

U.S. Department of Justice Journal published and article in 2008 on Prisoner Radicalization <http://www.nij.gov/journals/261/prisoner-radicalization.htm>

Mentions a survey of Prison Chaplains - a good deal of the inmates they deal with were involved in gang activity in the community but had dealt with some kind of prison conversion.

National Gang Crime Research Center published The Problem of Gangs and Security Threat Groups (STG's) in American Prisons Today: 2004
<http://www.ngcrc.com/corr2006.html>

This publication mentions the "Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act" - R.L.U.I.P.A. - 2000

This act increased the review requirements for placing any restrictions on inmates that might pertain to religion.

The burden of proof shifts from the inmate needing to prove his rights were violated to the prison needing to prove it is not violating the rights of inmates.

Efforts made by VTDOC

- Services from religious community – local and national
- Outside vendors (Azure Green)
- Religious accommodation requests (Asatru/Odonist)
- Religious periods (Ramadan)
- Meals – Pork Free, Kosher, Halal
- Prayer times
- Religious items

Nationally, it is reported that of the 193 facilities surveyed a low percentage inmates generally abused R.L.U.I.P.A.

This is believed to be accurate for Vermont as well – we monitor all religious activities with staff or trained volunteers.

VTDOC's Focus

- Security Threat Groups (STG)
- What is an STG?
- A gang - as a group or association of three or more persons who may have a common identifying sign, symbol, or name and who individually or collectively engage in, or have engaged in, criminal activity which creates an atmosphere of fear and intimidation. Criminal activity includes juvenile acts that, if committed by an adult, would be a crime. *National Alliance of Gang Investigators Associations*
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/what/2005-threat-assesment.pdf>
- The Northeast region is seeing an increase in gang activity on the community
 - Neighborhood or homegrown gangs and hybrid gangs are being seen with increasing frequency.
 - A growth of gangs within Hispanic immigrant communities has occurred recently, bringing increased violence and crime to many communities.
 - The frequency of incidents of gang-related violence and drug trafficking on Indian reservations has increased.

- Gang members display a lack of respect for their community and for law enforcement.
- This region is particularly vulnerable to drug distribution by gangs because of the compact nature of the region and the well-developed transportation infrastructure.
- Gangs are reported to be most frequently involved in crimes relating to vandalism and graffiti, firearms possession, assault, and homicide.
- Our Population
 - Approximately 46% of inmates incarcerated were not born in Vermont
- Training for staff
- Identification and Validation
 - Validation tool
 - Database and limitations with current system
 - Communication with the Field and Law Enforcement
- Intelligence gathering in VT facilities today

Bloods

- 9 Tre Bloods
- Blood Stone Villains
- Blood/Vice Lord
- East Coast Bloods
- Blood Pirus
- 504 Boys

Crips

- 36th Street Crips

Motorcycle Gangs

- Hells Angels
- Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club
- Nomads

Latino/Hispanic Gangs

- Latin Kings
- Los Solidos
- Southside Sur Trece (Surenos)
- MS-13
- Juggalos

White Supremacy Groups

- Aryan Brotherhood
- Aryan Nation
- Hammerhead Skinheads
- KKK
- Sovereign Citizens/Nation
- Outlaw Skinheads

Home-Grown

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- Hitler's Henchmen
 - Chittenden County White Boys (CCWB)
 - Franklin County White Boys (FCWB)
 - Anybody Can Get It (ACG-137)
 - Non-affiliated White Supremacist