

LINCOLN COUNTY
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
151 Sigmon Road
Lincolnton, NC 28092

2nd Annual Gang Awareness Symposium

The Lincoln County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) will be holding their 2nd Annual Gang Awareness Symposium on Monday, April 27, 2009 at Lincolnton First Baptist Church located at 201 Robin Road (off Hwy. 150 Bypass). Registration will begin at 8 am. The program will begin at 8:30 am and will conclude at 5:00 pm.

The program will be moderated by Billy Marsh, Executive Director of Lincoln County Communities In Schools. Opening comments will be given by Jim McIntyre, JCPC Chairman; Lincoln County Sheriff, Tim Daugherty; City of Lincolnton Police Chief, Dean Abernathy; Lincolnton/Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce President, Ken Kindley; and Superintendent of Lincoln County Schools, Dr. David Martin.

Following the opening remarks, Detective Harold Jackson from the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department will speak on Charlottes Gang of One Program and the importance of community involvement. FBI Agent, James Meade and Lincoln County Sheriffs Office Gang Investigator, Mike McKenzie will follow.

Lunch will be catered by Fatz Café. Lunch speakers will include Sara Brunner, 27B Judicial District Chief Court Counselor; and Teresa Price, NC Deputy Secretary for Community Programs (DJJDP).

The afternoon session will include Donya Perry, Communities in Schools of North Carolina; Ricky Ritchburg, Phoenix Counseling and former gang member; Mike Ollis, Burke County Sheriff's Office who will speak on MySpace and other computer networking sites; and Rev. Frank Lowery who will close on the importance of involvement from the faith community.

Booths from the following agencies will be place in the lobby with information for those who attend:

- Communities In Schools
- Lincoln County Sheriff's Office
- Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- Lincolnton Police Department
- Lincoln County Coalition Against Child Abuse
- Strengthening Families
- DSS In Home Services
- Shepherds Ranch
- Mediation Center of Southern Piedmont
- Alexander Youth Network

If you would like to attend the 2nd Annual Gang Awareness Symposium, please register by calling Gerry Varney, JCPC Coordinator at 704-736-8679 or email at gvarney@lincolncounty.org. Registrations will be accepted through April 20, 2009. The Symposium is open to the public and there is no registration fee to attend. The JCPC would like to encourage Educators, Parents, Faith Community Members, Law Enforcement Officers, Mental Health Professionals, Community Leaders, Elected Officials and Business Owners to attend. To learn more about the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, please visit www.ncdjdp.org. If you have any questions regarding the Gang Awareness Symposium, please contact Jim McIntyre at 704-736-1017 ext. 30183.