

## Dads, take your kids safely back to school

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Father and Child at School  
*Fathers*

The first day of school is quickly approaching, and there are many children who will be unaccompanied on their dangerous journey to school. This day is a big event for street gang recruitment. There are many separated and divorced dads that would love to take their children to school on the first day to ensure their safety but cannot. This street gang recruitment opportunity leaves many youth most vulnerable to being lured into a lifestyle of delinquency, substance-abuse and violence. Combating gang recruitment on school grounds is vital to the future of these children and the police are failing. However there are dads that won't fail but can't be there to safeguard their own children because of baseless orders of protection which would land them in jail if they tried. There are many dads who don't even know where their children live, much less where they go to school. The simple act of fathers showing up during the first day shields many children from gang recruitment and starts the school year off with a safer environment. The key to protecting our children from gang recruitment are involved fathers. One father is worth more than 1000 police officers.

"It is often fatherless children who are recruited into street gangs and end up targets. What these kids are really looking for are father figures which they don't have at home, which they are desperately searching for in gangs," said attorney Charles N. Ogan, former Assistant State's Attorney for DuPage County, currently a senior litigator with the Law Offices of Jeffery M. Leving, Ltd. These youths will only fill their spiritual void with pain and suffering in a gang where they will likely end up in prison or in a body bag.

It is imperative that we put our kids first. Fathers need to take their children back to school and our society needs to support the right of every child to be safe at school.



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