

# gangs:

## Customs, Practices, Sociology & Identifiers

Instructed by **Al Valdez, Ph.d.**, former investigator, educator & author

### Course Content:

- How violence has become a gang tool
- Safety issues when dealing with gang members
- Understanding gang behaviors
- Gang & drug connections
- Why MS 13 Formed
- Formation of prison gangs
- History of West Coast Hispanic Gangs
- 18th street development

### Great Training For:

- State investigators
- Probation officers
- Corrections
- Children's services
- School security & Administrators
- Health & Social Services Personnel
- Fire, Police, Liquor Control
- Private security & investigators
- ANYONE making gang contacts

### Instructor:

Alfonso Valdez, Ph.D., is a former police officer in the Los Angeles area, a Gang Unit Investigator for the Orange County District Attorney and currently serves as an adjunct professor with the University of California, Irvine. Mr Valdez has worked with organized crime units, career criminal units, the TARGET gang unit and regional gang enforcement units in the Los Angeles area.

He has also served as a consultant to many organizations including; California Department of Justice, Orange County Department of Education, U.S Department of Justice, U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Stanislaus County Department of Education, USDJ National Institute of Corrections, Carson City School District, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corp, U.S. Army, California Attorney General's Office, the Virginia Attorney General's Office and more.

Mr. Valdez has also served as a consultant to 10 states for their legislation on gangs, he has published many books and papers including **"Gangs, A Guide for Parents, Teachers, Mental Health and Law Enforcement Professionals"**, **"Gangs"**, **"Gangs Across America"**, **"A Central American Export"** and **"A Community's Response to Street Gangs"**.



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