

The social **Social** interaction **Issue** 2008-2009



Gang Involvement

is a growing issue in Wake County

as of 2008 gang activity is up by about 33% in the school system from last year

the people that kids look up to the most are not always supportive of their dreams and aspirations.

is a result of kids being forced to look upon each other for support

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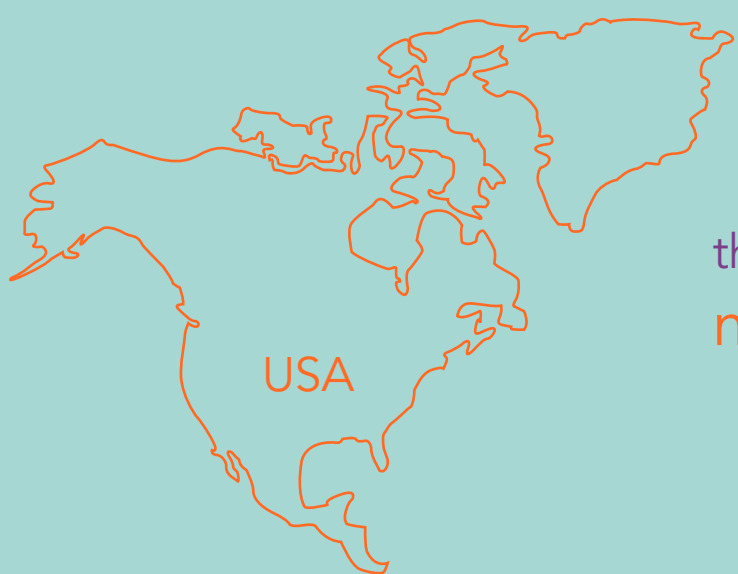
Negative Motivation

kids in wake county need some easy access and appealing programs to help motivate them and inspire them and to deter them from gangs.



Homelessness

there are about 1,500 young people on the street annually in Wake County



there are approximately between 1.3 and 2.8 million children that are runaways or homeless

need
direction



Lack of Extracurricular

with gas prices hovering around \$3 per gallon, more parents are sending their kids to school on the bus this fall, and school districts across the nation have noticed the increase in ridership

opportunity

Kids are forced to leave after school and are unable to participate in clubs or even sports that the schools have to offer. (Because of no ride home)



Lack of Family Structure

Family conflict, parenting problems, blended families, financial hardship, trauma and other precipitating events, including abuse... all are commonly found among these clients.

Kids from middle and higher socioeconomic families are more likely to run away.



Academic Difficulties

When students have numerous problems at home, one of the first things it begins to affect is their grades.

Grades are not a priority in some households, when the family is just struggling to get by.