



GANG ALTERNATIVE, INC.
BUILDING CHARACTER THAT LASTS

Building Connections, Building Character May 2025 Newsletter

GA celebrates its 20th Anniversary



In April, we celebrated two decades of unwavering commitment to building character that lasts.

Founded with a vision to provide positive alternatives to crime, violence, dependency, and delinquency, today we impact 108 zip codes in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties, and we continue to grow.

Thanks to all our supporters for their past and continued support in helping us to serve South Florida's most underserved!



Coming This May: Mark Your Calendar



Free Webinar on Preventing School Violence

Join us virtually May 13 for an important interactive webinar offering strategies for a safer, stronger school Community.

GA, a recipient of the STOP School Violence Grant, is inviting educators, administrators, and community leaders alike to attend because we must protect what matters most -- our students and their future.



BLOC Celebrates Haitian Heritage Month

GA's BLOC program will hold a Haitian Heritage Month Celebration on May 16 at 4:30 at 6620 N. Miami Ave.

The 1.5-hour long event will honor the vibrant culture, rich history, and enduring spirit of Haiti through a dynamic showcase of the talents of the BLOC's middle and high school students.

Key Benefits

- ✓ Evidence-based violence prevention strategies
- ✓ Anonymous reporting tools and threat assessments to identify/address potential risks early
- ✓ Guidance on developing a school-wide action plan
- ✓ Q&A with national experts
- ✓ A network of peers working toward the same goal.

Registration is Required

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Event Highlights

- Poetry & Dance Performances
- Walk Through Haiti's Fight for Independence
- Live Music & Dance
- Delicious Haitian Cuisine

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April in Focus: Health & Wellness

In April, two powerful events brought our community together.

Parent Circle

On April 22 in Miami, families gathered for meaningful conversations about childbirth rights, maternal literacy, and supporting expectant parents. The event offered valuable resources and a welcoming space to champion the health and well-being of mothers and babies.

Prescription Drug Take Back

On April 26, GA proudly hosted a successful Prescription Drug Take Back event at a Walgreens in North Miami in support of DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Residents safely and anonymously disposed of unused or expired medications, helping to prevent drug misuse, protect the environment, and combat the opioid crisis.

With strong community participation, the event was a powerful reminder of what we can achieve together.



M³ Mentorship and a Matinee



In April, we hosted an unforgettable M³ movie event that brought together mentorship, movie magic, and meaningful moments.

We welcomed 18 middle school boys and six dedicated M³ mentors at our location on 6620 North Miami Ave. for a special day of mentorship and bonding, starting with *The Forge*, a powerful film about the importance of mentorship and faith in shaping a young man's life.

After the movie, each mentor shared uplifting words of encouragement, which was followed by outdoor free time -- the boys relaxed, connected, and had fun.

A huge thank you to our amazing mentors and participants for making this event such a success. We're proud to continue fostering positive, impactful relationships through M³ – Molding Male Minds.



Young Minds at Work

On April 28, we at GA opened our doors — and our hearts — for Bring Your Child to Work Day. Watching the next generation explore, learn, and dream reminded us why we're committed to building character that lasts.



Stay Tuned for Summer Announcements!

It's almost that time again...we are in full-speed planning for summer camps. Stay tuned for more information or visit www.MyGA.org to see camp locations throughout South Florida.

GA Program Spotlight: ENGAGE



ENGAGE (Embracing Navigational Guidance to Promote Autonomy in Gainful Employment) focuses on individuals with substance use disorders, mental health disorders or co-occurring disorders in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties.

The program goes beyond traditional job placement by focusing on individual strengths and supporting recovery and stability. About 70% of clients gained employment in its first year, with many earning wages 25% above minimum wage.

Job placements span a range of industries and professional sectors, including insurance, hospitality, pharmacy services, construction, and mental health counseling.

ENGAGE continues to grow and welcomes employer partners in the tri-county area to help expand inclusive job opportunities.

"We are immensely proud of the progress made by the ENGAGE program thus far and the positive impact it has had on the lives of our participants," said Cynthia Sewell, Program Manager of ENGAGE. "As we continue to forge ahead, we invite employers in the tri-county area to join us in our mission of creating inclusive workplaces that empower individuals to thrive."

For more information, please contact Ms. Sewell at csewell@myga.org or call 786-391-2375 ext. 157.



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