

# The BUGS

## YO - LET IT GO! Safe Shops



### 10 Things Any Community Can Do to Address the Culture of Violence and Help Create Safer Communities

1. **“CSN” Community Safety Network** – Engage in a collaborative effort with community institutions (churches, schools, businesses, organizations, etc) to develop and coordinate safety initiatives.
2. **Contacts**- Develop an easy-access guide to community resources that meet residents' needs.
3. **Beyond the Cell**- Establish a communication network with community members who are incarcerated to share and develop ideas for achieving a more peaceful and safe community.
4. **PATH @Parents Are The Heroes**- Create a support network for parents/guardians to address the needs and concerns of the family.
5. **Something's Buggin' You** – Establish a network for people who are experiencing a crisis, anger issues, feeling stressed or just need to connect with someone before hurting themselves or others.
6. **Get Involved to Resolve** – Join an existing group or organization that's working and making a difference in your community; or create a new one.
7. **GNATS@ - Needs Above Trivial Stuff**--Establish an outlet for individuals/groups who carry out acts of kindness and focus on the needs of others. Little things, big and small, mean a lot..
8. **GPT Getting' Paid Thinkshops** - Create ongoing sessions to share employment opportunities and promote entrepreneurship.
9. **2 Connect** – Hold bi-weekly or monthly forums for children, youth and adults to bridge the gaps that keep them apart; address today's critical challenges.
10. **Mediate To Liberate**- Organize a group of community professionals and non-professionals who can address and help settle differences or disputes (personal, property or past issues)... between/among community residents.

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