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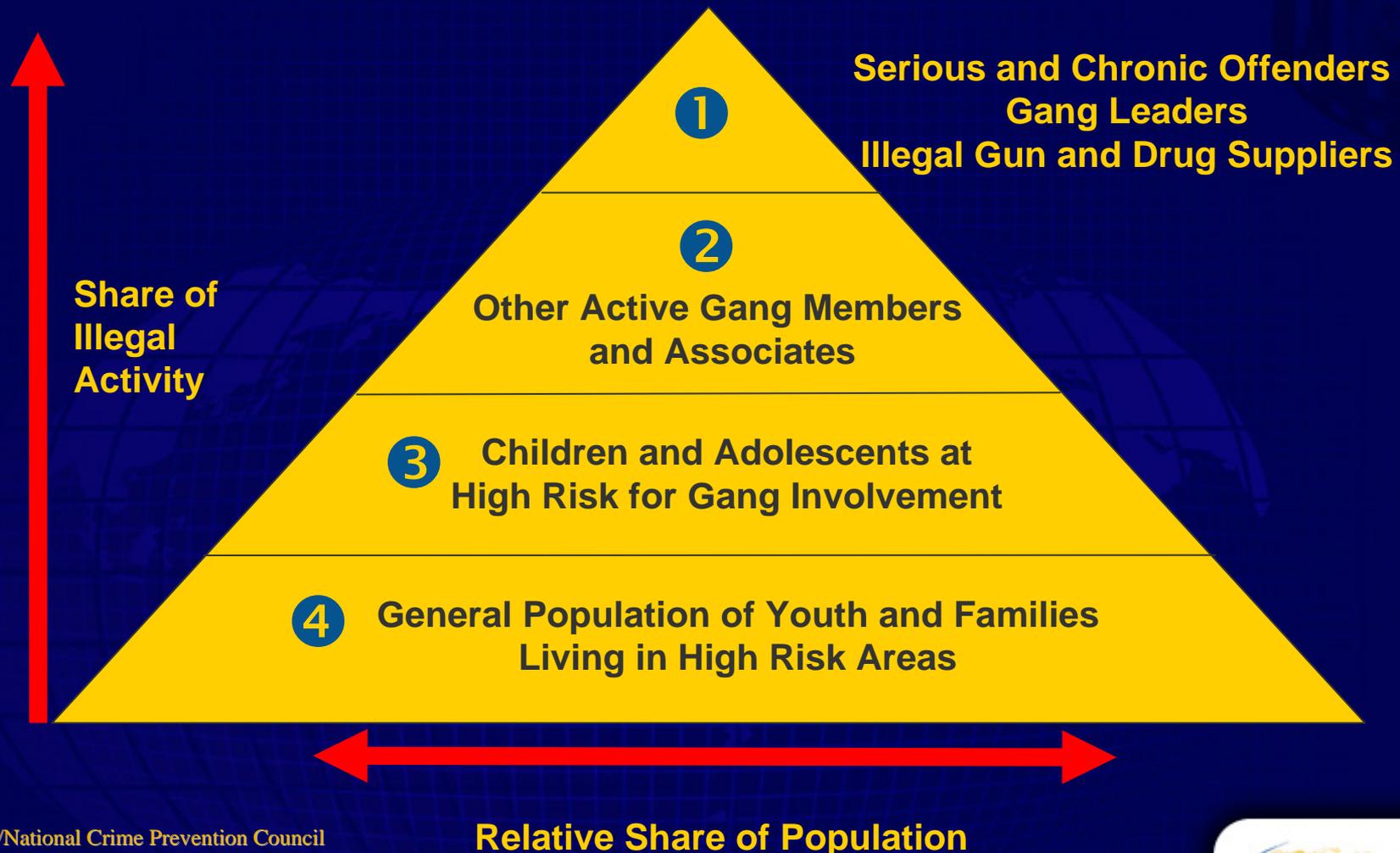
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What is a Gang?

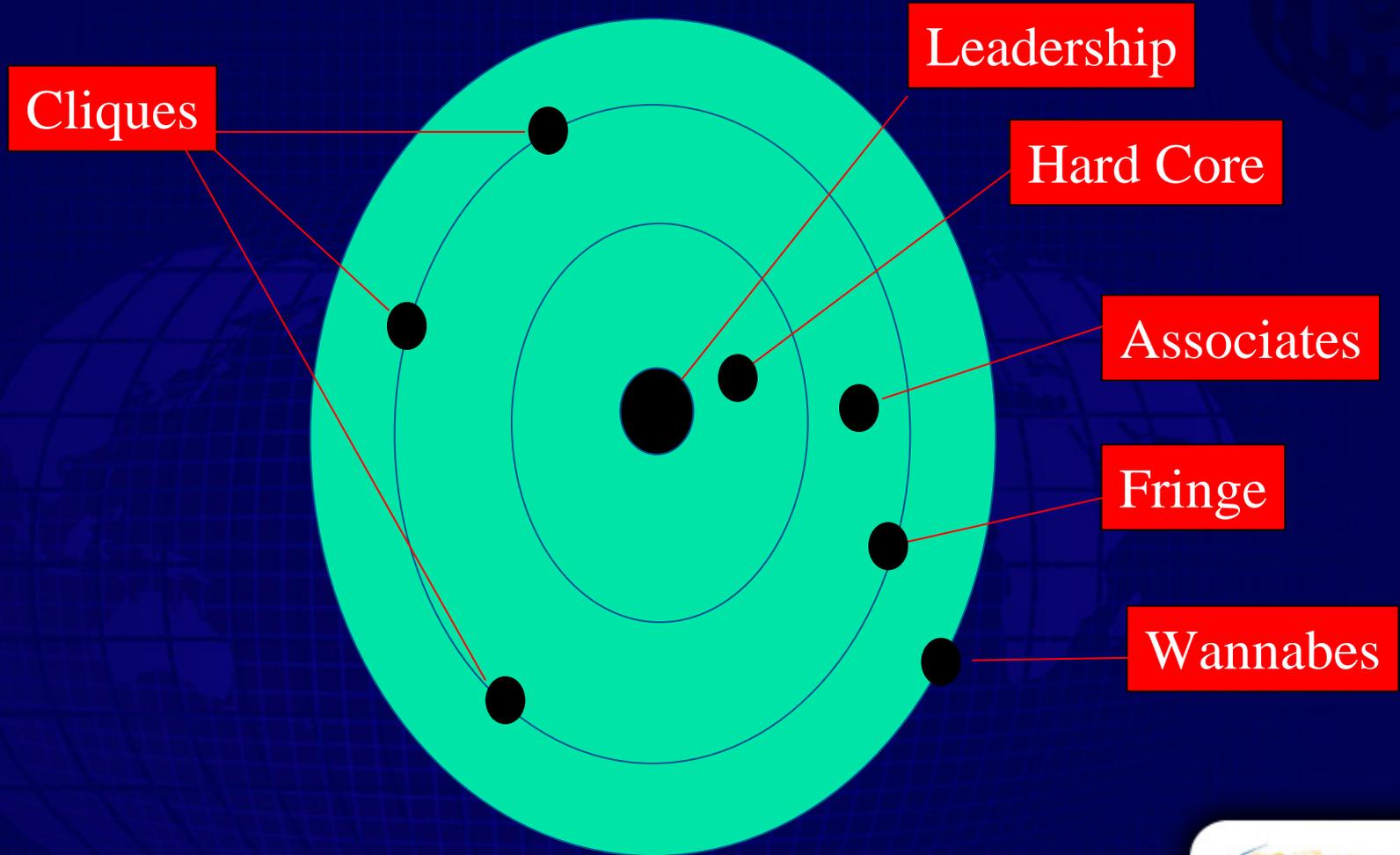
- No nationally accepted definition
 - A group of 3 or more people who individually or collectively engage in criminal/delinquent activity
 - Common identifying symbol, sign, name



Crime and Gang Involvement



Gang Structure



Who Joins a Gang?

- Youth 12 -24 years of age
- Mostly boys, 10% are girls
- All ethnicities
- All socio-economic levels
- Urban and suburban areas

Why Join a Gang?

- Protection
- Fear/Peer pressure
- Sense of belonging
- Power/Respect
- Money
- Drugs
- Fun and excitement
- Family tradition

Conditions that lead to Youth Gang Membership

- Abundance of free time
- Lack of positive adult supervision
- Lack of positive adult role models
- Lack of jobs/opportunities

Gangs Awareness in the Military

- Members of street gangs identified on military installations worldwide
- Most prevalent in the Army, Army Reserves and National Guard (however all branches of the military have experienced gang activity)

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Crimes committed by Military
(Gang) Members:

- Drug trafficking
- Weapons trafficking
- Violent crime
- Extortion

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- Military Dependents can be at a higher risk for gang recruitment



Indicators of Possible Gang Involvement

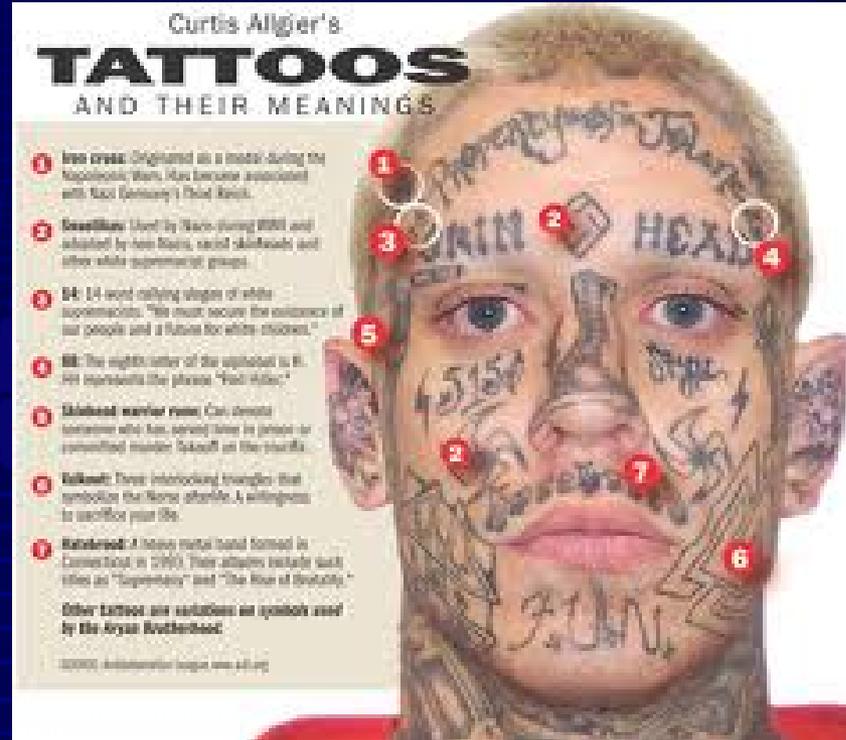
- Purchasing or wearing clothing of all one color or style
- Appearance - special haircuts, eyebrow markings, tattoos
- Using hand signs



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2001 Booking photo
Curtis Allgier



Allgier in 2007

Indicators of Possible Gang Involvement

- Attitude change
- Secretive
- Indications of drug use
- Increase in possessions
- Disciplinary problems



Punishable by UCMJ

- Article 81 – Conspiracy
- Article 92 – Failure to obey order or regulation
- Article 116 – Riot or breach of peace
- Article 117 – Provoking speeches or gestures
- Article 134 – General article, specifically conduct which is prejudicial to good order and discipline, or service discrediting
- Directive 1325.6 (revised), 3.5.8, - prohibited acts, military personnel must reject participation in security threat groups

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For more information on gangs
and extremist groups:

- www.gangink.com
- www.adl.org
- www.gangsorus.com



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