



STRATFORD PARTNERSHIP FOR
YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Stratford Partnership for Youth and Families' mission is to mobilize youth and community partners to reduce youth substance abuse and create a safe, healthy, and drug-free environment where youth and families can thrive.

You Can Make a
Difference for Kids!

Adults may not realize how important they can be in the lives of young people. The truth is that most young people are transformed by the seemingly small things adults do each day. These efforts may appear to be "no big deal"; but small actions and simple words have a tremendous payoff. The more assets a young person has, the more likely they are to avoid drugs and alcohol.

Everyone can build Assets
AND
Everyone Wins!

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You Can Build Developmental Assets

The Search Institute has identified Developmental Assets as essential building blocks that children and teens need to thrive.

Asset #2. Positive Family Communication

Support



- Be available to listen.
- Have meals together as a family.

Asset #5. Caring School Climate

- Go out of your way to smile and greet students.
- Tell a student directly when he or she did something considerate.

Empower Asset #7. Community Valuing Youth



- Ask youth for their opinion or advice.
- Be friendly and gracious to youth providing a service in the community.

Asset #8. Youth as Resources

- Encourage youth to take leadership in their school and community.
- Provide opportunities for youth to volunteer in the community.

Boundaries & Expectations



Asset #14. Adults as Role Models

- Model respect for others, hard work, and a good attitude for youth.
- Model responsible behavior.
- Volunteer as a mentor.

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Drug-Free Communities
Local Problems Require Local Solutions