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Amid Gang Killings In Denver, Expert Notes The Causes Of Violence



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Denver has seen a dozen gang-related deaths so far this year. Police have stepped up patrols and added surveillance cameras, and Denver is not alone -- other parts of the state also face gang activity.

What causes surges in violence like the one in Denver? And can gang members leave gangs? Lisa Taylor-Austin, a Connecticut psychotherapist who got her start working with tough gang members in Los Angeles, tackled those questions with Colorado Matters' Andrea Dukakis.

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