

Asset of the Month Project

La Plata Children, Youth and Family Master Plan (CYFMP) Community Partners

CYFMP will send out an asset each month with an essential question and tips to community partners to insert in their organization's newsletters. This top section in black is an introduction with the monthly piece being in blue below.

"The Developmental Assets are 40 research-based, positive qualities that influence young people's development, helping them become caring, responsible, and productive adults. Based in youth development, resiliency, and prevention research, the Developmental Assets framework has proven to be effective and has become the most widely used approach to positive youth development in the United States and, increasingly, around the world." (<http://www.search-institute.org/>)

The Children, Youth and Family Master Plan (CYFMP) utilizes the Developmental Assets Survey as a periodic measure for how well our agencies and families are providing asset-rich supports, services and opportunities for La Plata County youth. The CYFMP also teaches our community about the assets and how to utilize them in program development, parenting and in our daily lives.

Please join our community partners in promoting the Assets framework, by placing the following "Asset of the Month" in your newsletters, communications and interactions with youth and families. For a full list of the 40 Assets go to: <http://www.search-institute.org/what-we-study/developmental-assets>

Developmental Asset of the Month

Asset #13 [Neighborhood Boundaries – Neighbors take responsibility for monitoring young people's behavior.](#)

Essential Question: As a neighbor, how do I notice and support the young people in my neighborhood?

Tips to ensure neighborhood boundaries:

- Get to know your neighbors and their children by hosting a neighborhood block party or service project.
- If you and your children are comfortable being a neighborhood hangout, make your house a safe place where kids can gather. Establish healthy boundaries for yourself about behavior expectations of kids when they are in your home.
- Let parents know when you see neighborhood children being generous or responsible in their actions and be prepared to alert parents to negative or unsafe behaviors you observe when necessary.

Source: Search Institute <http://www.search-institute.org/content/40-developmental-assets-adolescents-ages-12-18#>

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