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Description

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* What information products will be created in the course of this project? * What format(s) will those information products take? Please list as appropriate. * Does the project involve organization or analysis of pre-existing materials, and if so, what are the relevant licensing or sharing arrangements? * Is the work subject to any superseding policies (such as a university open access mandate or other organization-wide policies)?

This paper focuses on historic and current research regarding female gang membership, levels of criminal activity, ethnic and gender norms of female gang behavior. There are few and conflicting sources of information concerning these areas of female gang affiliation from law enforcement agencies, surveys and field studies. Because the definition of “gang membership” regarding females is undefined sources of research vary in regard to statistical and empirical evidence.

Management

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* What tools, platforms, and processes will be used to manage project assets as they are created and used through the grant period? * Who will be responsible for managing project assets during the grant period?

Information generated from this research will be managed by The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

- The proliferation of youth gangs since 1980 has fueled the public’s fear and magnified possible misconceptions about youth gangs. To address the mounting concern about youth gangs, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s (OJJDP’s) Youth Gang Series delves into many of the key issues related to youth gangs. The series considers issues such as gang migration, gang growth, female involvement with gangs, homicide, drugs and violence, and the needs of communities and youth who live in the presence of youth gangs.

- Given the lack of research, much of what has been written about female gangs and then reproduced in textbooks has been based on the reports of journalists and social workers and on the statements of male gang members. (p.1)

- Both male and female gangs proliferated in the 1980’s and 1990’s. Although the percentage of gang members who were female is difficult to ascertain, all sources agree the numbers were significant. (p.2)

- Though most females join gangs for friendship and self-affirmation (Campbell, 1984a, 1987; Moore, 1991), recent research has begun to shed some light on economic and family pressures motivating many young women to join gangs. (p.2)

Dissemination

*** What channels will be used to disseminate grant products to target audiences? * Under what license(s), in what timeframe, and (if applicable) at what cost will grant products be available? * If the project relies on project assets that are proprietary or otherwise not available for wide dissemination, how will the final grant products be reproducible (in the case of research findings) or otherwise accessible for future use?**

As part of its comprehensive, coordinated response to America's gang problem, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) funds the National Youth Gang Center (NYGC). NYGC assists State and local jurisdictions in the collection, analysis, and exchange of information on gang-related demographics, legislation, literature, research, and promising program strategies. NYGC coordinates activities of the OJJDP Gang Consortium, a group of Federal agencies, gang program representatives, and service providers that works to coordinate gang information and programs. NYGC also provides training and technical assistance for OJJDP's Rural Gang, Gang-Free Schools, and Gang-Free Communities Initiatives.

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Archiving and Stewardship

*** How will you ensure the long-term durability of grant products after the funding period ends? * How long beyond the grant term will grant products be maintained and by whom?**

Data will be archived for a minimum of 10 years at the UNM Libraries' Digital Repository after the grant ends. After this time, the data will be appraised per established collection and archival management policies for transfer to an external repository, longer-term archiving, or alternative disposition. The UNM Digital Repository is an Open Archives Initiative (OAI) compliant repository, which enables Dublin Core metadata and dataset objects to be shared and harvested by other archival and discovery systems through the OAI-PHM protocol. The UNM Digital Repository is maintained by the UNM Libraries. Archive staff will also provide daily file integrity and format verification and will create and maintain technical and administrative metadata using the widely adopted Metadata Encoding and Transmission Standard and Preservation Metadata Implementation Strategies metadata standards. These additional metadata include digital file signatures and checksums for bitwise integrity validation and chain of custody documentation. Primary responsibility for curating and preparing the data for archiving will rest with the Libraries' Data Curation Librarian.