

GRS Steering Committee Overview

Durham's Gang Reduction Strategy Steering Committee, reorganized in 2011, is an interorganizational group formed to respond to gangs and violent crime, which are ***community problems***.

The foundation of the Steering Committee is ***inter-agency cooperation***, and the members provide leadership for the entire effort (Prevention/Intervention/Suppression).

Members meet on a bi-monthly basis to work through the recommendations identified in the 2014 Updated Gang Assessment for Durham. Responsibilities for specific tasks are assigned to specific agencies and the Steering Committee tracks service needs, services provided, and outcomes for target youth and their families. This often involves facilitating agency modifications in programs and policies to support the overall goal of reducing gang activity and violent crime.

The Steering Committee ensures that gang activity/violent crime data continues to be collected and analyzed on a frequent and timely basis and that strategies are identified to ensure long-term sustainability.