

## Philosophy

"The Intent of the Center is that people shall have human contact when they need it and for no other reason than that they need it".  
Hans Hoffman, Co-founder

## Mission

The Southern California Counseling Center has been providing the people of Southern California with high-quality, affordable counseling services since 1966. With a small paid staff—supported by a cadre of dedicated marriage and family therapy interns, paraprofessional counselors, volunteer licensed professional MFT supervisors and board members—the Counseling Center continues to offer low-cost counseling to those who could not otherwise access mental health services.

It is the mission of the Southern California Counseling Center to provide psychological counseling to those of limited income, to develop and maintain programs and services that respond to the ever-changing psychological needs of our multicultural community, and to provide exceptional counselor training within a supportive environment.

## Programs and Services

- The Abuse Prevention Program (TAPP)
- Children affected by Domestic Violence Group
- School-based Counseling in collaboration with LAUSD Healthy Start Coordinators
- Gang Awareness Training and Education
- Community Counselor Certification
- Teen Violence Prevention Program
- Individual & Group Therapy for Children, Youth, Families and Couples
- Project Fatherhood in collaboration with Children's Institute, Inc.
- Marriage and Family Therapy Training
- Supervision Training
- Rage Resolution Group

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Gang Awareness Training  
"A Therapeutic Education."

Working with Teens impacted by gang culture, community violence or mandated by systems.

Wednesdays beginning

October 6, 2010

6 PM to 8 PM

10/06, 10/13, 10/20 & 10/27

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**Caring for our diverse community with  
affordable mental health counseling programs  
and services since 1966!**

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A four-week  
8 hour training  
6 to 8 PM  
Wednesday Evenings

**GATE** is a training program designed for anyone working with adolescents. Especially those who are impacted by the Culture of Gangs and Community Violence. The course uses the lived experience of its facilitator along with a community counseling model influenced by post-modern ideas. The most powerful part of the training is an introduction to contextual realities faced by gang members and those affected by community violence. The political effects of the dehumanization of entire cultures are included as part of the dialogue as we delineate the efforts of powerful systems to incarcerate, devalue and ultimately exterminate the marginalized. We expose counselors and other participants to ideas that work in conversations with mandated youth, self-identified gang youth and other oppressed populations.

## GATE

### 8 Hour Certificate Course

#### Introduction of a stance of nonviolence

- **Neutral position** on gang membership
- Includes larger social factors encouraging and sustaining gangs
- Tribal Cultures: Social/economic/political familial/ethnic identity of gang membership
- **Myth** of American individualism
- Society plugged into the **MATRIX**
- **Deconstruct** the meaning of gang membership, **re-humanizing** gang members. **Externalizing** rage, anger and other justified issues of oppressed cultures.
- Trying to regain sense of **cultural identity** lost through acculturation

#### *Class and its affect on oppressed cultures and views about communities and clients through this lens*

#### **Ways of Connecting and working with teens, mandated clients and those affected by gang culture and violence.**

- ⇒ Using the Hypothetical in session (getting specific)
- ⇒ Playing it Forward (Paying attention to details)
- ⇒ Questioning the Mandating system (Giving voice to the client)
- ⇒ Avoiding getting Captured by client reputations
- ⇒ Understanding the Eternal Inquisitive Tourist (EIT)

#### **General Information:**

- Gang Awareness Training
- Date: October 6, 2010
- Time: 6 PM to 8 PM (4) Wednesday Evenings  
10/06, 10/13, 10/20 and 10/27 2010
- Fee: \$250 per participant
- CEU's Available
- Location:  
**Southernamericana Conseling Center**

**Sign up Now!**  
**Enrollment is limited**  
**to**  
**20 participants**



*Sign up for:*

**GATE Training**

*Price*

**\$250.00**

*Name*

*Address*

*Phone (work)*

*Phone (cell/home)*

*E-mail*

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