

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO STRENGTHEN CITIZEN SECURITY  
AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE

## COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING OUTREACH PROGRAMS

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- Instilling fear in children with the long arm of the law will never work. This has been backed up by research for the past 20 years. Teaching kids the effects of drugs will not work unless you know how to complement these programs with social skills.



# Community Oriented Policing Initiatives

- PC PEP
- GREAT



- DIVERSION



- MENTORSHIP





# COP Initiatives Cont'd

- CADET (807)
- Yearly High School Scholarship
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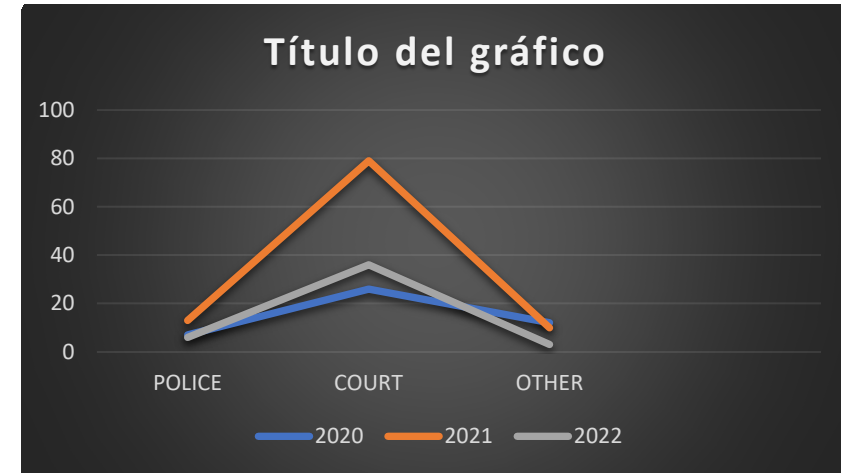
# Success Stories



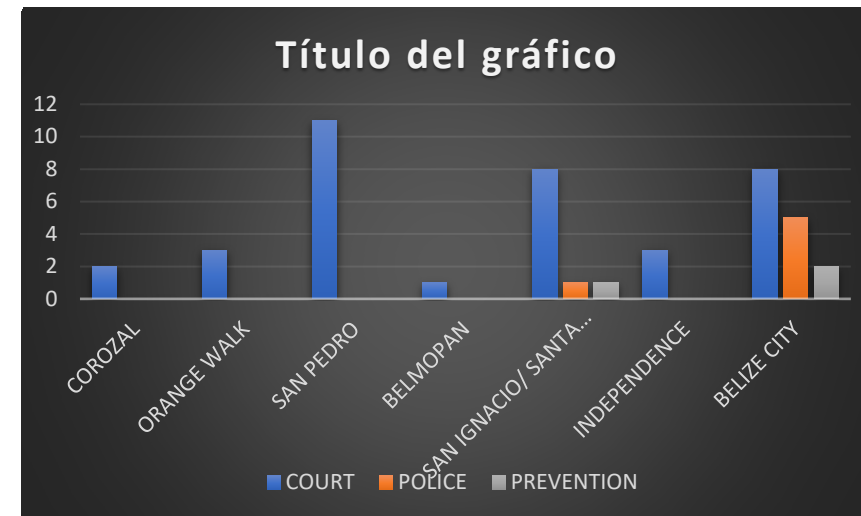
- Via the mentorship program back in 2016, COP personnel assisted a troubled 2<sup>nd</sup> form student from Edward P. Yorke who was on the verge of expulsion. This student was placed under the Mentorship program and underwent life skills training, anger management, counselling, conflict resolution and critical thinking skills. That student successfully graduated from secondary and tertiary schooling and is now gainfully employed.
- Anastasia Ferguson who was not able to attend secondary schooling because of coming from a single parent household. At age 14 she entered the Mentorship Program, received a scholarship and was enrolled at Maud Williams High School where she graduated in 2022. However, she was not allowed by the school to march up for her certificate since she was pregnant at the time. Since BTL was the primary source for this scholarship program, periodically, letters were sent to BTL along with copies of the student's progress report. Anastasia Ferguson remained on the honor roll during her studies at Maud Williams High School. She was a member of the Precinct 1 Cadet and is also once the Queen of the Belize Police Youth Cadet Corp. She is a humble, disciplined, and respectable person. She is now gainfully employed.

# STATS

Diversion Program Referrals			
	2020	2021	2022
Police		13	6
Court		79	36
Other		10	3
Total	45	111	42



2022 Breakdown				
		Court	Police	Prevention
Corozal	2	2	0	0
Orange Walk	3	3	0	0
San Pedro	11	11	0	0
Belmopan	1	1	0	0
San Ignacio/Santa Elena	10	8	1	1
Independence	3	3	0	0
Belize City	15	8	5	2
Total	45	36	6	3



# Recommendations

- Training for Officers that will commence the new version of the GREAT program in September 2023
- Mobility for the different offices to actualize the different programs.
- A specially assigned team to do monitoring and evaluation of all the programs.
- Amalgamation of efforts across the different stakeholders. (NO duplication of efforts) eg. Too many summer programs from different agencies.
- Greater collaboration among the different Stakeholders.
- Give tenure to trained COP Officers for continuity purposes.
- Looking at the possibility of having a budget specifically for Community Policing Programs.

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### Multi-sectoral Crime Prevention and Crime Control Strategic Plan

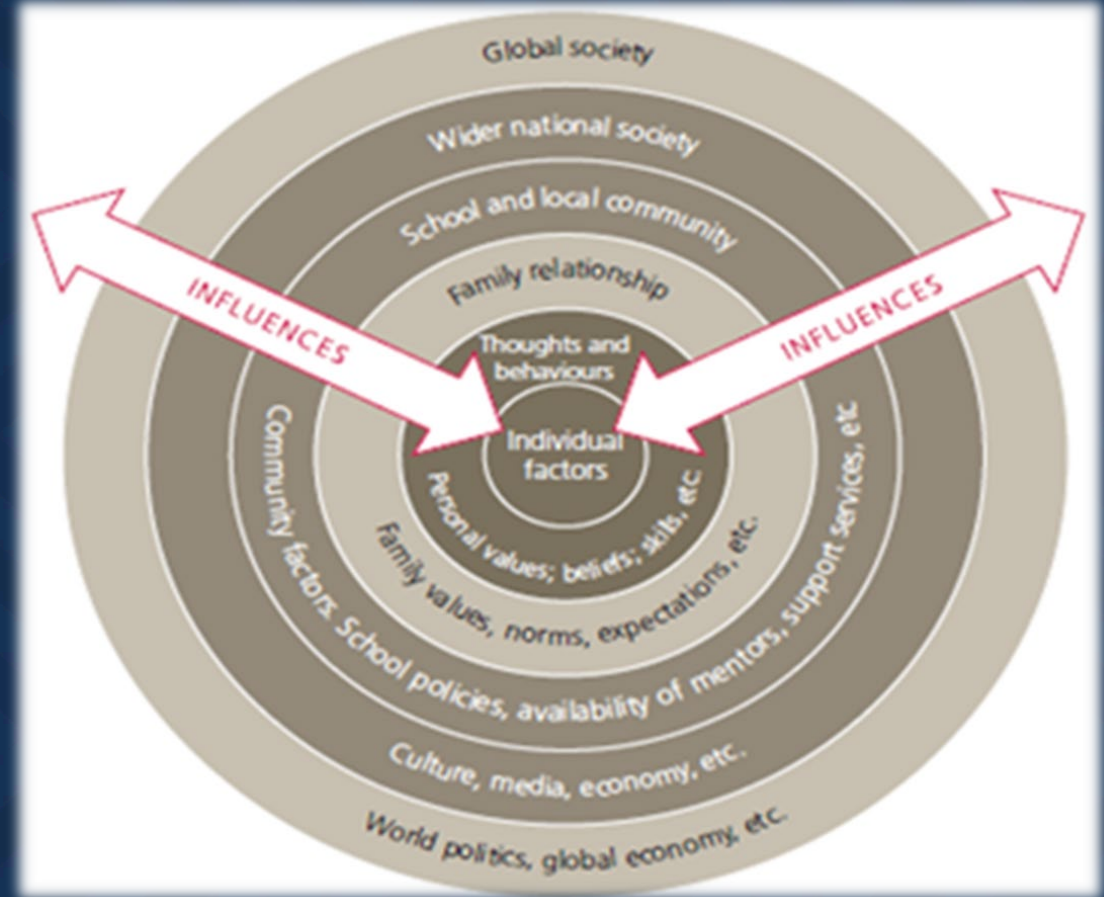
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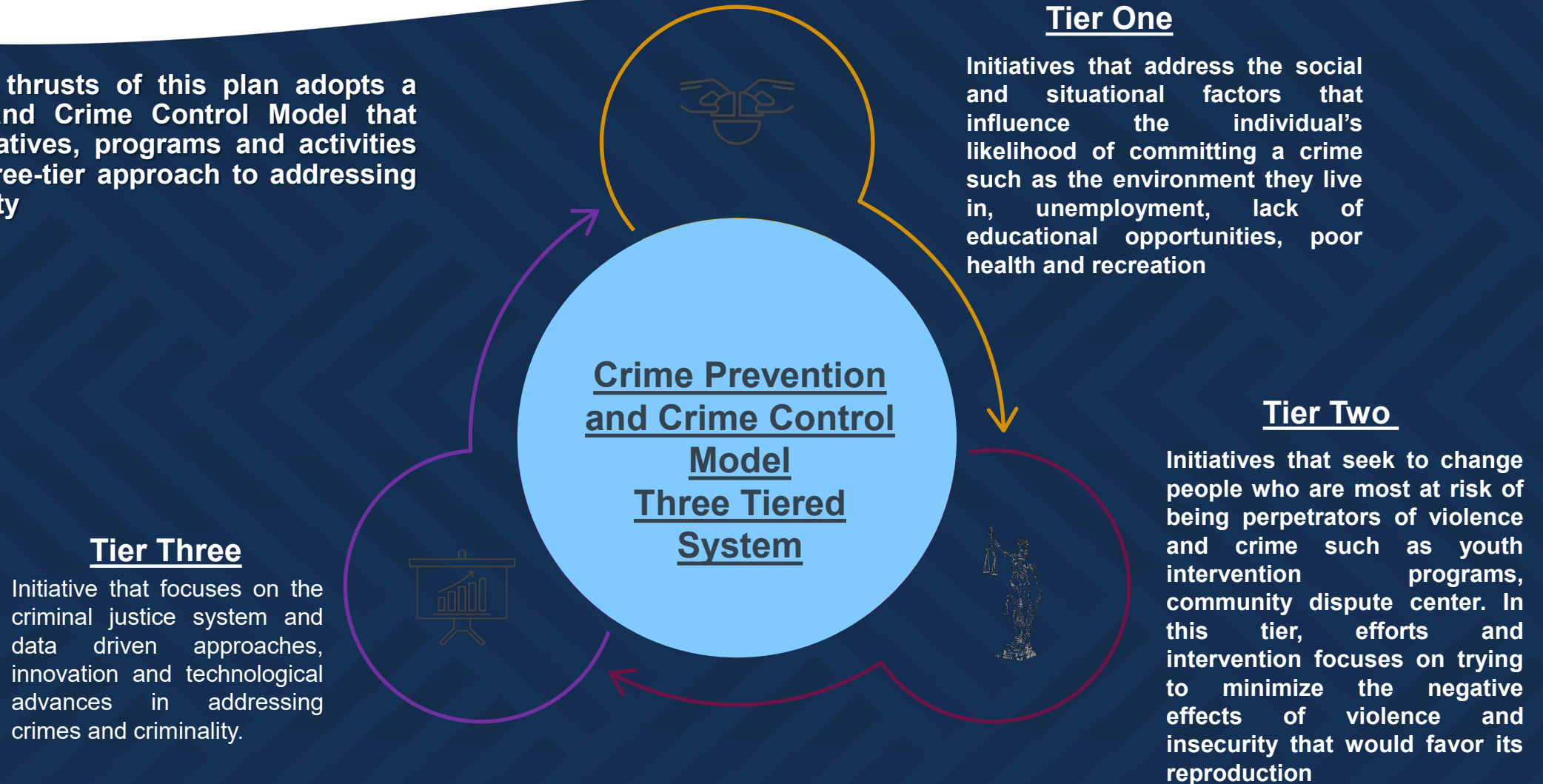


## Introduction

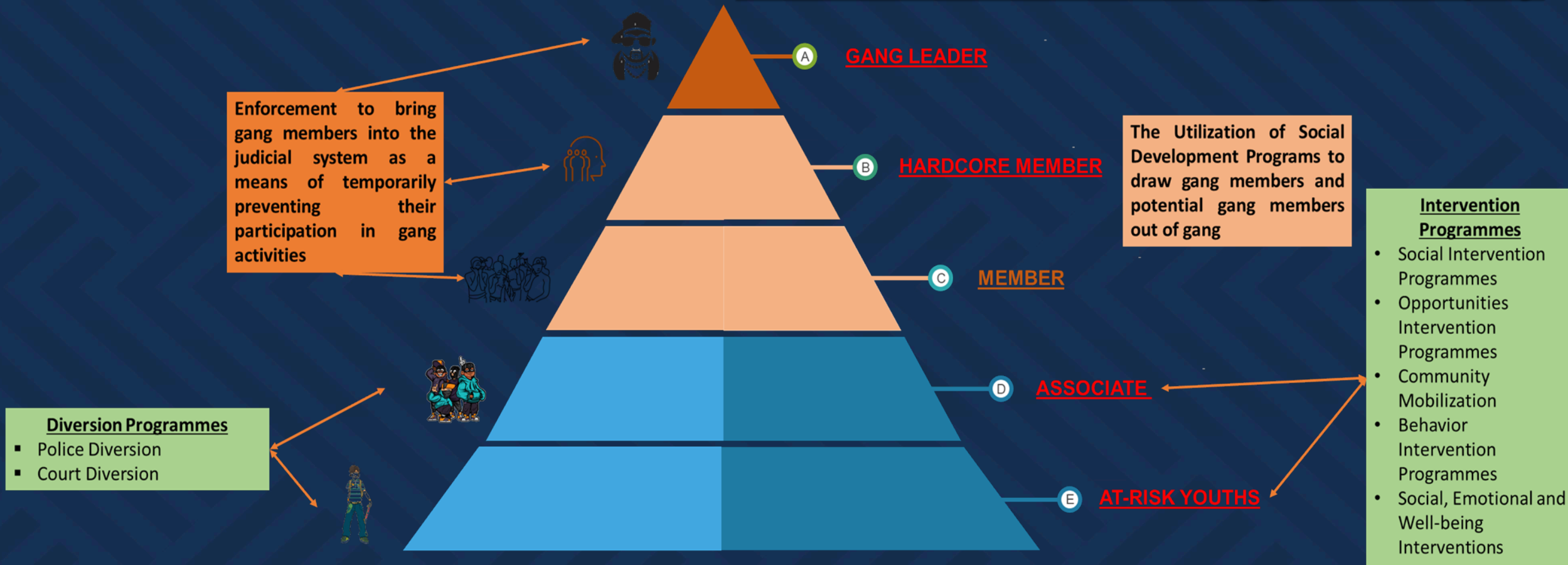
1. Crime and criminality in Belize are influenced by many complex factors that are centered on the economic, social, and familial structural dynamics. It is multi-root and requires a multidimensional approach.
2. As a result, the Leadership Intervention Unit (LIU) in conjunction with its stakeholders have designed a crime-fighting and prevention strategy that focuses on the notion of crime prevention through a humanistic lens.
3. This approach is founded on the concept of citizen security, which includes the employment of comprehensive tools and methodologies that adopt a multi-sectoral approach, all of society approach, to tackle the host of individual and social factors affecting the constraint against crime. A construct that requires that the multi-dimensional root causes of crime are viewed as a societal health crisis that requires that we treat the underlying consequences and case of crime.



The three strategic thrusts of this plan adopts a Crime Prevention and Crime Control Model that concentrate on initiatives, programs and activities that is built on a three-tier approach to addressing crimes and criminality



## Multi-sectoral Anti-Gang Philosophy





## Challenges and Needs

- i) Community and Institutional Capacity Development
- ii) Developing mechanism for collaboration and coordination within and across ministries
- iii) Measuring success of programs with data from multiple sector
- iv) Technical support for community council
- v) Evaluating and institutionalizing Interventions
- vi) Organizational restructuring and rebuilding management system and capacity







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