



My Sister's Keeper



LONG BEACH
GRIP
Gang Reduction, Intervention & Prevention
PROJECT

CITY OF
LONG BEACH

PRIMARY GOALS

Prevention and reduction of victimization among at-risk female youth and adults.

The City of Long Beach has been awarded a three-year, **\$1.5 MILLION** California Gang Reduction, Intervention, and Prevention Program (CalGRIP) grant. This grant funds *My Sister's Keeper*, which supports anti-gang efforts and the prevention and reduction of victimization among at-risk female youth and adults through awareness, school engagement, and supportive services. This is the seventh consecutive year that the City has been a recipient of the CalGRIP grant. Since 2008, more than **2,200** Long Beach youth and families have been served by CalGRIP-funded programs and services.



MY SISTER'S KEEPER The Long Beach CalGRIP Program, referred to as *My Sister's Keeper*, is a gender-specific program with a trauma-informed approach to disrupting the criminal enterprise of human trafficking by gangs or gang members.

IN 2015...

- The National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline received reports of **3,598** sex trafficking cases nationwide.
- The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children estimated that **1** in **6** endangered runaways reported to them were likely sex trafficking victims. Globally, the International Labor Organization estimates that there are **4.5 MILLION** people trapped in forced sexual exploitation globally.
- California harbors **3** of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) **13** highest child sex trafficking areas in the nation: Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Diego.
- The Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) reported **20** cases of human trafficking, **21** minors recovered, and **17** gang members in custody for human trafficking related crimes.

FRAMEWORK

Evidence-based approach that aligns Citywide prevention, focused prevention, intervention, and suppression.

My Sister's Keeper utilizes an evidence-based U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) supported anti-gang strategy that includes a three-pronged approach to reduce gang membership and gang victimization among at-risk female youth ages 12-24 within Long Beach. The measurable objectives to meet this goal include: Citywide prevention, intervention, and suppression.

CITYWIDE PREVENTION Increase community awareness of gang recruitment and human trafficking strategies through a Citywide awareness campaign, public service announcements, trainings, and symposiums.

INTERVENTION Gang-victimized females aged 18 and over will be deterred from human trafficking and referred to the City Prosecutor's Court Diversion Program. Victims will avoid prosecution and have access to comprehensive supportive services, including emergency housing, mental health, mentoring, workforce training, and job placement provided by selected service providers.

SUPPRESSION Gang members involved in human trafficking will be charged and prosecuted through LBPD suppression and investigation efforts. Victims will be referred to partnering agencies that can provide resources and assistance.



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