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Reflections from El Salvador

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50% DE POBLACIÓN DESEA DEJAR EL PAÍS

Encuesta dice que la inseguridad es la causa.

Nación
TRIPLE HOMICIDIO EN UNA COLONIA DE SOYAPANGO
La policía relaciona el hecho con accionar de las pandillas: 4-6

Nación
ASAMBLEA GASTA $38,000 EN FIESTA DE EMPLEADOS
La celebración fue en un hotel y repartieron bonos hasta $1,000: 10

Nación
CONMEMORAN 193.º ANIVERSARIO DE FIESTAS PATRIAS
Presidente llama a la integración nacional y centroamericana: 18
Unleashing the positive energy and intelligence of youth at risk or in gangs as agents for change.

Youth in even the poorest and most violent neighborhoods have the power to change the direction of their lives and that of their communities.
Building a culture for resilience

- a sense of belonging
- safety (physical and emotional)
- consistency in expectations, programing and behavior,

- support through meaningful relationships and services that address risk factors and promote resilience.

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1. Primary prevention: general population living in areas impacted by crime and gang violence (Strong families programming, sports, community activities)

2. Secondary prevention: children, adolescents (10 to 15) with behavioural problems that put them at risk of joining a gang. Individual and family attention to modify behaviours

3. Secondary prevention: Jóvenes Constructores for youth at risk (16 to 25 yrs), out of school and work

4. Violence interruption, Tertiary prevention and rehabilitation: Jóvenes Constructores program with youth in conflict with the law or gang involved

5. Rehabilitation and reinsertion of former adult prisoners

6. Crime suppression