

# **Chris Melde**

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East Lansing, MI, US

Chris Melde is an expert in youth violence, gangs, school violence, and youth violence prevention and intervention strategies

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## **Biography**

Chris Melde is an affiliated faculty member in Global Urban Studies and the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research at Michigan State University, and a research associate at the Michigan Justice Statistics Center. His primary research interests include street gangs, youth violence, adolescent development, individual and community reactions to crime and victimization risk, school violence, and program evaluation. He is currently the principal investigator or co-principal investigator on several funded projects, including two National Institute of Justice (NIJ) funded projects on school safety in the Flint, MI area. These projects focus on the role of school safety in the successful transition to high school and the implementation of best practices for developing a positive and safe school climate. Dr. Melde was awarded the 2015 Tory J. Caeti Memorial Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Juvenile Justice section, given in recognition of the contribution of emerging scholars to the field of juvenile justice, for his work on gangs and youth violence prevention.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Research, Education/Learning, Writing and Editing

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## **Areas of Expertise**

School Violence, Program Evaluation, Adolescent Development, Youth Violence, Gangs

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## **Education**

**University of Missouri - St. Louis**

Ph.D.

**University of Missouri - St. Louis**

M.A.

**Loras College**

B.A.

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