

Effects of Bullying and Cyberbullying

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Kids Who are Bullied

1. Overwhelmed
2. Powerless
3. Humiliated
4. Worthless
5. Vengeful
6. Disinterested
7. Isolated
8. Depressed
9. Physically sick
10. Suicidal

Kids Who Bully Others

Kids who bully are more likely to:

1. Abuse alcohol and other drugs during adolescence and as adults
2. Get into fights
3. Vandalize property
4. Drop out of school
5. Engage in early sexual activity
6. Have criminal convictions and traffic citations as adults
7. Be abusive toward their romantic partners, spouses or children as adults

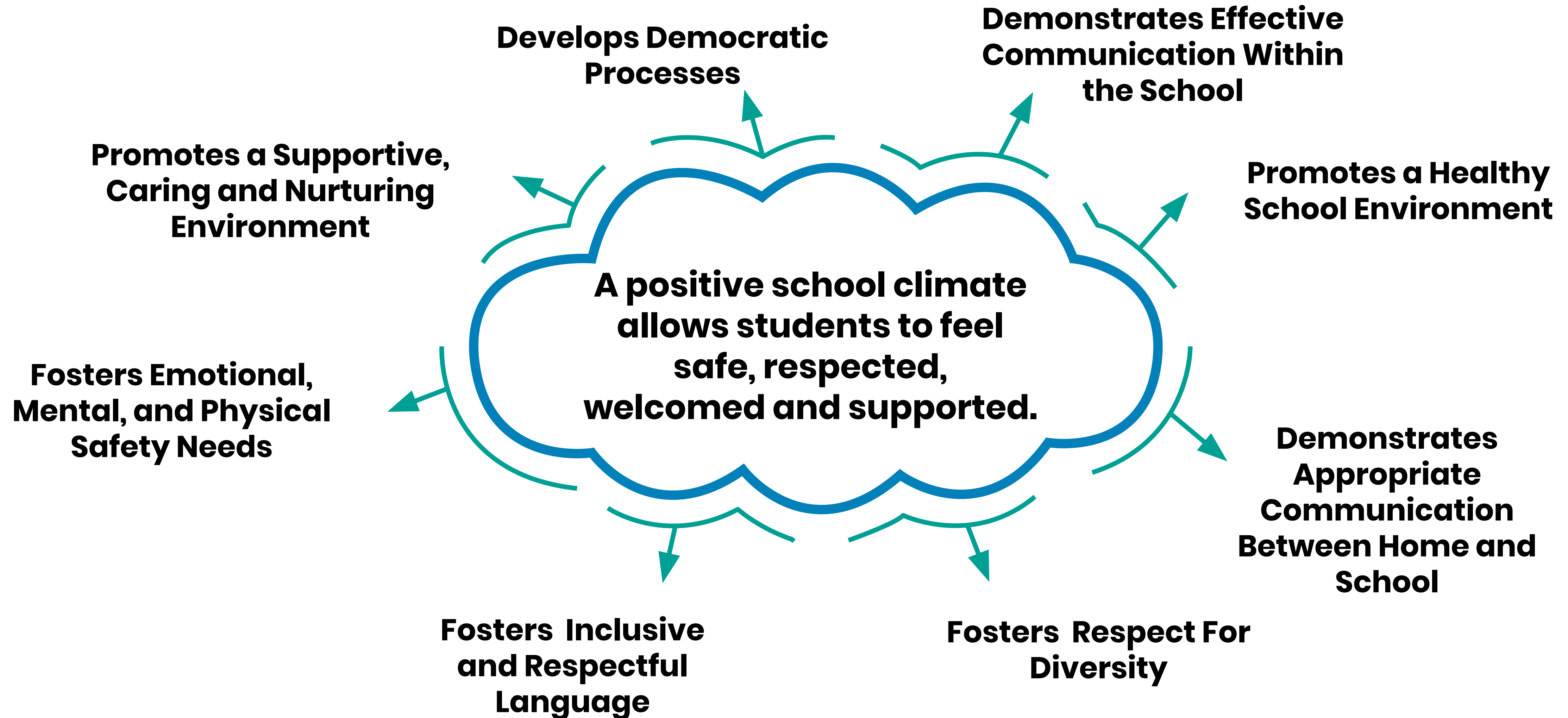
Bystanders

Kids who witness bullying are more likely to:

1. Have increased use of tobacco, alcohol or other drugs
2. Have increased mental health problems, including depression and anxiety
3. Miss or skip school

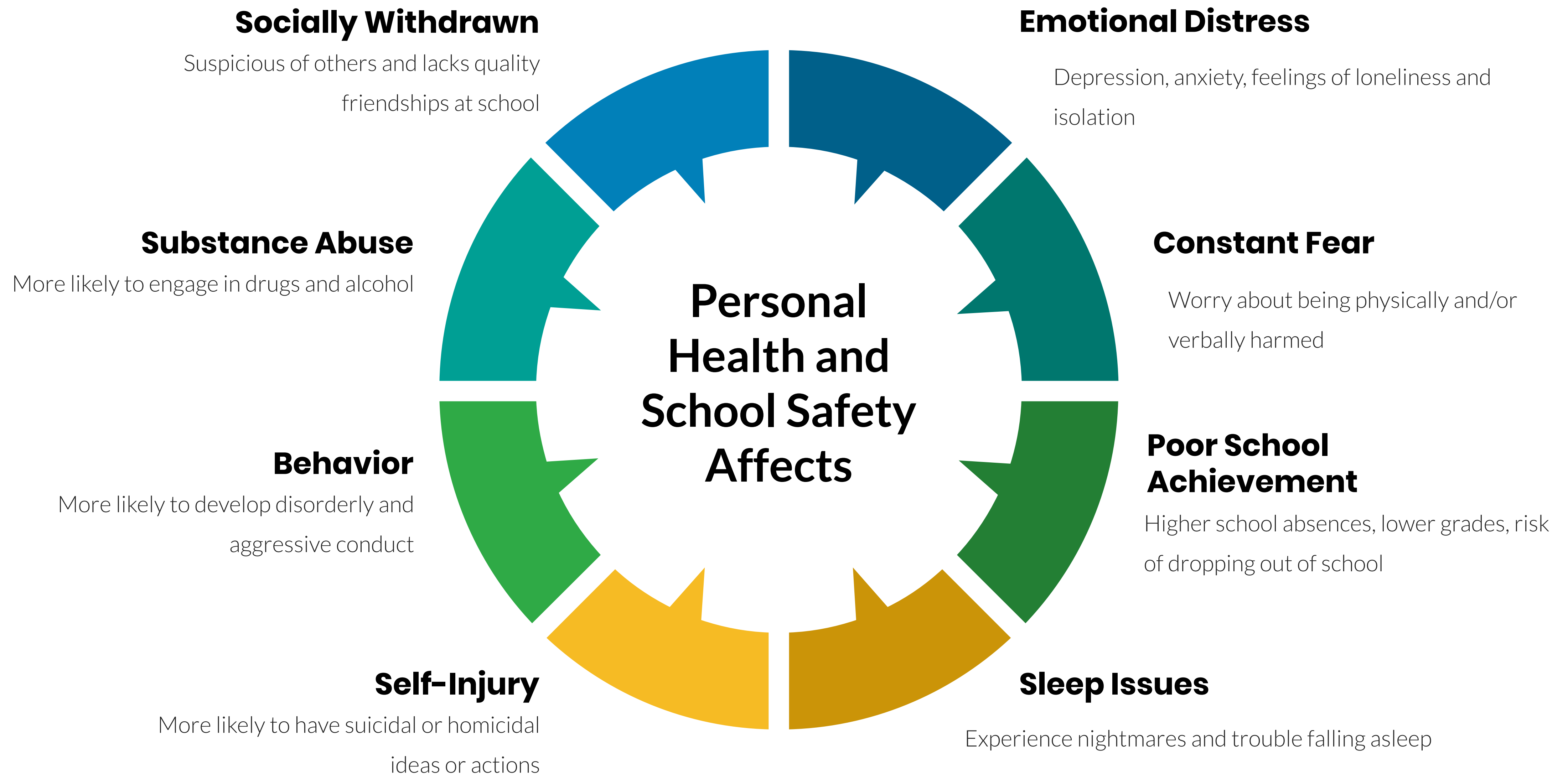
Positive School Climate Characteristics

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Violence, Bullying and Harassment

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Gang-Related Behaviors

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Joining a Gang

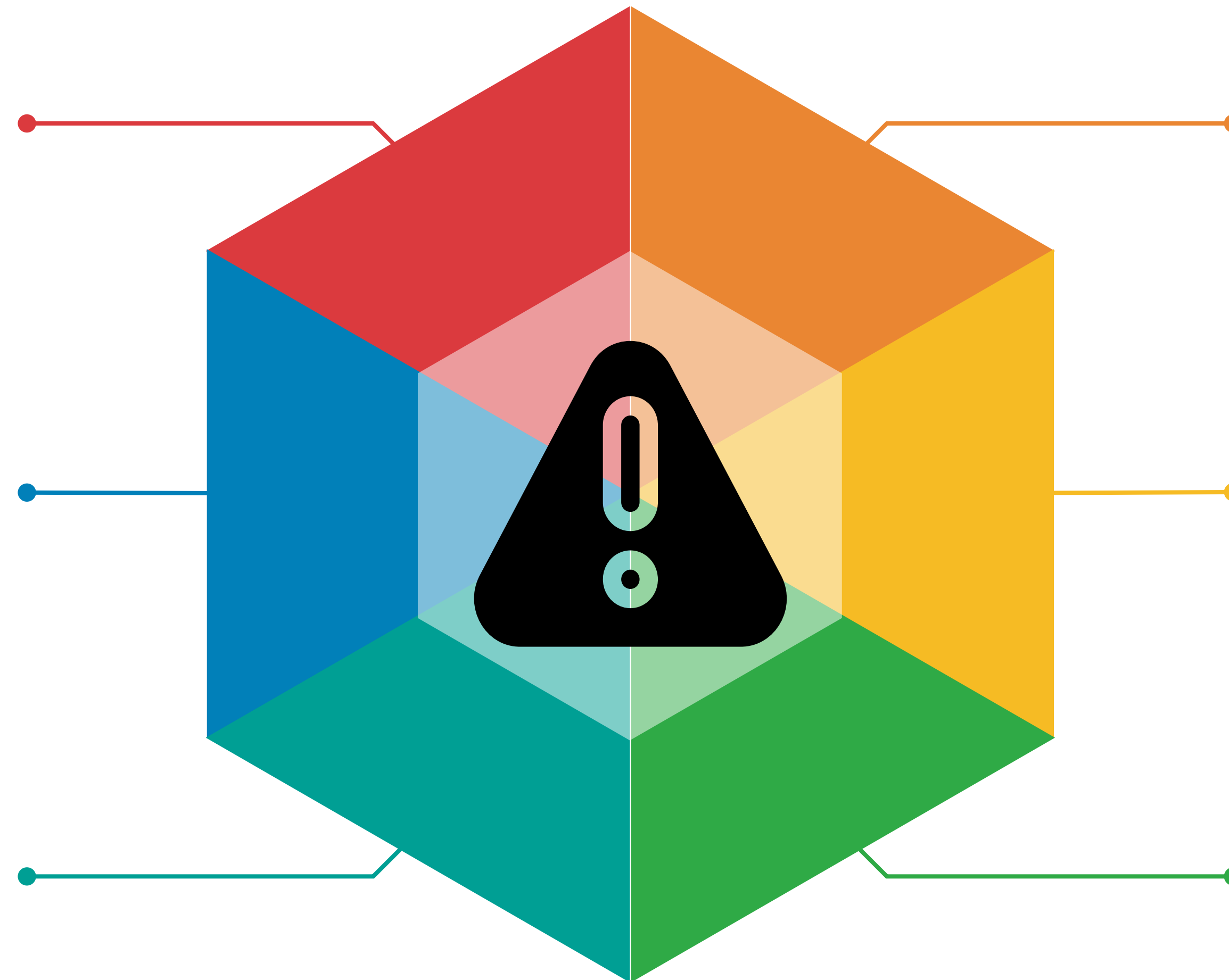
To join a gang a member has to prove that he or she is worthy of membership through an initiation process. A “jump in” is when a new member allows themselves to be beaten by 3-4 other gang members.

Leadership

Most street gangs have no formal leadership structure. Often, the most active or the most violent gang members lead the gang.

Back Up

Belonging to a gang requires members to help their fellow gang members. Gang members will put themselves in harm's way to assist peer gang members..



Attitude

Display arrogant and defiant attitude in an attempt to intimidate others.

Respect

Maintaining respect is a fundamental goal. Gang members have a misguided sense that their gang loses respect if any insult goes unanswered. This belief causes gangs to respond violently.

Pay Back

Also, known as retaliation. An attack on an individual gang member is viewed as an attack on the entire gang.

MYTHS

GANGS

REALITIES

You will make lots of money, have expensive cars, lots of stuff and be powerful	You will be either arrested, injured or killed and your cars, property, drugs and money will all be taken away by other gang members or seized by the police.
Someone will always have your back and you will be protected.	Gang members are driven by greed and are only out for themselves.
You can always get out whenever you want.	It is very difficult to leave a gang once you have joined. You will need help from the police, family, friends and others. Gang leaders will usually make debts to the gang so high, with the threat of violence if you don't pay that makes it impossible to leave.
You will be able to protect your family from a gang.	Gangs and gang violence puts everyone, including your loved ones at risk.
You will be free to do whatever you want.	You will have to do whatever your gang leader tells you to do or you will face consequences. You will have no freedom at all if you are arrested or go to jail.
Girls or women are not allowed to join gangs.	Girls are often used to hold and/or transport drugs and/or guns because the girls and gangsters don't think the police will stop the girl. Girls in gangs are more likely than their non-gang peers to be sexually assaulted.
Once kids join a gang there's no hope for them.	With quick family, school and police intervention a youth can leave a gang without any serious consequences.
Gangs are a police problem.	Gangs are everyone's problem. Communities, governments, educators and families and friends of gang members need to commit to work together to end gang crime.
You will be respected and feared wherever you go.	Your friends and family will be too scared, embarrassed or ashamed to spend time with you.
Being a gangster will be exciting.	Fear and paranoia will rule your life. You will be constantly looking over your shoulder.