



# Coordination of Programs to Prevent Youth Violence

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# Meeting Objectives

- Bring together key stakeholders involved in prevention and intervention of youth violence.
- Identify services and programs directly engaged with the youth most at risk.
- Identify ways to improve communication, coordination and collaboration.
- Begin discussion of next steps.

# Agenda

- Demographics of Our Priority Focus
- Strategy Sectors
- Consensus?
- Brainstorming
- Next Steps

# Demographics

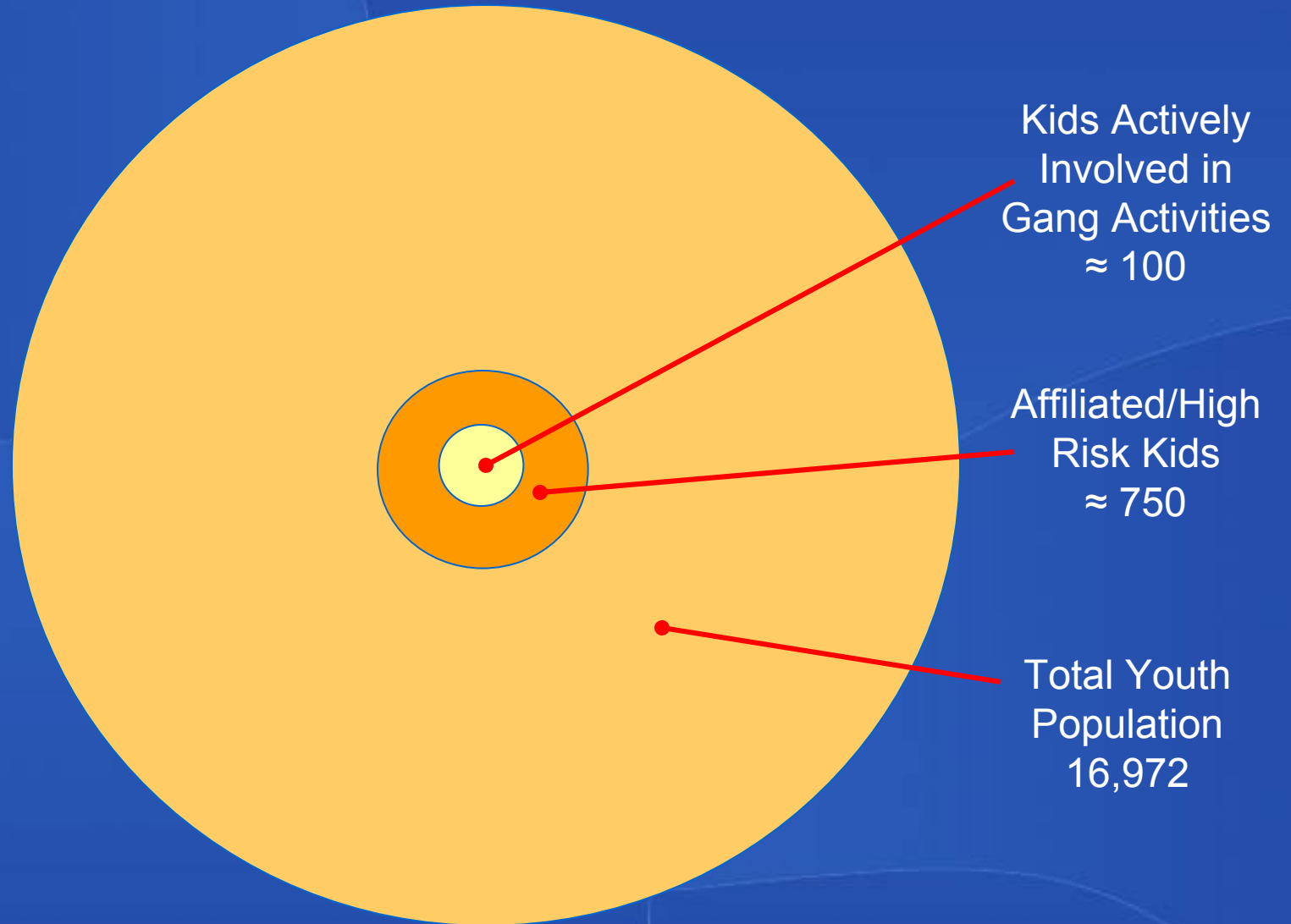
- Youth on the South Coast

- School Enrollments (Public & Private) **26,950**
- Gangs in IV, Old Town Goleta, Noleta, Northside, Westside, Eastside & Carpinteria
- Connections to North County and Ventura/Oxnard

- Youth in the City

- 2000 Census (ages 5-19) **16,972**
- Number of Gangs **11**
- Members/Associates **≈ 750**
- Hard Core **≈ 100**

# Our Priority Focus



# Strategy Sectors



# Consensus?

- The violence is unacceptable.
- It's about kids, families, poverty, legal status, neighborhoods, etc.
- There are opportunities to improve how we work with each other.
- To address the cyclical nature of the challenge, our strategies must be institutionalized.

# Consensus?

- It's a regional issue that requires regional collaboration & institutional structures.
- With all of our programs and services, we may not be reaching kids at the core.
- There is no comprehensive inventory of resources and services available.
- Public agencies and non-profits are facing budget constraints complicated by the economic downturn.



# Brainstorming

1. What programs and services are working with the youth most at risk ( $\approx 750$ )?
2. What's missing? Are there challenges that the larger group of stakeholders might assist with?
3. How can we improve effectiveness through communication, coordination and collaboration?
4. What are the next steps?