

# Substance Abuse And Gang Violence

Unveiling the Magic of Words: A Overview of "**Substance Abuse And Gang Violence**"

In some sort of defined by information and interconnectivity, the enchanting power of words has acquired unparalleled significance. Their power to kindle emotions, provoke contemplation, and ignite transformative change is truly awe-inspiring. Enter the realm of "**Substance Abuse And Gang Violence**," a mesmerizing literary masterpiece penned by way of a distinguished author, guiding readers on a profound journey to unravel the secrets and potential hidden within every word. In this critique, we shall delve to the book is central themes, examine its distinctive writing style, and assess its profound impact on the souls of its readers.

Violence 1996

## **State of Illinois Application and Statewide Strategy to Control Drug and Violent Crime**

Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority  
1991

*Substance Abuse and Gang Violence* Richard C. Cervantes

Gangs and Drugs Stanley Tookie Williams

1997-01-01 One of the founders of the Crips, a Los Angeles gang, tells the reader about the dangers of gang life, particularly of getting involved with drug use and drug dealing.

*Gangs* 2000 Annotated list of resources relating to gangs.

White House Leadership Conference on Youth, Drug Use, and Violence 1996

**Drugs and Violence** Mario De la Rosa 1990

Hearings on the Reauthorization of Title 3(b) of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 United States.

Congress. House. Committee on Education and Labor. Subcommittee on Human Resources 1991

This document contains witness testimonies from two Congressional hearings examining the reauthorization of Title 3(b) of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 relating to the drug abuse education and prevention for runaway and homeless youth and youth gangs. Opening statements are included from Representatives Martinez and Fawell. Witnesses providing testimony include: (1) Donna Arey, Aftercare Program, Patchwork; (2) Eddie Banks, Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Clubs, and Clifton Johnson, program participant; (3) Jo Anne Barnhart, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; (4) Jeanne Breunig, Los

Angeles County Board of Education; (5) Barbara Broesamle, SaYes, Michigan Sanctuary, Inc., and Tara, program peer counselor; (6) Gary Clark, Gary Clark "Why Say No" Sports Camp and Youth Leadership Program, and Anthony Jones, who works with the program; (7) Bruce Coplen, Los Angeles County Interagency Gang Task Force; (8) Farley Cotton and Jim Nelson, At-Risk Youth Services City, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota; (9) David Dawley, National Center for Gang Policy of Washington, D.C.; (10) Nexus Nichols, National Network of Runaway and Youth Services; (11) John Peel, Los Angeles Youth Network, and Lynn Miller, program peer counselor; (12) James Smoot, graduate, Good Choices Program, Patchwork; (13) Steve Valdivia, Community Gang Services, Los Angeles, California and Mary Ann Diaz, former gang member; (14) Jamaal Wilkes, Smooth As Silk Inc., Los Angeles, California; and (15) Gary Yates, Division of Adolescent Medicine, Children's Hospital, Los Angeles, California. Prepared statements, letters, and supplemental materials are included throughout the document. (NB)

**Multi-family Housing Portfolio Management** 1998

**Partnerships Against Violence: Promising programs** 1994

**Gangbusters** Lonnie Jackson 1998 Gang populations in the United States continue to increase. Gangbusters provides those who are attempting to impact the causes of youth violence, crime and aimlessness, with successful strategies for the intervention and suppression of gang behaviors. The author includes information on understanding and breaking

through the gang mentality. In a format which is accessible to everyone, *Gangbusters* provides hope for turning gang members into productive community members and reversing the trends of gang violence.

**Don't Shoot** David M. Kennedy 2011-11-07

Gang- and drug-related inner-city violence, with its attendant epidemic of incarceration, is the defining crime problem in our country. In some neighborhoods in America, one out of every two hundred young black men is shot to death every year, and few initiatives of government and law enforcement have made much difference. But when David Kennedy, a self-taught and then-unknown criminologist, engineered the "Boston Miracle" in the mid-1990s, he pointed the way toward what few had imagined: a solution. *Don't Shoot* tells the story of Kennedy's long journey. Riding with beat cops, hanging with gang members, and stoop-sitting with grandmothers, Kennedy found that all parties misunderstood each other, caught in a spiral of racialized anger and distrust. He envisioned an approach in which everyone-gang members, cops, and community members-comes together in what is essentially a huge intervention. Offenders are told that the violence must stop, that even the cops want them to stay alive and out of prison, and that even their families support swift law enforcement if the violence continues. In city after city, the same miracle has followed: violence plummets, drug markets dry up, and the relationship between the police and the community is reset. This is a landmark book, chronicling a paradigm shift in how we address one of America's most shameful social problems. A riveting, page-turning read, it combines the street vérité of *The Wire*, the social science of *Gang Leader for a Day*, and the moral urgency and personal journey of *Fist Stick Knife Gun*. But unlike anybody else, Kennedy shows that there could be an end in sight.

*Mexican American Girls and Gang Violence A.*

Valdez 2007-01-08 Please note this is a 'Palgrave to Order' title. Stock of this book requires shipment from overseas. It will be delivered to you within 12 weeks. Valdez focuses on Mexican-American females who are particularly vulnerable to violence victimization by virtue of the environmental, economic, and cultural factors.

## Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention

Carlotta C. Joyner 1997

**Youth Gangs** James C. Howell 1998 The United States has seen rapid proliferation of youth gangs since 1980. During this period, the number of cities with gang problems increased from an estimated 286 jurisdictions with more than 2,000 gangs and nearly 100,000 gang members in 1980 (Miller, 1992) to about 4,800 jurisdictions with more than 31,000 gangs and approximately 846,000 gang members in 1996(Moore and Terrett, in press). An 11-city survey of eighth graders found that 9 percent were currently gang members, and 17 percent said they had belonged to a gang at some point in their lives (Esbensen and Osgood, 1997). Other studies reported comparable percentages and also showed that gang members were responsible for a large proportion of violent offenses. In the Rochester site of the OJJDP-funded Program of Research on the Causes and Correlates of Delinquency, gang members (30 percent of the sample) self-reported committing 68 percent of all violent offenses (Thornberry, 1998). In the Denver site, adolescent gang members (14 percent of the sample) self-reported committing 89 percent of all serious violent offenses (Huizinga, 1997). In another study, supported by OJJDP and several other agencies and organizations, adolescent gang members in Seattle (15 percent of the sample) self-reported involvement in 85 percent of robberies committed by the entire sample (Battin et al., 1998). This Bulletin reviews data and research to consolidate available knowledge on youth gangs that are involved in criminal activity. Following a historical perspective, demographic information is presented. The scope of the problem is assessed, including gang problems in juvenile detention and correctional facilities. Several issues are then addressed by reviewing gang studies to provide a clearer understanding of youth gang problems. An extensive list of references is provided for further review.

*Keeping Kids Drug Free* Glenn A. Levant 1998

*Keeping Kids Drug Free* provides more than a checklist of behaviors associated with drug abuse. It gives parents dearly written, straightforward advice on how to make a difference in their children's future. The D.A.R.E.

Official Parent's Guide helps parents to: -- Educate their kids about the responsible use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs -- Teach kids how to resist destructive influences from drugs, gangs, violence, negative peer pressure -- even the media -- Promote children's self-esteem and assertiveness -- Use practical techniques for teaching values and the difference between right and wrong -- Establish rules of acceptable behavior; set enforceable limits -- Listen to their children and understand the issues that are troubling them -- Develop closer, more open relationships with their children -- Raise kids to make positive choices

Drugs, Gangs, and Violence Jonathan D. Rosen 2018-08-07 This book examines the nature of transnational organized crime and gangs, and how these diverse organizations contribute to violence, especially in so-called fragile states across Central and Latin America. While the nature of organized crime and violence differs depending on the context, the authors explain how and why states plagued by weak institutions tend to foster criminal organizations and violence, and why counter-crime initiatives often result in higher levels of violence. By examining the consequences of tough on crime policies (e.g., *mano dura*) in places like Mexico, El Salvador, and Colombia, the volume offers a new perspective on the link between state fragility, crime, and violence.

Gang Prevention James C. Howell 2011-05 This report presents an overview of gang research and programs in the United States and examines how gangs form and why youth join them. It is based on information on research findings and prevention strategies disseminated by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention as part of its comprehensive anti-gang initiative. This report describes how community members can start assessing their gang problems and enhance prevention and intervention activities to help prevent delinquency and gang violence. It identifies promising and effective programs for gang prevention. Illustrations. This is a print on demand edition of an important, hard-to-find publication.

*The Youth Gang Problem* Irving A. Spergel 1995-06-01 Every day there are new stories of gang-related crime: from the proliferation of illegal weapons in the streets and children

dealing drugs in their schools, to innocent bystanders caught in the crossfire of never-ending gang wars. Once considered an urban phenomenon, gang violence is permeating American life, spreading to the suburbs and bringing the problem closer to home for much of America. The government, schools, social agencies, and the justice system are conspicuous by their sporadic interest in the subject and have failed to develop effective policies and programs. Existing social support mechanisms and strategies for suppressing violence have often been unsuccessful. And, state and federal policy is largely nonexistent. In *The Youth Gang Problem: A Community Approach*, Irving Spergel provides a systematic analysis of youth gangs in the United States. Based on research, historical and comparative analysis, and agency documents and the author's extensive first-hand experience, the work explores the gang problem from the perspective of community disorganization, especially population movement, and the plight of the underclass. It examines the factors of gang member personality, gang dynamics, criminal organization, and the influence of family, school, prisons, and politics, as well as the response of criminal justice agencies and community groups. Spergel describes techniques used by social agencies, schools, employment programs, criminal justice agencies, and grass-roots organizations for dealing with gangs, and recommends strategies that emphasize the use of local resources, planning, and collaborative procedures. There is no single strategy and no easy solution to the youth gang problem in the United States. There are, however, substantial steps we can take, and they must be honestly and systematically tested. Offering a practical and alternative approach to a serious social problem, *The Youth Gang Problem: A Community Approach* is a major and long-awaited contribution to this dilemma. It is required reading for criminal justice personnel, school staff, social workers, policy makers, students and scholars of urban and organizational sociology, and the general reader concerned with the youth gang problem and how to control, intervene, and prevent it.

**Drugs and Gangs** Margot Webb 1997-12-15 A discussion of drugs and gangs, how they relate

to each other, and how young people can protect themselves from dangerous involvement.

*Enabling Prosecutors to Address Drug, Gang, and Youth Violence* Heike P. Gramckow 1999

*Latanya* Ed Gaskin 2014-07-03 Seeking her own redemption, Latanya, the lead character, is a newly released ex-convict, hustler, and former gang banger. Fresh from a five-year sentence in prison, she has softened her world view through therapeutic journaling and writing. She was a teenage, single parent who enjoyed the fast life until she "caught" one too many charges. She is guilt ridden for not being there for her daughter, and for the harm she has brought to others. Can she use her street smarts and ability to hustle to do good? At the funeral of her daughter's best friend, she realizes nothing has changed since she went in; people are still proposing the same tired solutions, and using the same tired rhetoric. Latanya decides to start a writing group for gang-involved girls as a way to help them deal with their issues and hopefully make different life choices than she did. It's an uphill, life-or-death battle she must win as a way to be a role model for her daughter, redeem herself, and potentially save the lives of the girls and prevent the next senseless homicide in the world of gangs, girls and guns. Latanya is a book on gang violence as told from the perspective of women: sisters, girlfriends and mothers, using vignettes frequently found in urban newscasts. The scenes are authentic and based on real life experiences. This is a fresh and unexplored perspective as the voices of women are not heard in the discussion of gun and gang violence, even though women are involved in one out of three incidents as either a victim, perpetrator and accomplice. Young ladies who hang with gang-involved men have a greater chance of getting shot than the guy. Often overlooked is the positive role women can and do play in helping deter violence. "The idea was for the reader who is familiar with urban street life, particularly gang life and the corresponding gun violence, to identify with the stories because they have either heard of or experienced something similar," says author Ed Gaskin. This book tells the story of Latanya in the form of a treatment and outline for a play or movie. It is ideal for those who want to develop skits or facilitate discussions on various real life scenarios. Hopefully, someone would film a

movie based on the story as a way to reach more people with this story and message. There are a number of topics that can be addressed based on these stories. This edition includes 34 potential discussion questions and a resource list. Just as we have discussions on substance abuse, and sex education, given the incidents of violence with which young women are involved, we need to make young ladies aware of the dangers of gang involvement. Based on research, we have come to see the importance of gender specific programming and this book is a contribution to that effort. "I wrote the story as a cautionary tale because the life and advantages of gang involvement as seen from the outside or in movies and videos are far more glamorous than the reality. In addition I wanted to address the issue of women's empowerment and trauma. Often the "Ride or Die" philosophy of the street is not challenged and it leads to the exploitation of women. While there is a lot of violence depicted in rap videos and movies, what isn't shown is the resulting effect of trauma. We have not addressed the issues of trauma many of our kids are experiencing as they are shot, shot at or when they hear about and or see so many of their friends getting shot or killed." Ed Gaskin says. I would like to hear from you if you have heard of or experienced similar stories, use this book with your group and/or you have an idea as to who the perfect person to play Latanya would be. Write me at ewgaskin@gmail.com.

*Gangs and Drugs* Stanley Tookie Williams 2008 One of the founders of the Crips, a Los Angeles gang, tells the reader about the dangers of gang life, particularly of getting involved with drug use and drug dealing.

**Gangs and Drugs** Stanley Tookie Williams 1996 Gangs often deal drugs and abuse them. Little kids get involved early. Tookie gives an encouraging and helpful message that goes beyond "Just say no."

**Street Gangs and Drug Sales in Two Suburban Cities** Cheryl Lee Maxson 1995 [Partnerships Against Violence](#) 1995

**NIDA Research Monograph** 1976

**Promising and Model Crime Prevention Programs** National Crime Prevention Centre (Canada) 2008 [Blueprints for Violence Prevention](#) In 1996, the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence (CSPV), at the University

of Colorado, designed and launched a national violence prevention initiative in the United States to identify violence prevention programs that were effective. [...] These include: • Identifying Risk and Protective Factors: Community needs are identified by assessing risk and protective factors to help focus the interventions; • Selecting Program and Intervention that Work: Local practitioners should develop and implement the most appropriate and effective programs and practices that address the identified risk and protective factors using the evidence base av [...] The process evaluation indicated that: • The Project Steering Committee changed its role during the course of the project, moving from initiation and development of the project to monitoring and sustaining the DVTO system; • The SAP program underwent changes in response to new problems and issues that emerged, such as changes to the relapse prevention program, the continued development of a special [...] The process evaluation showed that: • participation rates decreased towards the end of the project, mostly due to changes in the administration of the project and the role of the advisory group; • project implementation, community support and participant engagement were achieved, despite high rates of staff turnover; • the project's major strength was its emphasis on culture-based crime prevention [...] The 26 program aims to do this by improving the competency of the child, increasing the effectiveness of the parents, enhancing the bonds and positive experiences associated with the school, and improving communication between the school and home.

**Epidemiological Criminology** Timothy A. Akers 2012-11-26 *Epidemiological Criminology: A Public Health Approach to Crime and Violence* Epidemiological Criminology offers an introduction to the sources and methods of epidemiological criminology and shows how to apply these methods to some of the most vexing problems now confronting researchers and practitioners in public health epidemiology, criminology, and criminal justice. The book describes, explains, and applies the newly formulated practice of epidemiological criminology, an emerging discipline that finds the intersection across theories, methods, and

statistical models of public health with their corresponding tools of criminal justice and criminology. The authors show how to apply epidemiological criminology as a practical tool to address population issues of violence and crime nationally and globally. In addition, they look at future directions and the application of this emerging field in corrections, public health and law, gangs and gang violence, victimology, mental health and substance abuse, environmental justice, international human rights, and global terrorism. For students, the book presents an exciting approach to understanding epidemiology as a means with which to tackle some of the worst problems for vulnerable populations. For researchers and policymakers, the book offers a new methodological perspective that recognizes the significance of social disparities and the built environment as factors in the formulation of public health policy, and provides a tool with which to produce more effective interventions, preventive measures, and policy formulations. *Drugs & Violence in America* 1993

**Drugs and Gangs in McHenry County** United States. Congress. House. Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice 1998 **Oxford Textbook of Violence Prevention** Peter D. Donnelly 2015 'Oxford Textbook of Violence Prevention' brings together an international team of experts to provide an extensive global account of the global mortality and morbidity burden caused by violence through examining the causes of violence, and what can be done to prevent and reduce violence.

*Girls, Gangs, Women, and Drugs* Carl S. Taylor 1993 This important new work by critically the acclaimed sociologist and author of *Dangerous Society* makes it clear that girls and young women have become a real force in the drug culture and in 1990s urban gang life. *Girls, Gangs, Women and Drugs* is based on a decade of field work undertaken in the city of Detroit by one of America's foremost gang experts and his team of researchers. In the course of this investigation, Taylor and his staff interviewed hundreds of girls and young women. Based on what they learned, Dr. Taylor has prepared this



spell-binding account of drugs, money, sex, and violence. He commands the reader's attention as complex webs of female gang life and drug culture are unraveled. *Girls, Gangs, Women, and Drugs* is a book about women, young and old; it is about gangs; it is a book about their survival in a society that has abandoned them; it is a book about women in the criminal justice system; it is about judges, attorneys, administrators of the court, and correctional officers; it is about the women who serve on the police force. It focuses on a large segment of Detroit's female population and how these women see what they are doing as committing acts of self-empowerment - the personal pursuit of their own version of the American Dream. *Girls, Gangs, Women, and Drugs* takes a close look at the hard economic realities of life on the street and the women who must encounter them every day. Its message is clear: female involvement with drugs and gangs is yet another facet of America's decaying urban culture, one that commands our immediate attention.

**Youth Gang Drug Trafficking** James C. Howell  
1999

**Cross-National Drug Policy** Robert MacCoun  
2002-07 While citizens experiment with illegal drugs, their governments experiment with regulations to prohibit drugs. Scholars, analysts, and policy makers who know what legal prohibitions other countries have tried and found successful will have a better chance of crafting effective drug policy for their countries. This special issue of *The Annals* describes the experiences of eleven countries: Australia, Canada, Columbia, Denmark, France, Iran, Jamaica, Mexico, Portugal, Russia, and Sweden. Articles are grouped by geography and wealth: the wealthy West, the western hemisphere, and the transition countries. The drug problems of wealthy Western nations have generally worsened since the 1960s. Some have no clearly articulated vision behind their drug policy (e.g. Denmark); others have tough policies (e.g. Sweden). France and Portugal both recently instituted sharp changes in drug policy. While no outcome results are yet available from Portugal, France has experience a huge increase in the number of users in treatment. Australia's strong harm-reduction policy remains in place despite increasing heroin deaths and other drug-related

problems. U.S. consumption and U.S. international drug policies affect western hemisphere countries' policy as well as generate problems for them. Although Mexican drug use remains at modest levels, the country faces violent and powerful criminal groups. The groups' creation is related to Mexico's role as the principal source and primary transshipment route for drugs bound for the U.S. IN Jamaica, another route for cocaine shipped to the U.S. and another focus of U.S. international drug policy, drug trafficking has exacerbated the long-standing problem of politically related gang violence by increasing the moneys and weapons involved. Drug use is a relatively minor concern of Columbian policy, also under U.S. pressure; instead, it focuses on trafficking and related corruption and violence. Iran and Russia are countries in transition. Contending with fundamental economic and social change following the collapse of the Soviet Union, Russia has had little political debate regarding its highly intolerant drug policy. Iran's drug policies have frequently shifted during its long history of dealing with opiate abuse, from harsh punishment to regulation of use and back again. Most recently, more therapeutically oriented approaches have been tried. Two articles address geographically broader issues. One shows how U.S. politicians distorted results from a study of needle exchange in Vancouver. The other discusses creation of a new regulatory regime for governing developed nations' banking systems, in the belief that illegal drugs account for a substantial fraction of suspicious financial transactions, particularly across national borders.

**Handbook of Violence** Lisa A. Rapp-Paglicci  
2002-07-17 A multidisciplinary team of experts examines violence from a resilience perspective. Violence knows no boundaries. It attacks in schools, in families, and even in the workplace-places that should be regarded as safehavens. Encompassing the enormity of violence through a comprehensive, biopsychosocial perspective, *Handbook of Violence* examines community, school, family, and workplace violence, including identification, classification, prevention, and intervention programs and case management. Written by the leading authorities in their fields, this groundbreaking compilation: \* Reviews how

children and adolescents from violent homes are detrimentally affected in multiple ways, including short- and long-term consequences that seriously impair their psychological, social, educational, and physical development \*

Explores issues related to the occurrence of domestic violence in African-American families, presenting an array of theoretical formulations that may prove useful to practitioners who must service both victims and perpetrators \*

Examines the prevalence of female juvenile delinquency and reviews the literature from a sociological and practice perspective \* Focuses on the current trends and issues surrounding youth gang violence, discussing identification, classification, and prediction as they relate to gang violence as well as effective prevention and intervention \* Addresses the identification, classification, and prediction of school violence among middle-school and high-school youth \*

Covers the broad range of cases that are classified as "workplace violence," examining the differences in definition and analyzing the bases for the growing prevalence of incidents Topics include: \* Violence within families through the life span \* Adolescent dating violence \* Assessing violent behavior \* Domestic violence in Latino cultures \* Conduct disorder and substance abuse \* Youth gang violence \* School violence \* Preventing workplace violence \* Domestic violence in the workplace \* And much more

*Substance Abuse and Gang Violence* Richard C. Cervantes 1992-08-14 Social scientists have been studying and documenting the gang phenomena for nearly a century. Contemporary gang members, battered by the bleak economic realities of the nation's modern urban centers and deeply implicated in the seductive economics of illicit substances, find themselves mired in a destructive cycle of substance abuse and violence. Early in 1990, the U.S. Office for Substance Abuse Prevention (OSAP) sponsored a national conference in Los Angeles to articulate issues and suggest possible solutions to the complex social concern. *Substance Abuse and Gang Violence*, a collection of papers presented at the conference, represents a multidisciplinary source of information for those dedicated to the scientific study of youths, particularly those likely to become victims or perpetrators of gang-

related violence. Synthesizing current knowledge on both substance abuse and gang violence, this book provides a basis for the development of relevant community-based prevention and intervention programs and materials. It also serves as an important educational tool for students and practitioners in social work, psychology, psychiatry, and public health, especially those committed to working in high-risk urban communities.

**Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice** Neil A. Ramsay 2010 There are multiple reasons to prevent juveniles from becoming delinquent or continuing to engage in delinquent behaviour. The most obvious reason is that delinquency puts youth at risk for substance abuse and delinquency, school drop-out, gang involvement, criminality, and mental health challenges. Youth engaging in delinquent behaviours are also vulnerable to physical injury, early pregnancy, domestic violence and sexual assault. To address issues of juvenile delinquency, this book describes various youth and family risk and protective factors associated with delinquency and provides a description of various family-oriented treatment options for preventing and treating youth violence and aggression. The authors also examine how sociometric status influences childhood bullying, aggressive behaviour and victimisation. Special attention is given to the affect of sociometric neglect and rejection on child development. In addition, this book summarises the transformation of youth gangs and violence associated with them, the basis of interventions to reduce youth gang affiliation and aggression in these different eras. To conclude, implications for the prevention and treatment of juvenile crime are presented, as well as recommendations for extinguishing violent and aggressive beliefs and behaviours in children.

*Drugs My Cruse My Savior* Jemal Omar Gibson 2010-12 The year is 1969. Chicago's inner city is riddled with drugs, gangs, violent crime, and despair of epidemic proportion. Born to drug addicted parents, Jemal Gibson's options early in life are gang banging, selling drugs, prison, and possibly death - like so many of those who had come before him. These same options that operate in a cyclical pattern have been affecting a multitude of families for decades. As family

and friends in his old neighborhood still deal in meager amounts of drugs to this day, Jemal is selling billions of dollars worth of drugs. The amount of money most street dealers aspire to, Jemal deals legally. Although he physically makes it out of the ghetto, during his ascent up the corporate ladder, Jemal's heartstrings are constantly tugged at from his place of origin. His close ties to his family and friends, who continue to struggle, often draw him in as if he had never left. This keeps drugs, gangs, violence, and death as common occurrences in his personal life, while balancing corporate politics and multi-million dollar business deals. This memoir is full of heart-wrenching twists and turns of the impact of drugs - both illegal and legal. It is an incredibly intertwined duality of dealing drugs on back streets and Main street - with bifurcated results. From the emotionally painful depths of a young man's heart comes a roller-coaster ride of story with a powerful end! Foreword by Les Brown

### **The Youth Gangs, Drugs, and Violence Connection** James C. Howell 1999

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