



## Gang Alternatives Program (GAP)

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### **Gang Alternatives Program (GAP)** *Unveiling of A New Learning Office Annex Facility*

Los Angeles, CA - On Monday, March 18, 2013, The Gang Alternatives Program (GAP), along with Councilmember Joe Busciano, Fifteenth District, the City of Los Angeles Community Development Department (CDD), and other community leaders and partners will unveil GAP's new Learning Office Annex Facility at 11:00 am. This expansion could not have happened without the support from the City of Los Angeles, CD 15, Los Angeles Community Development Department (CDD), and the hard work from the staff at the Gang Alternatives Program (GAP) in making this unveiling possible.

GAP's vision is to prevent young people from joining gangs, and the facility will open its doors to provide more gang prevention and parenting programs in the Harbor and South Bay areas, a great need that the community has voiced and advocated for. "We are looking forward to working with our next door neighbors, such as the YMCA, Harry Bridges School and other Wilmington agencies to help our children and their families live gang free a safe, violence free neighborhood," stated Douglas L. Semark., Ph.D., Executive Director of the Gang Alternatives Program (GAP).

For over 27 years, GAP has served over 6,000 students and 25,000 households each year through its various programs.

**WHAT:** Gang Alternatives Program (GAP), along with Councilmember Joe Busciano, Fifteenth District Unveil the new GAP Learning Office Annex

**WHO:** Douglas L. Semark, Ph.D., Executive Director, Gang Alternatives Program (GAP)  
Councilmember Joe Buscaino, Fifteenth District  
Gregg Irish, Interim General Manager, Los Angeles City, Community Development Department (CDD)

**WHEN:** Monday, March 18, 2013  
11:00 AM – 1 PM, Dedication Ceremony at 11:30 AM.

**WHERE:** GAP Learning Office Annex  
1148 N. Avalon Blvd,  
Wilmington, CA 90744

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