

KITSAP COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

In the Works

Autumn 2009

The Kitsap County Commission on Children and Youth

- Advises County Commissioners and residents on issues related to children and families, based on periodic assessments
- Facilitates the coordination of information and services to maximize resources
- Advocates for an environment which fosters healthy, self-sufficient, responsible and productive children, youth and families

In the Works

Is published **quarterly** by the Youth Commission for schools, the media, libraries, agencies, and individuals interested in children and families.

Items should be submitted to

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Advocacy

11TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE ADVOCACY CAMP, Monday –

Wednesday, **October 26 – 28**, Rainbow Lodge, North Bend, WA. Advocacy Camp is a three-day interactive training. This opportunity will help you become a more effective public policy advocate for children and families. Develop essential skills in lobbying, media, and community mobilization.

Tuition for Advocacy Camp is \$400 per person (discounted to \$250 for Children's Alliance members).

Scholarships are available for low-income applicants. Applications are due Monday, September 21.

For more information, contact Emijah Smith at 1-800-854-KIDS or emijah@childrensalliance.org.



CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

A Voice for Washington's Children, Youth & Families

KITSAP COUNTY 2009 YOUTH CONFERENCE, Tuesday, **November 3**,

7:30 AM – 3:00 PM, President's Hall, Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Bremerton. Sponsored by the RUAD Task Force, Kitsap Tobacco Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Coalition, and MADD Kitsap. Pre-registration will be required in order to attend. Group sessions will address Law Enforcement, Media Message Development, Leadership Skills, and Choice and Consequence "The Organ Lady."

For more information, contact Marsha Masters, 360-551-6233 or e-mail maddmasters@msn.com.



Awards

THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS, sponsored by Prudential Financial and administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, recognize middle and high school students for volunteer community service. Eligible applicants include any young person in the U.S. who is in grades 5-12 and has engaged in a volunteer activity



that occurred at least partly during the 12 months prior to the date of application. Local honorees are selected in November, and from these winners two state honorees are chosen in each state and the District of Columbia.

Out of the state honorees, 10 national honorees are selected and announced at a ceremony in Washington, DC, in May of 2010. State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, DC, for national recognition events.

National Honorees receive an additional award of \$5,000. The application deadline is November 2, 2009. For more details, visit Online: <http://www.prudential.com/spirit/>.

Events

20th ANNUAL BREMERTON BLACKBERRY FESTIVAL

Saturday - Monday, **September 5 -7**, downtown Bremerton. Now you can enjoy three days of music, food, arts & crafts, all in scenic downtown Bremerton. Blackberry events include a Fun-Run, Chalk Art Competition, Bike Ride, Air Show, and more. For more information contact, Bremerton Main Stream Association, 377-3041 or visit Online <http://www.blackberryfestival.org>.

KITSAP COUNTY'S 1ST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FASD AWARENESS DAY BREAKFAST, Wednesday, **September 9**, 7:30 - 9:30 AM, Bremer Student Center, Olympic College, Bremerton. Sponsored by the Fetal

Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Task Force. Join millions around the world on September 9th in observance of International FASD Awareness Day. The purpose of International FASD Awareness Day is to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking during the 9 months of pregnancy and the challenges of individuals and families who struggle with all of the issues related to FASD.

For more information, contact the Task Force at 360-297-0411.

POULSBO AMERICANA MUSIC

FESTIVAL, Saturday, **September 12**, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Raab Park, Poulsbo. The band line up includes Dewgrass, Chele's Kitchen, and Vicci Martinez. Admission is FREE. What better way to celebrate than a late summer concert in the park? Good ole' time fun for kids of all ages! You'll find BBQ, farm fresh foods, and baked goods on offer; or bring your own picnic basket! This musical community day in the sun is organized by The Greater Poulsbo Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds will benefit Stand Up for Kids. For more information, call 360-779-4848 or visit Online www.poulsbomusicfestival.com.

KITSAP DESTRUCTION DERBY

ASSOCIATION continues their summer D-Derby series on Saturday, **September 12 & 26**, Thunderbird Stadium, Kitsap Fairgrounds & Events Center. Gates open at 4:00 PM. Time trials are at 4:30 PM and the racing begins at 6:00 PM. Tickets are available at the gate and are \$10 for adults, \$8 for teens age 13-17, seniors and military

with ID, \$6 for children ages 6-12 and free for children 5 and under. Family passes are available for \$30 and include 2 adults and 3 children. For more information, visit Online www.kitsapdestructionderby.com.

FALL 2009 STANDOWN

Saturday, **October 10**, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Kitsap County Fairgrounds, in the Presidents Hall, Bremerton. This event is for Veterans and their families. A variety of free services will be available. Veterans must bring their DD214 or discharge certificate.

For more information, contact Leif Bentsen, 337-4883 or e-mail lbentsen@co.kitsap.wa.us.

"JINGLE BELLS" PUPPET SHOW, Saturday, **November 28**, 2:00 PM, Bremerton Community Theatre. Sponsored by Evergreen Children's Theatre. Cost: \$7.00 per person.

For more information, contact Evergreen Children's Theatre, 373-2992 ask for either Jocey Bright or Marg Hamlin.

19TH ANNUAL KITSAP COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE, Friday, **December 4**. The location and program have yet to be determined.

For more information, contact Leif Bentsen, 337-4883 or e-mail lbentsen@co.kitsap.wa.us.



NUTCRACKER, Saturday – Sunday, **December 12 – 13**, Admiral Theatre, Bremerton. Enjoy this holiday tradition and support the local dance community.

For more information, and tickets, please call 360-871-3333.



Publications

OJJDP has released four new Fact Sheets based on the report **JUVENILE COURT STATISTICS 2005**.

DELINQUENCY CASES IN JUVENILE COURT, 2005 (FACT SHEET) This Fact Sheet presents statistics on delinquency cases processed between 1985 and 2005 by U.S. courts with juvenile jurisdiction.

DELINQUENCY CASES WAIVED TO CRIMINAL COURT, 2005 (FACT SHEET) This Fact Sheet presents estimates of the number of cases transferred from juvenile court to criminal court through the judicial waiver mechanism between 1985 and 2005.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PROBATION CASELOAD, 2005 (FACT SHEET) This Fact Sheet presents statistics on delinquency cases resulting in probation between 1985 and 2005.

PERSON OFFENSE CASES IN JUVENILE COURT, 2005 (FACT SHEET) This Fact Sheet presents statistics on person offenses (assault, robbery, rape, and homicide) handled by juvenile courts between 1985 and 2005.

Download copies at http://www.ncjrs.gov/html/ojdp/news_at_glance/227625/on_1.html

Training

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION FALL WORKSHOPS

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT 101 - BEST PRACTICES, Saturday, **September 19**, 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM, WSU Pierce County Extension Office, Tacoma. This workshop is a pre-requisite for Positive Youth Development 102 or 103 workshops. Enhance your program with a greater knowledge of positive youth development. Learn how to:

- Incorporate life skills into activities.
- Structure learning based on age and developmental stages.
- Engage learners in hands-on learning.

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT 102 - CREATING LEARNING COMMUNITIES, Saturday, **September 19**, 1:30 – 5:00 PM, WSU Pierce County Extension Office, Tacoma. Current research shows youth require social and emotional skills to achieve success in groups. After this training, you will be able to do exciting activities that:

- Build safe and supportive learning communities.
- Prepare youth for success by developing social and emotional skills.
- Create healthier relationships with peers and adults.



POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT 103 - TOOLS TO TEACH LIFE SKILLS, Saturday, **September 26**, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM, WSU Pierce County Extension Office, Tacoma. Youth remember and use life skills more when you talk about them in your program. Learn research about life skills and practical ways to apply them. Discover fun and engaging tools to teach youth and get them talking about life skills. Soon they will be using them with their families, schools, and communities.

FUN IN NATURE, Saturday, **September 26**, 1:30 - 5:00 PM, WSU Pierce County Extension Office, Tacoma. Explore a thematic approach to program planning with hands-on, experiential activities from a mixture of 4-H curriculum. Included are five, 1-2 hour lessons that help youth understand how nature works, how we affect it and how we are affected by it. These lessons integrate science, writing, art, physical activity, music, and other interest areas into the activities.

Each workshop is \$30.00 and lasts for 3.5 hours. When you register for Positive Youth Development 101 and **one** more workshop, the price is \$50.00. Only \$70.00 when you register for all three.

For more information, contact Christina Murray at 253-798-3223 or murraychristin@wsu.edu.

2009 REGIONAL TAPESTRY EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE, Saturday, **September 26**, Olympia. Sponsored by the South Sound Association for the Education of Young Children. Keynote speak, Connie Dougherty, will address, "Soothing the



Savage Beast: Turning "Difficult" into Doable." Connie will offer specific strategies for dealing with angry (or all around difficult) parents and diffusing negative encounters. At the end of this session you may even see the difficult people with new eyes. Click [here](#) for brochure.

Cost: \$75. Lunch is included in the cost of registration.

For more information, contact Laura at 360-459-2273 or via e-mail to Nancy@ccacwa.org.

2009 CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS CONFERENCE, Monday and Tuesday, **September 28 - 29**, Yakima. This annual conference brings together chemical dependency, criminal justice, mental health, and developmental disabilities professionals to learn how to effectively respond to individuals with Co-occurring Disorders. Track workshops will cover a variety of topics, including best practice models, post traumatic stress disorder and trauma, updates in pharmacology, depression and substance abuse in older adults. Cost: \$130.

For more information, contact Michelle Johnson at 253-445-4631 or mij@wsu.edu.



DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS TRAINING, "What Kids Need to Succeed," Tuesday, **September 29**, 1:00 – 5:00 PM, Embassy Center, Bremerton. Presented by the Kitsap County Commission on Children and Youth

to address the broader developmental needs of children, in contrast to deficit-based models that focus solely on youth problems. During the training:

- Participants will increase their knowledge of healthy youth development.
- Participants will learn to identify the forty developmental assets.
- Participants will learn strategies for building developmental assets in children and youth.

Click [here](#) for the brochure. Registration deadline: September 25. Cost: \$15. Make checks payable to New Life.

For more information, contact Gay Neal, 337-4879 or gneal@co.kitsap.wa.us.

NORTHWEST CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FORUM, Thursday – Friday, **October 1 – 2**, Tukwila, WA. What do we really know about how our children are affected by toxic exposures, especially during their critical developmental years? And, who's minding the shop when it comes to protecting our kids from these chemicals? The Northwest Children's Environmental Health Forum brings together a rare group of scientists and policy makers who are on the cutting edge of answering those questions. Conference participants hear from local and national experts individually as well as on interactive, cross-topic panels, with generous Q&A time provided. Cost: \$30 one day/\$50 two days.

For more information, contact Julia.Berg@kingcounty.gov, or register on line at <http://www.chenw.org/CEHforum.html>.

HEALTHIER AGING IN WASHINGTON EVIDENCE BASED PROGRAM STRATEGIES, PARTNERSHIPS & SUCCESSES, Thursday, **October 15**, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Holiday Inn at SeaTac. This free one day conference is sponsored by the Washington State Department of Social & Health Services, National Council on Aging, and Washington State Department of Health. This conference will provide:

- An overview of statewide accomplishments towards healthy aging programs.
- A demonstration of Enhance Fitness.
- Breakout sessions on evidence based program for chronic disease self-management.
- Plenary sessions of sustainability of evidence based programs, healthy aging, and connection with the health care system.

For more information, contact Candace Goehring at 360-725-2562 or goehrcs@dshs.wa.gov.

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN (WAEYC) 33RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE, LOOKING THROUGH THE KALEIDOSCOPE, Thursday – Saturday, **October 15 - 17**, Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue. Each fall WAEYC's Annual Conference offers nationally known keynoters, over 100 sessions, in-depth seminars, coordinated tracks, exhibits, curriculum and resource displays, program tours and networking opportunities. STARS, college credit and clock hours are available. Cost: \$130 per day registration fee. Register online at <http://www.waeyc.org/conference.htm>.



THE BRIDGE FROM SCHOOL TO AFTERSCHOOL AND BACK 2009 CONFERENCE, Monday – Tuesday, **October 19 – 20**, Vancouver, WA. This conference provides a platform for participants to explore different points of view, cutting-edge research and the latest applications which benefit young people across the country. Effective partnerships should be the vehicle for leading national efforts to support change! Cost: \$295 per person.

For more information, visit Online at <http://schoolsoutwashington.org> or call 206-323-2396 or toll free 888-419-9300.

10TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON STATE NONPROFIT GOVERNANCE

CONFERENCE, Friday, **October 30**, Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center. Keynoter Paul Goddard is Professor of Public Service, New York University and a Non-resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution. While the nonprofit sector knows Paul as a leading expert in nonprofit effectiveness, he is also actively involved in research and writing on government, especially related to government reform and the political appointment process. He has written *Pathways to Excellence* which shows that every nonprofit organization can improve – no matter how well or poorly it is currently performing – often by taking simple first steps up a development spiral to high performance. Cost: \$115 Members/\$145 General.

For more information, contact 253-272-5844 or <http://www.npcenter.org>

2009 PREVENTION SUMMIT, Friday and Saturday, **October 30 - 31**, Yakima. This annual summit provides support and education for the development, implementation, and continuation of prevention programming throughout Washington State. It also offers opportunities for youth to share thoughts and ideas on how to intervene with peers who are facing destructive decisions.

For more information, contact Rori Parker Douros at 877-922-6635 or contactus@preventionsummit.org.

19TH ANNUAL PEGASUS CONFERENCE, NOW MORE THAN EVER: CRITICAL SKILLS FOR COURAGEOUS ORGANIZATIONS, Monday – Wednesday, **November 2 – 4**, Seattle. In times like these, courageous organizations distinguish themselves from others by their willingness to question their most fundamental assumptions; to acknowledge that what they've been doing isn't delivering the results they want; and to take responsibility for envisioning and creating new futures. In short, they learn. Cost: \$1,695.

For more information, call 1-781-398-9700 or register Online <http://www.pegasuscom.com/stapage.html>.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES HEALTHY YOUTH CONFERENCE, Thursday – Friday, **November 5 – 7**, Cincinnati, Ohio. This conference is designed for and by youth practitioners as a place of community development, inspiration, strengthening, and connecting.

Conference Registration Fees:
Early Bird Rates – before September 20
Adults \$525/Youth \$375/Seniors \$375
Regular Rates – after September 20
Adults \$575/Youth \$395/Seniors \$395.

For more information, contact the Search Institute at 612-376-8955 or 800-888-7828 or visit Online at <http://www.search-institute.org>.

Kitsap County Substance Abuse Advisory Board

Citizens concerned with alcoholism and drug addiction problems are encouraged to apply for openings on the Substance Abuse Advisory Board. Board members review community service plans, applications for funding and budgets and make recommendations regarding substance abuse treatment and prevention programs funded through Kitsap County. Meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month. **Applications accepted until openings are filled.** <http://www.kitsapgov.com/volunteer/boards/substance.htm>

- [Download an application packet](#)

Kitsap County Council for Human Rights

Interested applicants from Commissioner Districts 1 and 3 are encouraged to apply for this opportunity to promote awareness and equitable treatment of all citizens. The council works to reduce prejudice through public forums, education and other activities. **Applications will be accepted until positions are filled. Complete and submit the application and Human Rights Council Supplement that follow.** http://www.kitsapgov.com/volunteer/boards/human_rights.htm

- [Complete the HRC supplemental application form](#)

For Your Calendar

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Monday

- 1st **CAMP FIRE BOYS & GIRLS BOARD MEETING**
5:30 PM. Terry Schroeder, 475-3571
- 2nd **KITSAP COUNTY JUVENILE DEPARTMENT MENTORING PROGRAM TRAINING**
5:00 – 7:00 PM. Pam Martin, 337-5409
- 2nd **KITSAP COUNTY ASSN FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN (KAEYC)**
6:00 PM. Karen Kennedy, 475-7194
- 3rd **STANDUP FOR KIDS**, 6:30 PM. Silverdale Community Center, Jo Clark, 360-479-2389
- 3rd **P-FLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)**, 7:00 PM. Marcie Mathis, 888-636-0652,
- 3rd **KITSAP COUNTY SAFE KIDS COALITION**
8:30 AM. (Bi-Monthly Jan. Mar. May. July Sept. Nov.)
Michele Jennings, Mary Bridge, 662-1198
- 3rd **H.E.A.R.T. (Honoring Equity and Respecting Tradition)**, 7:00 PM. Mick Sheldon, 360-297-2040
- 4th **WORKFIRST ADVISORY BOARD**
2:00 PM. Meets bi-monthly. Paul Coover, 337-4722

Tuesday

- Every Tues. **KITSAP PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**
7:00 PM. Terri Chicko, 360-297-4639
- 1st **PARENT TO PARENT SUPPORT INFORMATION GROUP**, 10:30 AM, Sherry Charlot, 377-3473
- 1st **INFORMATION & REFERRAL SERVICES NETWORK**
Noon. Cyndi Foye, 415-5816, Cyndi@kmhs.org
- 1st **KITSAP FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, 5:30 PM. Rick Williams,
<http://www.kitsapfostercare.org>
- 1st **ETHNIC UNITY COALITION**
5:30 PM. Information, 782-0544
- 1st & 3rd **COMMUNITY FAMILY CLUB MEETING**, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Information: Jessie 434-618 or Kelley 779-4074
- 2nd **RESPECT (Relationship Education Strengthens & Provides Empowering Choices for Today's) Kitsap Youth**, 9:00 AM. Candy Cardinal 337-5256
- 2nd **KTASC COUNCIL (Community Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition)**, 2:30 – 4:30 PM.
Mary Ellen de la Peña, 360-337-4878
- 2nd **KITSAP COUNTY HIV AIDS FOUNDATION (KCHAF)**
5:30 – 7:00 pm. Natalie Bryson, 698-3335
- 2nd **CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders)**, 7:00 PM. Kerry Miller, 697-3922
- 2nd **KITSAP COUNTY COUNCIL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**
6:00 PM. Leif Bentsen, 337-4883
- 3rd **NORTH KITSAP LIFE IS VALUABLE SUICIDE AWARENESS TASK FORCE**, 7:45 AM
Kelly Chatwood, nk_lv@comcast.net

Tuesday (continued)

- 3rd **SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD**
3:30 PM. Betsy Bosch, 337-4880
- 3rd **COMMUNITY VOICE**, 7:00 PM, Pat Lovett, 698-4668

Wednesday

- 1st **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD**
5:00 PM. Kelly Oneal, 337-4624
- 1st **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK**
11:30 AM. Joan Taie, 373-5392
- 2nd **KITSAP COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY TASK FORCE**,
10:00 AM. KCSO Silverdale, Carolyn Pence 337-4647
- 2nd **KITSAP SAFE SCHOOLS NETWORK**, 5:00 PM
Silverdale, KCHAF, Arlis Stewart, 1-800-503-7615
- 4th **KITSAP FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING**, 6:00 PM. <http://www.kitsapfostercare.org>
- last **KITSAP SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE**
3:00 – 4:30 PM. Barbara Smithson, 337-5250
KitsapSPTF@comcast.net

Thursday

- 1st **KITSAP COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH**, 4:30 – 6:30 PM. Gay Neal, 337-4879
- 1st **P.O.W.E.R. (People Organized Working for Ethnic Reality)**, 7:00 PM. Robert Boddie, 792-0637
- 1st **BOY SCOUTS DISTRICT MEETINGS**
7:00 PM. Kevin Hancock, 373-9400; Brady Taylor, 373-5393
- 3rd **INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL**
10:00 AM. Kathy Avery, 373-2536
- 3rd **NORTH KITSAP VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROJECT**
9:00 AM. Cindy Simonson, 297-7070
- 4th **KITSAP FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION**
6:00 PM. Rick Williams, 876-1994

Friday

- Every **THE Q CENTER, LGBT YOUTH 14-19 DROP-IN CENTER**, 6:00 PM. Silverdale. Michael Goodnow, 698-3335. <http://www.theqcenter.org>

Saturday

- 1st **ANGER MANAGEMENT CLASS**, 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM
Bremerton. Cost: \$80. Dr. O.J. Hogan, 698-3250
- 3rd **KITSAP COUNTY'S FATHERS' NETWORK**
10:00 AM. Doug Stauner, 692-4670

Sunday

- Every 1st **WOMEN'S CIRCLES, 2:00 – 5:00 PM, Belfair.**
Linda Kroum, 275-4184 or womenscircles@yahoo.com

What's In The Works For You?

Please print:

Event/Project Title: _____

Purpose: _____

Sponsor(s): _____

Target Audience: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Where: _____

Cost: _____

Reservation Required: _____

Other Details/Comments: _____

Contact person: _____

Phone: _____

PLEASE TELL US ABOUT CHANGES IN YOUR ORGANIZATION, such as program additions or deletions, new address/phone number, key personnel, etc.

Other information or comments which could be helpful to others: _____

Contact person for more information: _____

Phone: _____



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"It's Time for Kitsap Kids" Developmental Asset Initiative

"It's Time for Kitsap Kids" promotes the concept of [developmental asset](http://www.kitsapcaresaboutkids.org) building and actively works on community awareness, activities, networking, and training that nurtures positive, caring and responsible young people.

<http://www.kitsapcaresaboutkids.org>

Autumn 2009

Vision: As "Friends of Assets," each of us serves as a builder, partnering with youth to participate, develop, and grow through family, school, work, and community. We envision a community where all young people know they are valued, have hope for the future, and possess the resources to achieve their goals.

40 Developmental Assets

Search Institute
<http://www.search-institute.org>
has identified the following building blocks of healthy development that help young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible.

Support:

1. Family Support
2. Positive family communication
3. Other adult relationships
4. Caring neighborhood
5. Caring school climate
6. Parent involvement in schooling

Empowerment:

7. Community values youth
8. Youth as resources
9. Service to others
10. Safety

Please tell us the impact the developmental asset approach has had in your life, the children you touch, or in your organization.

Just e-mail Gay Neal
gneal@co.kitsap.wa.us
to request the one-page, online response form. Your comments will be added to the story of how asset building is changing the face of our community.



NEW ASSET BUILDING ITEMS AVAILABLE free from the Kitsap County Commission on Children and Youth. Search Institute has developed three new items to help you build assets.

Ready, Set, Grow!

Why should growth charts only measure a child's progress in feet and inches? This kid-friendly poster will help parents foster their child's emotional and intellectual development by offering sixteen solid pieces of advice, each one based on one of Search Institute's eight asset categories.



Give Me a Guitar: and 49 Other Ways to Empower Youth

Now it is easier than ever to inspire adults with creative actions they can take to build skills, enhance self-confidence, and nurture connections with young people with this eye-catching mini-poster.



I Noticed You! Notes

Show kids you're paying attention to their good behavior with these colorful, tear-off rewards--perfect for classrooms and out-of-school programs. Each pad contains a different message. A fourth pad is customizable with space for writing your own message.



**FREE
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SUPPLIES
LAST!**

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Asset #14 – Adult Role Models:

At Home

- Always remember that *you* are your child's most important role model. Set high standards for yourself and follow them – even during difficult times. Treat your child with love and respect.

At School

- Have students identify their heroes. Discuss whether they are good role models. If they are, why? If they aren't, why not?

In the Community

- Celebrate positive role models in your community through media coverage.
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Asset #15 – Positive Peer Influence:

At Home

- Invite your children's friends to spend time in your home. Make them feel welcome and try to get to know them. Include them in some of your family activities.

At School

- Train students to be peer counselors or peer helpers. Choose kids who can become good role models and who are liked by their peers.

In the Community

- Provide opportunities for young people to model positive, responsible behavior for each other. Examples: Promote youth volunteer activities; encourage youth participation on community and city committees.

Asset #16 – High Expectations

At Home

- Expect the best from your kids – each according to his or her unique abilities. Educate yourself on child development so you know what's realistic. When expectations are high yet still within reach, children will stretch to achieve them.

At School

- Talk with parents about expectations. Tell them what you expect from their children; ask them to share their expectations with you. Support each other.

In the Community

- Regularly recognize children and teens who excel in various areas – academics, sports, performance, service, leadership, creativity, courage, etc.

Asset #17 – Creative Activities

At Home

- Show your support by attending your children's performances.

At School

- Provide free access to instruments, art materials, and lessons for students who can't afford them. If the school can't afford them, solicit donations from parents, the community and local businesses.

In the Community

- Sponsor youth bands, orchestras, drama clubs, dance troupes, and singing groups. Provide places to practice.

40 Developmental Assets

Boundaries & Expectations

11. Family boundaries
12. School boundaries
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Constructive Use of Time

17. Creative activities
18. Youth programs
19. Religious community
20. Time at home

Commitment to Learning

21. Achievement motivation
22. School engagement
23. Homework
24. Bonding to school
25. Reading for pleasure

Positive Values

26. Caring
27. Equality and social justice
28. Integrity
29. Honesty
30. Responsibility
31. Restraint

Social Competencies

32. Planning and decision making
33. Interpersonal competence
34. Cultural competence
35. Resistance skills
36. Peaceful conflict resolution

Positive Identity

37. Personal power
38. Self-esteem
39. Sense of purpose
40. Positive view of personal future

Resources you can use: Free materials, training, presentations, assistance!

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Pamphlets available in limited quantities

- 150 Ways to Show Kids You Care (poster style leaflet)
- 40 Ways Anyone can Build Assets (poster style leaflet)
- The Asset Approach (Adults)
- Making Change for the Better: The Importance of Youth Giving
- Take It to the Next Level

Book Available in single copy only, limited quantity available

- What Every Child Needs to Succeed from Birth to 8
- Giving Kids What They Need to Succeed (for adult presentations)

Local Library Resources with Asset Reference Materials

- Kitsap Regional Library
- Olympic Educational Service District (for school district personnel) OESD website <http://www.oesd.wednet.edu>