

Prepare Children and Youth for Success

Based on the **Search Institute's** study of more than 2,000,000 youth across the nation, this chart illustrates that the more assets young people experience, the less likely they are to engage in a wide range of risky behaviors. Today the average Spokane child only has **18 of 40 recommended assets**; with the **Your Y campaign youth will be offered more than 31 assets**.

The eight areas of human development are listed below with their corresponding assets needed for youth to grow into productive members of society:

Support through positive family interaction, parent involvement and a caring community

Empowerment found in safety, respect and value within the community

Boundaries & Expectations comprise clear rules, consistent consequences and encouragement for children to do their best

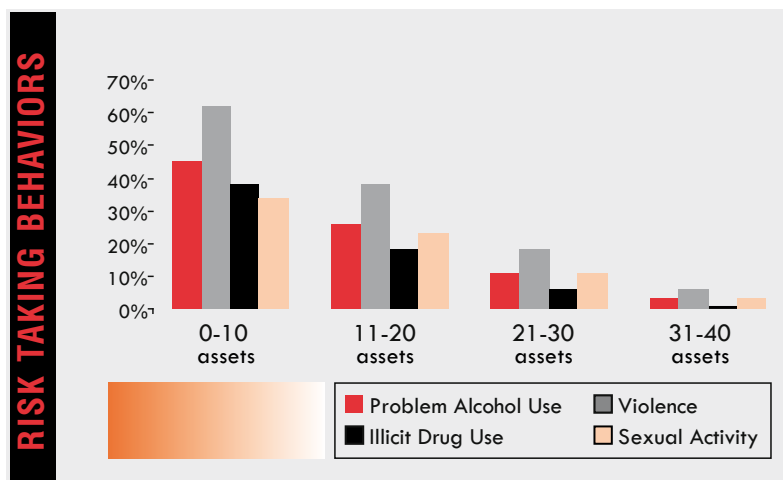
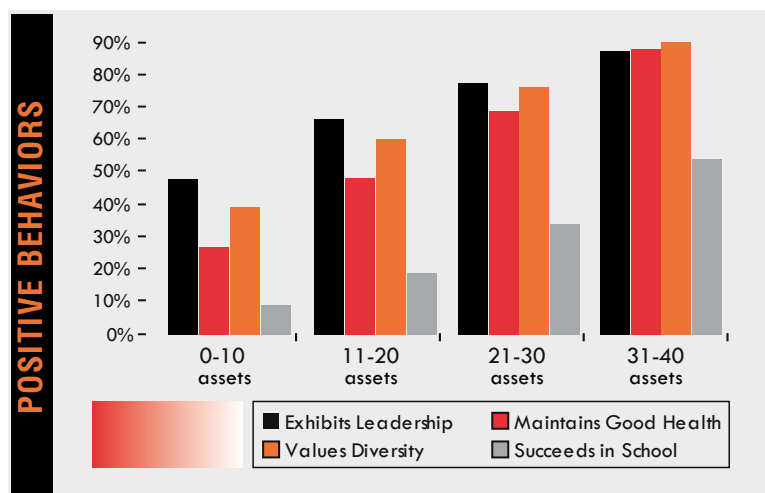
Constructive Use of Time involves youth in learning new skills and interests with peers and adults

Commitment to Learning includes achievement motivation, school engagement, homework and reading for pleasure

Positive Values characterized by caring, respect, honesty, responsibility

Social Competencies developed through planning and decision-making, resistance skills, peaceful conflict resolution and interpersonal and cultural competence

Positive Identity demonstrated through personal power, self-esteem, a positive view of the future and a sense of purpose



National research illustrates that the more assets youth experience, the less likely they are to engage in risk taking behaviors and the more likely they are to participate in positive ones (Search Institute, 2002).