

# Assets of Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Youth

## External Assets

Asset Type and Name	Definition	% of youth reporting each asset			
		Clermont Co.	Hamilton Co.	Region	Nation
<b>Support</b>					
1. Family support	Family life provides high levels of love and support.	75	71	71	68
2. Positive family communication	Young person and his or her parent(s) communicate positively, and young person is willing to seek advice and counsel from parents.	33	27	29	28
3. Other adult relationships	Young person receives support from three or more nonparent adults.	47	44	43	43
4. Caring neighborhood	Young person experiences caring neighbors.	42	41	41	37
5. Caring school climate	School provides a caring, encouraging environment.	31	30	31	29
6. Parent involvement in schooling	Parent(s) are actively involved in helping young person succeed in school.	35	34	32	29
<b>Empowerment</b>					
7. Community values youth	Young person perceives that adults in the community value youth.	26	24	25	22
8. Youth as resources	Young people are given useful roles in the community.	26	26	26	26
9. Service to others	Young person serves in the community one or more hours per week.	50	53	50	48
10. Safety	Young person feels safe at home, at school, and in the neighborhood.	47	47	50	51
<b>Boundaries and Expectations</b>					
11. Family boundaries	Family has clear rules and consequences and monitors the young person's whereabouts.	50	46	46	46
12. School boundaries	School provides clear rules and consequences.	59	62	60	52
13. Neighborhood boundaries	Neighbors take responsibility for monitoring young person's behavior.	57	48	52	47
14. Adult role models	Parent(s) and other adults model positive, responsible behavior.	30	26	26	27
15. Positive peer influence	Young person's best friends model responsible behavior.	71	68	68	63
16. High expectations	Both parent(s) and teachers encourage the young person to do well.	54	58	55	48
<b>Constructive Use of Time</b>					
17. Creative activities	Young person spends three or more hours per week in lessons or practice in music, theatre, or other arts.	18	23	18	21
18. Youth programs	Young person spends three or more hours per week in sports, clubs, or organizations at school and/or in the community.	58	61	57	57
19. Religious community	Young person spends one or more hours per week in activities in a religious institution.	52	56	52	58
20. Time at home	Young person is out with friends "with nothing special to do" two or fewer nights per week.	54	46	48	51

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<b>Commitment to Learning</b>					
21. Achievement motivation	Young person is motivated to do well in school.	71	73	70	65
22. School engagement	Young person is actively engaged in learning.	55	58	58	55
23. Homework	Young person reports doing at least one hour of homework every school day.	36	43	38	47
24. Bonding to school	Young person cares about his or her school.	62	55	56	52
25. Reading for pleasure	Young person reads for pleasure three or more hours per week.	19	22	20	22
<b>Positive Values</b>					
26. Caring	Young person places high value on helping other people.	55	53	51	50
27. Equality and social justice	Young person places high value on promoting equality and reducing hunger and poverty.	54	56	53	52
28. Integrity	Young person acts on convictions and stands up for his or her beliefs.	70	71	69	68
29. Honesty	Young person "tells the truth even when it is not easy".	71	71	69	66
30. Responsibility	Young person accepts and takes personal responsibility.	67	67	65	63
31. Restraint	Young person believes it is important not to be sexually active or to use alcohol, or other drugs.	50	47	49	45
<b>Social Competencies</b>					
32. Planning and decision-making	Young person knows how to plan ahead and make choices.	28	31	29	29
33. Interpersonal competence	Young person has empathy, sensitivity, and friendship skills.	51	44	46	45
34. Cultural competence	Young person has knowledge of and comfort with people of different cultural/racial/ethnic backgrounds.	42	41	40	43
35. Resistance skills	Young person can resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations.	47	45	44	41
36. Peaceful conflict resolution	Young person seeks to resolve conflict nonviolently.	39	28	34	40
<b>Positive Identity</b>					
37. Personal power	Young person feels he or she has control over "things that happen to me".	41	42	40	42
38. Self-esteem	Young person reports having a high self-esteem.	47	58	53	48
39. Sense of purpose	Young person reports that "my life has purpose".	58	60	59	57
40. Positive view of personal future	Young person is optimistic about his or her personal future.	69	76	74	72

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