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CHILDREN START THEIR CRIMINAL CAREER AS EARLY AS 9-10 YRS OLD? THIS IS NOT SURPRISING SAYS MR. RICAARDOE DI DONE.

Children now, has been offering educational tools for a long time now to counter this phenomenon.

Montreal, June 13, 2013 – Following the news of Wednesday, June 12, which highlights the fact that **most youths start their criminal career at the age of 9 or 10 years**, Mr. Ricaardoe Di Done, Chief Operating Officer of **CHILDREN NOW** says: « For over 20 years we have been trying to explain that the key is prevention. We must confront the problem directly at its source. It is essential to focus our energy and money in the appropriate places in order to maximize the effectiveness of our efforts ».

Ricaardoe Di Done questions the bureaucracy that supports political interests and which obstruct prevention projects developed by community organizations such as **CHILDREN NOW**: « The best defense against street gang, is prevention and despite all our actions, sensitization, our prevention program on gang violence and bullying, no intervention of the various bodies has been established, yet everything is there to help eradicate this epidemic » he says.

Meanwhile, youth who are well supervised, with parents who are present and mindful, and those who are involved in activities and in positive social groups are less likely to be drawn to street gangs.

Mr. Di Done and his team of international experts have created educational tools, including the book *Youth and Street Gangs*, along with the *Study Guide* and a *DVD* in order to educate young people, parents and educators so they can better supervise children and prevent them from joining street gangs. « Thanks to our multidisciplinary team of contributors, we offer resources to stakeholders, parents and children » says Ricaardoe Di Done.

« The responsibility falls on all of us and it is time for the government to take more initiative in prevention, education and awareness against street gangs. The more we know about this social phenomenon, the more we will be able to prevent it. Together let's build a world where love and respect prevail, and where our young people have the best chances to succeed » concludes M. Di Done.

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Children Now is a registered charitable organization whose goal is to protect and defend children right, following problem arising from family conflict and family breakdown. It promotes a synergy between governments, community organizations, media, businesses and citizens to give a voice to the most disadvantaged in our society.

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