



### Portrait of External and Internal Assets in Area Youth 2014 Search Institute Survey

External Assets	Definition	Total Sample	Gender		7	8	9	10	11
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Family Support	Family life provides high levels of love and support	76	77	74	76	79	74	73	74
Positive Family Communication	Young person and his/her parents communicate positively and young person is willing to seek parent(s') advice and counsel.	34	34	35	39	39	34	27	25
Parent Involvement in Schooling	Parent(s) are actively involved in helping young person succeed in school	35	36	33	43	37	38	28	20
Alone at Home	Spends two or more hours alone per school day	41	39	43	36	42	44	48	36
Family Boundaries	Family has clear rules and consequences and monitors the young person's whereabouts.	50	49	53	57	48	49	48	48
School Boundaries	School provides clear rules and consequences.	59	59	58	71	62	58	46	54
Neighborhood Boundaries	Neighbors take responsibility for monitoring young people's behavior.	47	47	48	54	50	47	41	41
Other Adult Relationships	Young person receives support from 3 or more non-parent adults	57	58	57	59	57	56	55	60
Caring Neighborhood	Young person experiences caring neighbors	39	41	36	43	39	39	34	34
Positive Peer Influence	Young person's best friends model responsible behavior.	79	76	84	91	87	78	66	58
Community Values Youth	Young person believes that adults in the community value youth.	28	30	27	34	29	27	26	20
Youth as Resources	Young people are given useful roles in the community.	37	39	35	37	40	37	34	32
Service to Others	Young person serves the community one or more hour per week.	52	50	54	54	46	50	50	62
Internal Assets	Definition	Total Sample	Gender		7	8	9	10	11
Restraint	Young person believes it is important not to be sexually active or to use alcohol or other drugs.	59	55	65	77	69	56	41	34
Resistance Skills	Young person can resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations	52	49	57	60	51	49	47	49
Interpersonal Competence	Young person has empathy, sensitivity and friendship skills	48	37	61	55	49	44	46	38
Cultural Competence	Young person has knowledge of and comfort with people of different cultural/racial/ethnic backgrounds.	46	41	53	55	48	42	43	35
Planning and Decision Making	Young person knows how to plan ahead and make choices	35	33	39	36	35	29	38	40
Restraint	Young person believes it is important not to be sexually active or to use alcohol or other drugs.	59	55	65	77	69	56	41	34
Sense of Purpose	Young person reports that "my life has a purpose"	64	70	57	62	67	66	62	63
Community Conditions	Definition	Total Sample	Gender		7	8	9	10	11
Drinking Parties	Reports attending one or more parties in the last year "where other kids your age were drinking."	34	36	32	8	21	40	61	62
Perception of Parental Disapproval	Alcohol- drink regularly	95	94	96	97	96	95	94	91
	Smoke cigarettes	97	97	97	97	97	98	95	94
	Smoke marijuana	93	93	94	98	95	93	86	87
	Prescription drugs (not prescribed for you)	97	97	97	98	97	97	94	98