the best in regard to offering high quality practical choices (see p. 6 for a sample listing --- see the website for much more detailed information). Police and corrections experts teach a variety of courses at the NGCRC training conference. The NGCRC training conference is specifically designed to "train the trainer": someone who completes the training will be able to return to their police department or institution equipped to train others. Investigators and prevention practitioners return with a wealth of printed information, and lots of new "networking contacts": persons to call upon in the future.

Special Training Areas in Prevention and Intervention:

Some of the training tracks you can sign up for in terms of Certification include: Gang Counseling Techniques, Gangs and Drugs, Gang Prevention Skills, Gang Problems in K-12 Schools, Faith-Based Programs for Gang Intervention, Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole, Gang and Violence Prevention for School Administrator, Gang Outreach and Intervention Skills, Management Skills for Gang Outreach, Prevention and Intervention Services, Gangs and Mental Health.

Special Training Areas For Law Enforcement, Corrections, and Prosecution:

Some of the training areas for Law Enforcement include: Gang Crime Investigation Skills, Gang Homicide Investigation Skills, Domestic Counter-Terrorism Skills, Gang Profile Analysis, Gang Interview/Interrogation Skills, Gangs and Drugs, Gang Prosecution, Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence, Officer Safety Skills in Dealing With Gangs, International and Transnational Gang Problems, Gangs and Organized Crime, Hate Group/White Racist Extremist Gangs, Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole, Advanced Gang Identification, Gang Internet Investigation, Motorcycle Gangs, Dealing With Gangs in Juvenile Correctional Facilities; Services for Gang Victims, Witnesses, and Survivors.

The “Added Value” of NGCRC Training:

The added value of NGCRC training is easy to explain and it is designed to be different than other groups who sponsor such training conferences: you get more for your money. You see that reflected in the evaluation results from previous NGCRC Conferences. Other people “copy” what we do, or they try to. But you can do a quick check of facts here: who else offers as many different sessions or courses than the NGCRC? It is such a huge and massive undertaking, that persons who attend this conference benefit from the very factor of “diversity” in the choices they have — what they want to learn, what instructors they want to learn from, etc

First, all NGCRC trainees are given a **wealth of high-quality take home printed training materials**. The value of these materials, reflecting the official journals from the NGCRC and related topics of interest about gangs, is itself a significant value. Most gang training programs provide a small amount of take-home written training materials, while the NGCRC provides an abundance of high-quality written take-home training materials. All persons attending the conference and registering for Certification or Non-Certification receive a “bag of goodies” which includes these kinds of useful written take-home training materials.

Secondly, no other training organization in the world provides the large **variety of training options** that the NGCRC provides; the NGCRC brings in more trainers and provides, therefore, more “choices” to trainees. NGCRC provides a large professional training experience in an environment designed for training. We typically offer over 100 different courses or training sessions. Typically, gang conferences offer a small selection of training options. So if you think a variety of choices is a good thing, then you need to attend our training conference.

Thirdly, the NGCRC training is **designed to produce “trainers”**: trainees who attend and complete the training typically return to their respective jurisdictions with an incredible new arsenal of training tools to train others in the field. You will get new and useful gang information at our 2024 Training Conference.

Fourthly, the NGCRC training includes **social opportunities** that are structured to enhance the ability of the trainee to **network with others** in the field at a national and international level.

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING THE 2026 NGCRC TRAINING CONFERENCE:

You have the power to “choose” what you want to learn. You have the right to “major” in what area of specialization or concentration you are interested in. Our conference provides an incredible array of different professional gang training sessions that trainees can make up their own minds what they want to attend. This is not the “one size fits all” model of training where every trainee attends each of a small limited number of training sessions and every trainer works all day to give the same talk three or four times. Our training program provides what we think people really want: the freedom to choose what kind of training they want from an incredible list of available choices. If you wanted a “Crash Course” on gangs, then this would be it.

There has never been a gang training conference where people can “specialize” in a wide variety of areas of expertise. So the 2026 NGCRC Gang Training Conference really is a “history making event”. It allows persons to network with others in their special area of interests and it has the organizational strength of much diversity among the trainers. It also has curriculum materials that are truly “cutting-edge”. No one else promises you **NETWORKING RESULTS**. We do, based on our previous training effectiveness performance achievements.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

Trainees can register for Non-Certification or they can register for Certification. Both of these registration options are explained below.

Non-Certification: This option is for those who do not need a transcript to be maintained of their training experience and who do not desire a high quality certificate in an upward path of gang specialist training. This option is best for those who just want to attend, get the training materials, and be free to come and go as they wish. Trainees are eligible to receive 24 hours of on-site training during the conference. Please note that if you register for non-certification you do not receive any certificates of your training.

Certification: The certification is provided by the National Gang Crime Research Center, the premier gang research organization in the world, founded in 1990 it publishes the only professional international refereed journal about gangs (the *Journal of Gang Research*), it does extensive research on gangs, and it has a strong positive track record for providing high quality training on gang issues. The *Journal of Gang Research* has over 30 years of gang research publishing experience and as the Official Publication of the NGCRC it is abstracted in the Psychological Abstracts, **Criminal Justice Abstracts**, Sociological Abstracts, Social Service Abstracts, and other international organizations that recognize professional journals. For more information about the accomplishments of the NGCRC, see its webpage information (www.ngcrc.com). When you register for certification you receive two professionally printed color certificates of high display quality reflecting your training. One of these certificates reflects the completion of the 2026 Training Program; and the second certificate reflects your specialized training in your chosen track area. Those registering for non-certification do not receive such certificates.

Select Your Certification Specialty Choice From a List of 30 Different Options (Training Tracks):

Those who register for certification receive two high quality 8 ½" x 11" certificates reflecting their training. The certificates carry the seal of the National Gang Crime Research Center. If you register for certification, then you receive two certificates (1) one reflects that you completed the NGCRC's 2026 program consisting of 24 hours of intensive training, and (2) the second certificate reflects that you completed a minimum of four hours in a specialized topical area, i.e., your "track". See the list of the 30 different training tracks on the registration form provided on pages 3-4.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

The site where the training is occurring is the Westin Michigan Avenue Chicago Hotel. The Westin Michigan Avenue is located at 909 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The Telephone number for the Westin Michigan Avenue Hotel is (312) 943-7200. When making reservations, the "code" for the conference is "NGCRC Gang Conference". They need that "code" to give you the reduced hotel rates. The toll free reservation hotline is: 1 (800) 228-9290. The link for the central reservations passkey is provided at the conference website.

The cut-off date for getting the rates here is July 13, 2026: Singles \$224.

Trainees will, as in past NGCRC training conferences, be able to pick up their "goody bags" the evening before training begins. Training classes begin 8am Monday morning, Aug. 3, 2026. However, you will be able to pick up your registration materials, your Identification Badge, the final schedule, and your "goody bag" the night before: we expect to be able to start giving out registration materials about 3pm on Sunday, 2 Aug. 2026. We will be open to provide this service until about 10:00 p.m. Just go to the the NGCRC Operations Center (The Garfield Park Room is the NGCRC Operations Center) to pick up your materials. Signs will be prominently displayed.

Examples of Training Sessions in the 2026 Conference: *Of Special Interest to Law Enforcement, Prosecution, and Corrections*

- (2) "What We Really Need for Gang Investigation Skills in the Next Decade", by Dr. Charles M. Russo, Royse City, TX. One (1) hour

Abstract

The landscape of gang investigations is rapidly evolving, demanding a fundamental shift from traditional methods to a more analytical, forward-looking approach. This session will equip attendees with the essential critical thinking frameworks required to meet the challenges of the next decade. Participants will learn how to apply structured analytical techniques to complex investigations, mitigate cognitive biases in threat assessments, and leverage disparate data sources for predictive analysis. The focus will be on moving beyond reactive enforcement to proactive intelligence-led operations. Attendees will leave with practical, evidence-based skills to enhance their investigative process, improve decision-making under pressure, and develop more effective strategies for dismantling criminal enterprises. This is not just about new technology; it is about a new way of thinking.

- (3) "Drug-Induced Homicide Investigations and Prosecutions: A Case Study and Step-By-Step Guide to Handling Fatal Overdose Cases and Prosecuting the Gang Members and Drug Dealers Who Dealt the Drugs", by Stuart T. Welch, Senior Contact Attorney, Harford County State's Attorney's Office, Bel Air, MD; and Detective Tyler Dailey, Harford County Sheriff's Office, Bel Air, MD. Two (2) hours

Abstract

Convicting a drug dealer/gang member of homicide/manslaughter for dealing drugs that resulted in a fatal overdose is a complicated by extremely useful tool in impacting the drug trade within gangs and other drug dealers. This session provides step-by-step details of how to investigate and prosecute drug dealers for fatal overdose cases from the very beginning of receiving the dispatch call to sentencing after conviction. You will get to hear real case examples from the perspective of the lead detective and lead prosecutor that secured the first ever manslaughter conviction in their county for a drug dealer that dealt drugs resulting in a fatal overdose.

- (8) "Stress and Gang Investigators: Transitioning from Work to Home", by Christopher M. Felton, Ph.D., Fort Wayne Police Department, Fort Wayne, IN. One (1) hour

Abstract

It is no secret that suicide is the leading cause of death for police officers. Alcoholism, divorce, etc. are all too prevalent as well. Cumulative stress faced by gang investigators can be especially challenging: the demands of suppressing rising violent crime, managing informants, always targeting/interacting with society's worst, extra scrutiny from command and courts, deadlines and targets handed down from superiors, working in small units full of Type A personalities, etc. And then you are expected to go home to the family and instantly switch it off; to transition back to a 'normal' person. This session will provide investigators with knowledge of cumulative stress and healthy coping mechanisms aimed at helping them manage the emotional rollercoasters they ride every day and transition from work to home. Armed with this info, investigators can lead better, more productive lives both as officers and 'normal' people, as well as be prepared to recognize fellow investigators who may be suffering in silence.

- (38) "Cutting the Core: Prosecuting Gangs to Lower Crime Rates", by Joel C. Muneses, Senior Assistant State's Attorney, Harford County State's Attorney's Office, Bel Air, MD. 1.5 Hours (90 Minutes)

Abstract

This presentation examines the evolution of Maryland's gang statute, Criminal Law §9-801, via a case presentation of the July 4, 2023, shooting in Edgewood resulting in 11 indictments and convictions of Bloods and Crips gang members. The focus will be on the collaborative efforts between the State's Attorney's Office, law enforcement agencies, and lawmakers to enhance the statute's effectiveness and practical application. A criminal gang statute can be a meaningful tool in combating gang-related criminal activity if it is both enforceable and responsive to the challenges encountered in the field. By fostering cooperation between prosecutorial authorities and law enforcement, Maryland has taken steps toward refining CR §9-801 to ensure it serves as a robust legal mechanism in the ongoing effort to reduce gang violence and promote public safety.

- (40) "Gang Resistance and Intervention", by Dwayne Melton, Social Work Supervisor, State Training School, Eldora, IA. One (1) hour

Abstract

Explore what we do here at the State Training School for Boys in Eldora that are in a gang or have a high likelihood to be involved in the gang lifestyle. We will explore different activities and discussions that we have with our students. We will also give an overview of what the State Training School for Boys is and how we work.

- (44) "Transnational Gangs", by Dr. Gregg W. Etter Sr., Ed.D., Juliana Sloan, and Jazmyn Shockley, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO. Two (2) hours

Abstract

A transnational gang is a criminal organization that operates across international borders. This makes this type of gang much more difficult to investigate for law enforcement. This presentation examines the concepts of what is a transnational gang, what crimes they commit, and how they are investigated.

SEE MANY MORE LISTINGS AT THE WEBSITE

More Examples of Sessions Now Offered in the 2026 NGCRC Curriculum:

(41) **“Hip Hop and Gang Culture”**, by Terrance Lamont Stone, CEO, Young Visionaries Youth Leadership Academy, San Bernadino, CA. One (1) hour

Abstract

The objective of the presentation is to analyze the use of hip hop music and social media as a tool for gangs to spread their messages and branding. This includes exploring the various strategies used by gangs to gain influence and reach their targeted audience, as well as identifying the potential consequences and impacts of this type of communication on communities and individuals affected by gang-related violence and crimes. The presentation may also aim to recommend strategies for addressing these issues and mitigating the negative effects of gang influence.

(42) **“Gang Expert Testimony: Bringing Your Gang Investigation into Court”**, by Tyler Sutherland, Gang Suppression Unit, Battle Creek Police Department, Battle Creek, MI; and Jim Bailey, Battle Creek Police Department, Battle Creek, MI. Three (3) hours

Both a classroom session and an on-line session. Note: Available now at the NGCRC videotraining page.

Abstract

How court room testimony and gang evidence will reduce crime rates. What to say and present as a gang expert in court. How to apply your state statute of an enhanced gang crime to the evidence in your gang case. How the stored gang intelligence becomes useful in the court room. How the prosecutor and gang investigator get a case ready for courtroom prosecution.

(45) **“An Introduction to Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs”**, by Dr. Andy Bain, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Criminal Justice & Sociology, Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA. Two (2) hours

Abstract

This session is designed to provide insight to the origins, identification, and organization of outlaw motorcycle gangs. It will also provide some key notes on differences that exist in the hierarchy of the motorcycle fraternity from identifying clubs, associations, outlaws and the 1%ers. The session will also spend some time considering the role and organization of support (puppet) clubs as a conduit between the organized clubs and society and as a source of new membership. Outlaw motorcycle gang members can turn up in almost every social setting and/or occupation and as such will be of interest to everyone with a role in the law enforcement process. The session is of importance to those examining the development of criminal networks and transnational crime.

(49) **“Get a GRIP — Nashville’s Approach to Rehabilitating the Highest-Risk Youth on Probation”**, by Shellis Hampton, Supervisor of Nashville’s Gang Resistance Intervention Program (GRIP), Nashville, TN. Two (2) hours

Abstract

Nashville’s Gang Resistance Intervention Program (GRIP) is a specialized court that provides the most intensive level of probation supervision for the city’s highest-risk youth. As recipients of the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Grant, GRIP has expanded access to critical services for youth and their families. The program offers in-home support, mentorship, and hands-on opportunities such as a boxing and wellness program, a paid culinary arts internship, and a music production apprenticeship. This session will highlight GRIP’s successes and challenges while exploring effective strategies for engaging high-risk youth. Presenters will emphasize the collaborative effort among probation officers, service providers, schools, and attorneys that makes GRIP’s holistic approach to rehabilitation successful.

(53) **“Runaway Tren de Aragua: A Juggernaut on Rails”**, by Paul Chavez, Ph.D., Deputy Probation Officer/Training Manager, Los Angeles County Probation Department, Los Angeles, CA; and Javier Hoil, Los Angeles County Probation Department, Los Angeles, CA. Two (2) hours

Abstract:

This presentation provides a comprehensive overview of the Venezuelan criminal organization Tren de Aragua (TdA). The course will trace the gang’s evolution from a prison syndicate to a transnational criminal enterprise. Using intelligence reports, expert analysis, and investigative journalism, the class will examine TdA’s structure, criminal portfolio, and its exploitation of Venezuelan migration. Objectives of this session include: (1) Analyze the origins and evolution of Tren de Aragua’s (TdA) within Venezuela’s prison system and its rise to regional prominence, (2) Analyze the origins and evolution of Tren de Aragua’s (TdA) within Venezuela’s prison system and its rise to regional prominence, (3) Identify and categorize the primary illicit activities of TdA, (4) Evaluate the role of Venezuelan migration in facilitating the gang’s expansion, (5) Differentiate between verified TdA activities and political rhetoric mission, and (6) Introduce the counter-gang strategies used by different countries and international bodies and evaluate its effectiveness.

Some Quotes From Those Who Attended the 2025 NGCRC Gang Training Conference (Chicago, IL):

“The experience, networking and obtaining additional gang intel has been a rewarding experience. The staff has been extremely sweet/kind.”, Shannon D. Doyle, Detective, Jackson Police Department, Jackson, MS.

“This conference experience exceeded my expectations!”, Ryan Topping, Probation Officer Supervisor, Floyd County Probation, New Albany, IN.

“Best experience from NGCRC was all the various opportunities to network with others in the field. I was able to learn additional effective interventions to take back and use in my community.”, Brenda Guzman, Juvenile Counselor II, Washington County Juvenile Center, Hillsboro, OR.

“Networking, new information, skills. I connected with law enforcement on a deeper level than I thought possible.”, David Moore, Special Agent, ATF, Oklahoma City, OK.

“I enjoyed the networking opportunities. The people, both attendees and trainers, were knowledgeable and welcoming. The conference was very well organized and easy to navigate.”, Brandon Maxwell, Clinical Director, Bashor Childrens Home, Goshen, IN.

“The conference location, course offerings, and social events were fantastic.”, Hammad M. Khan, Assistant Attorney General, Kentucky Office of the Attorney General, Louisville, KY.

“I liked the different and variety of classes. The option to choose which classes to attend really makes the training experience better.”, Nathan Olson, Detective, Ingham County Sheriffs Office, Mason, MI.

“The ability to network, share, and gather ideas from other gang investigators throughout the nation. It’s good to come out of our local bubble sometimes and see what the rest of the nation is doing to confront gangs”. David S. Bastini

“Networking & content.”, Christopher Grimes, Special Agent, ATF, Oklahoma City, OK.

“It was truly informative and very eye opening and a plethora of knowledge disseminated throughout the entire conference.”, Terry Burnside, Founder, House of Hope Peoria, Inc, Peoria, IL.

“Classes are good.”, William Elliott, police officer, Mobile Police Department, Mobile, AL.

“The networking while learning.”, Albert Jones, Investigator, Muscogee County Sheriffs Office, Columbus, GA.

“The networking opportunities are great.”, Lucas Buckner, Deputy, Ingham County Sheriffs Office, Mason, MI.

“Knowledge of all the instructors.”, Andrew Finn, Major, St. Joseph County Police Department, South Bend, IN.

“The Presenters.”, Cody Allen Shepherd, Pathfinders, Danville, VA.

“I love everything about the conference for this being my first time.”, Ar Taurus Harvell, Detective, West Memphis Police Department, West Memphis, AR.

“Excellent networking.”, Christopher Lane, Prosecutor, Floyd County Prosecutors Office, New Albany, IN.

“The amount of classes available is wonderful.”, Jacob Howell, Investigator, Richland County Sheriffs Department, Columbia, SC.

“How open and personal people were.”, William Powers, President, Crossing the Rubicon, Quincy, MA.

“I appreciated the multiple options for sessions at one time.”, Megan Starrett, Senior Assistant Prosecutor, Stark County Prosecutors Office, Canton, OH.

“Advancing my gang investigative career by obtaining the NGCRC certification.”

“Seeing all perspectives, from all sides; law enforcement, DA.’s direct service providers.”, Lorie Whitaker, Clinical Caseworker, Principles Inc, Pasadena, CA.

SEE MANY MORE Quotes : <https://ngcrc.com/conference.html>

**THE 2026 NGCRC's 29th INTERNATIONAL GANG SPECIALIST
TRAINING PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM:**

Please PRINT neatly or type your full name with any title that you want to appear on your official conference name badge and certificates (if you are registering for certification):

MAIL AND CONTACT INFORMATION: Where we will mail you a Confirmation of Registration letter for the conference, and fax the same material to you:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Agency : _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Info: Area Code _____ Tel #: _____

Fax Number: Area Code _____ Fax #: _____

Email Address: _____



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The NGCRC reserves the right to refuse service to anyone. Towards this end we must ask that all persons registering for the conference sign and by their signature acknowledge the Official Policy of the NGCRC which is as follows - *In order to provide the safest and most educational environment, the National Gang Crime Research Center (NGCRC) works to ensure that all participants at our conference are law-abiding individuals who have gathered to collect and share information about gangs and crime, in order to reduce and possibly eliminate the problems associated with gang activity. Therefore, it is our policy that no individuals or groups will be permitted at our conference who have links to gangs or other aberrant groups and no one will be permitted to provoke or distract our participants from the most meaningful learning environment. The National Gang Crime Research Center (NGCRC) reserves the right to refuse attendance to any person or persons suspected of or actually displaying gang affiliations. Furthermore, we reserve the right to refuse attendance to any individual(s) determined to be disruptive or instigating a negative or inappropriate presence or who is determined to disrupt the sharing of information in the most effective learning environment. I have also read and understand the refund policy published by the NGCRC. I understand some sessions may be restricted and I will comply. I attest that I am at least 18 years of age as of this date.*
I hereby acknowledge by my signature the above policies of the NGCRC: _____

I am registering for (check one of the two boxes): Non-certification Certification
 I would like to attend the Christian Gang Specialist Reception ___ Yes ___ No (if blank, we assume you mean "NO")
 I work in either law enforcement or corrections and I would like to attend the Law Enforcement and Corrections Networking Reception: ___ Yes ___ No (if blank, we assume you mean "NO")
 I want to attend the Intervention/Prevention/Counseling Gang Specialist Networking Reception ___ Yes ___ No
 I want to attend the Probation/Parole Officer/Court Services Gang Specialist Networking Reception. ___ Yes ___ No
 I want to attend one of the baseball social networking events. ___ Yes ___ No (If yes, which one: ___ Mon 8-3-26 ___ Tues 8-4-26)

Complete this section ONLY if you are registering for Certification:

Print the number and name of the Training Track you are registering for: _____ (see reverse side for list of track selection options)

I have previously completed Certification training by the NGCRC. ___ Yes ___ No If yes, what years: _____

I am also signing up for the Double Major. ___ Yes ___ No (if yes, print 2nd track here: _____)

Group Discount Code: _____ **NOTE FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS:** Your registration fee does not cover your hotel room or parking or meals. Your registration fee covers only the training itself. **NOTE:** Payment must be received by the NGCRC prior to the conference itself unless the NGCRC agrees to the terms of any alternative arrangement (in writing).

PAYMENT METHOD: Credit Card, checks, or money orders are accepted for payment. No personal checks will be accepted for on-site payment of conference registration fees. We do accept credit card payments by mail and fax and phone.

_____ Payment enclosed in check or money order made payable to "National Gang Crime Research Center" in amount of \$ _____
 _____ VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover (Circle one).

Card number: _____

Expiration date: Month _____ Year: _____ CSC or CVV Number: _____

Name on card: (printed): _____

Your Signature: _____ Amount you authorize to charge (total): \$ _____

Billing Address for the card holder(Printed): (street address) _____

Zip Code for the Billing Address: _____ Your Telephone # to Call if any Questions: _____

Call (708) 258-9111 if you need the NGCRC F.E.I.N. (tax number) or our Merchant Number for credit card payments. Also, call (708) 258-9111 if you want to provide credit card info by verbal rather than written transmission.

Registration forms can be faxed to the NGCRC, the Fax Number is (708) 258-9546.

The conference is being held August 3-5, 2026 at the Westin Michigan Avenue Hotel, 909 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60619. The toll free number for the Central Reservations Call Center is: 1 (888) 627-8385. When making reservations, the "code" for the conference is "NGCRC Gang Conference". They need that "code" to give you the reduced hotel rates.

Make checks or money orders payable to "National Gang Crime Research Center". Make sure to mail a copy of your registration with the payment so that proper credit can be made to your registration. Send registration forms and payment to: The 2026 Conference Processing Center, National Gang Crime Research Center, PO Box 990, Peotone, IL 60468-0990.

Schedule of Amount to Pay for Conference Registration Costs for the August 3-5, 2026 NGCRC Gang Training Conference:

ADVANCE REGISTRATION PERIODS:

Paying on or before November 30, 2025: Non-Certification \$400, Certification \$450

Paying on or after December 1, 2025 and on or before December 31, 2025: Non-Certification \$450, Certification \$500

EARLY REGISTRATION PERIODS:

Paying on or after January 1, 2026 and on or before January 31, 2026: Non-Certification \$500, Certification \$550

Paying on or after February 1, 2026 and on or before February 28, 2026: Non-Certification \$550, Certification \$600

Paying on or after March 1, 2026 and on or before March 31, 2026: Non-Certification \$600, Certification \$650

REGULAR REGISTRATION PERIODS:

Paying on or after April 1, 2026 and on or before April 30, 2026: Non-Certification \$650, Certification \$700

Paying on or after May 1, 2026 and on or before May 31, 2026: Non-Certification \$700, Certification \$750

Paying on or after June 1, 2026 and on or before June 30, 2026: Non-Certification \$750, Certification \$800

LATE REGISTRATION PERIOD:

Paying on or after July 1, 2026 and on or before July 31, 2026: Non-Certification \$800, Certification \$850

LAST MINUTE AND ONSITE REGISTRATION: A "last minute" or Onsite Registration is any registration made on or after August 1, 2026.

Paying On-Site (If slots are available): Non-Certification \$950, Certification \$1000

You can pay by the standard invoice technique if that will help you. Did you need us to send you an invoice? If so, just attach a statement to that effect and most importantly the name and mailing address of the person we would send the invoice to for payment.

SIGN UP HERE FOR THE DOUBLE MAJOR OPTION:

I am signing up for the Double Major option (where I get two certificates in the two different specialty areas, it requires me to log-in at least four hours in each track or specialty area, and I have enclosed an extra \$90 for this option). Yes No

If yes regarding the Double Major, my second training track will be: (fill it in here) _____

Here is the List of Training Tracks That You Can Select From When You Register for Certification or a Double Major:

SPECIAL TRAINING TRACKS (If you are registering for Certification, you need to select one of these training tracks): PICK ONE ONLY (this is for your second certificate):

(1) Gang Crime Investigation Skills Track (2) Dealing With Gang Members in Probation/Parole Track (3) Gang Homicide Investigation Skills Track (4) Gangs and Drugs Track (5) Gang Problems in K-12 Schools Track (6) Gangs and Organized Crime (7) Gangs and Mental Health Track (8) Gang Interview/Interrogation Skills Track (9) Gang Internet Investigation (10) Management Skills for Gang Outreach, Prevention, and Intervention Services Track (11) Gang Outreach and Intervention Skills Track (12) Management and Supervision Skills for Gang Specialists (13) Corrections Gang/STG Intelligence Track (14) Domestic Counter-Terrorism Skills Track (15) Motorcycle Gangs (restricted: for Criminal Justice Personnel only) (16) Dealing With Gangs in Juvenile Correctional Facilities (17) Gang and Violence Prevention Skills for School Administrators (18) Gang Counseling Techniques Track (19) Advanced Gang Identification (20) Gang Profile Analysis Track (21) Gang Prosecution Track (22) Gang Prevention Skills Track (23) International and Transnational Gang Problems Track (24) Hate Groups/White Racist Extremist Gangs Track (25) Officer Safety Skills in Dealing With Gangs Track (26) Asian Gangs and High-Tech Crime Track (27) Gangs and the Mass Media Track (28) Graffiti Identification and Analysis (29) Faith-Based Programs for Gang Intervention Track (30) Gang Victim, Witness, and Survivor Services.

Have a question about Training Tracks? You select one (1) training track if you are registering for certification. There are 30 tracks to choose from. Feel free to call the NCGCRC Helpline (708) 258-9111 if you have any questions. You are allowed to sign up for the double major (2 tracks), just check this off on the form and pay the extra \$90.

Charging? If you are charging, then you can register by fax. Fax your registration forms to the NCGCRC at (708) 258-9546, Attn: 2025 NCGCRC Conference Processing Center.

Register by fax machine: You can fax your registration forms to (708) 258-9546

Register by U.S.P.S. mail: Send your registration forms to: NCGCRC, PO Box 990, Peotone, IL 60468-0990

Register by email: Your registration forms can be emailed to the NCGCRC at: gangcrime@aol.com