

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

**OJJDP FY 2012 Community-Based Violence Prevention Demonstration Program**

Yakima County enters into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as a collaborative partner with the following cities in Yakima County, Washington:

1. City of Yakima
2. City of Toppenish
3. City of Sunnyside

**YAKIMA COUNTY COMMUNITY-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM SUMMARY:**

This MOU represents a collaboration of municipalities and county government to establish comprehensive violence prevention and intervention services for at risk youth currently inclined or involved in gangs or experiencing violence or challenges related to delinquency. The range of services and participation to be established, include the following:

- The development of a Youth Accountability Center which would allow for a variety of referral services and personal assessments to network and establish a collaborative plan for each individual directed through this process, engaging youth in evidence based prevention and intervention services in the community.
- Weekly involvement by Police, Community Partners/Volunteers and Social Agencies in the referral process and monitoring efforts to provide necessary services to delinquent youth and their families. Such schedules will vary to address qualifying youth in order to work efficiently and cooperate with other organizations or individuals involved in providing youth services.
- To participate in monthly planning and assessment meetings by all those involved in the Local Youth Accountability Center.
- Support and Participation in the Yakima Gang Commission as well as current Community Assessment or future processes related to obtaining statistics and providing information for program evaluation.
- Development of a sustainability plan for funding of these intervention and prevention services.

**Collaboration**

The oversight committee for this project is part of the Yakima County Gang Commission. All three cities in this grant are part of the Gang Commission. The Gang Commission was developed to ensure countywide planning and response to our gang problem.

City of Sunnyside:   
Frank A. Sweet, Interim City Manager