

peer pressure



Did you know that Florida has more than 1,000 gangs?

To help prevent and stop youth violence, gang involvement and bullying, the G.A.T.E. program, or Gang Awareness Training Education, is available to bring the message to youth in Southwest Florida.



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ANGER MANAGEMENT



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BULLYING

VIOLENCE

RESPECT

RESOLVE CONFLICTS

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stress

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VICTIMS

DANGER

G.A.T.E.

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The G.A.T.E. program was launched in 1997 in response to growing concerns over street gangs in suburban Chicago. Today, the program is taught in more than 17 states, reaching more than 1.6 million students. The G.A.T.E. program is a school-based curriculum taught by law enforcement officers, prevention specialists, teachers and others working with youth who have completed the G.A.T.E. training program.

Closing the GATE on Youth Violence

The G.A.T.E. program targets students and seeks to:

- Value decisions they make and to understand the dangers of joining a gang
- Respect laws and rules prohibiting gangs
- Educate about the dangers of drugs and remaining drug free
 - Recognize and resist pressures of gangs
- Promote positive activities which reinforce gang-free elements of student life
- Promote the reduction of gun violence and the proliferation of acts of violence committed with weapons
- Address the dangers surrounding school-related violence

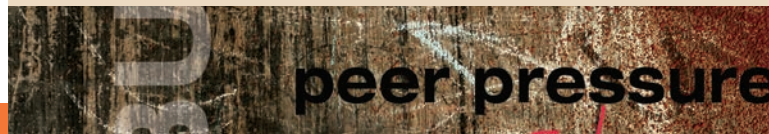


Opening the GATE to the Future

Led locally by the Lee Memorial Trauma Center in partnership with other members of the Lee County Injury Prevention Coalition, the G.A.T.E. program runs from six weeks to twelve weeks in length depending on the age group.

The G.A.T.E. programs can be taught in schools, after-school programs, camps and youth groups. Specially trained instructors use interactive role play to empower kids with the skills to help them make the right choices when facing conflict such as:

- Setting goals and sticking to them
- Resisting peer pressure
- Peacefully resolving conflicts
- Reaching out to adults for help
- Taking steps to reduce stress
- Using words and actions to help stop the cycle of bullying
- Understanding the way gangs can impact their quality of life
- Avoiding drug, alcohol, and tobacco use



Age-appropriate Courses

G.A.T.E. for Grades K – 5:

- Stranger safety
- Feelings
- Diversity
- Following rules, laws and respect
- Responding to stress
- Peer pressure
- Decision-making skills
- Understanding MY abilities and talents

G.A.T.E. for Grades 6 – 8:

- Packs, cliques and gangs
- Media influences
- Drug and alcohol prevention
- Anger management
- Laws
- School violence
- Being a victim
- Leadership and problem solving

G.A.T.E. for Grades 9 – 12:

- Bullying prevention
- Dating violence
- Drug Awareness
- Gangs
- Internet safety
- Respect
- Teens and driving
- Teens and the law
- Teen gambling

How to bring the GATE program to your organization

To schedule a presentation or to bring the G.A.T.E. program to your school or organization, contact **Syndi Bultman R.N., M.S., CEN**, Injury Prevention/Resource Manager Trauma Services at Lee Memorial Health System, 239. 343. 3797 or Syndi.Bultman@leememorial.org.

For additional information on these and other injury prevention programs in Lee County, visit: www.leecountyinjurypreventioncoalition.org



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