



SEATTLE LINC MULTIDISCIPLINARY INTERVENTION TEAM (MDIT) OVERVIEW

The Seattle LINC MDIT is a core component of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). Facilitated by Center for Children & Youth Justice (CCYJ) on behalf of the City of Seattle & Seattle LINC Steering Committee, and in partnership with the Suburban King County Coordinating Council on Gangs (SKCCCG), Seattle LINC is composed of representatives from partner agencies including service providers, law enforcement, probation, employment, outreach and others as applicable. Seattle LINC works together to provide coordinated services and team based case management to the intervention target population, as well as identify additional prevention and intervention activities needed in the target community. Participation in Seattle LINC MDIT increases the effectiveness of service provision, reduces duplication of efforts, increases access to needed services and strengthens cross system collaboration. Seattle LINC process, goals and function adhere to the requirements of the OJJDP CGM, all of which are monitored by Seattle LINC Steering Committee. As required by the CGM, the Steering Committee governs all policy decisions regarding Youth LINC MDIT function.

Purpose

In accordance with the OJJDP CGM, Seattle LINC serves to implement the social intervention and opportunities provision strategies of the CGM. Facilitated by the CCYJ, Seattle LINC facilitates information sharing and collaboration among agencies serving youth and young adults who are gang/group-involved, or at risk of becoming gang/group-involved. The team-based approach helps ensure that all agencies working with these clients have a common goal and shared strategies for each client, as well as diversity in expertise and experience.

Seattle LINC goals

Short term:

- Create individualized intervention plans with participation of the gang/group-involved youth and young adults
- Engage gang/group-involved youth and young adults in direct services to address their specific needs
- Work together to dismantle or surmount barriers to service access and success

Long Term:

- Improve coordination and effectiveness of agencies serving gang/group-involved and at-risk clients
- Leverage existing resources to better serve gang/group-involved and at-risk clients
- Reduce gang/group-related crime and violence in the community
- Support implementation of CGM strategies throughout the target community
- Create systemic and community-wide change to reduce overall gang/group involvement and improve outcomes for youth and families

Team Membership

The Steering Committee identifies appropriate agencies involved in serving the target population and whose staff should participate in Seattle LINC. Seattle LINC member agencies should include, but are not limited to:

- Education/Schools
- Law Enforcement
- Faith Groups
- Probation/Parole

- Social Service Agencies
- Community Based Organizations
- Street Outreach Staff
- Employment Programs

Roles performed by each agency's Seattle LINC member will be formalized in Memoranda of Understanding. Agencies are expected to commit their representatives to serving on the Seattle LINC team for a minimum of two years.

Seattle LINC Intervention Team Clients (Tentative)

The Seattle LINC Intervention Team provides coordinated services to:

- Clients who self-identify as gang/group-involved
- Clients who are identified as gang/group-involved by Seattle LINC team members, including Street Outreach
- Clients at high risk for violence, Juvenile Justice and/or gang/group involvement

Client Referral Process

Seattle LINC accepts referrals from the following sources, include, but are not limited to:

- Seattle LINC Team members and member agencies
- Probation/Parole
- Street Outreach Workers
- Law Enforcement

New Seattle LINC referrals be submitted to the Project Manager with the appropriate forms. Seattle LINC will screen referrals during weekly meetings and use consensus decision making to determine client eligibility.

Each Seattle LINC Client will sign a participant consent form prior to enrollment in services.

Information Sharing

Information is shared among Seattle LINC members to help clients be successful. Information sharing protocols are formalized among Seattle LINC member agencies to ensure information shared for the purposes of the Seattle LINC remains confidential and is used only in furtherance of overall Seattle LINC goals. Each Seattle LINC member must sign an individual information sharing and confidentiality agreement prior to participation in the Seattle LINC process. Seattle LINC members will be provided training on mandatory reporting and information sharing in the CGM MDIT.

Seattle LINC Procedure

Beginning in January 2017, the Seattle LINC team will meet regularly (typically weekly) to accept referrals, establish client Intervention Plans, and review client progress. Facilitated by CCYJ, weekly meetings are used to:

- Review and accept referrals
- Establish initial Intervention Plans through consensus decision making
- Review client intervention plans and client progress
- Collect data and track client outcomes
- Provide regular progress updates to CGM Steering Committee