

February Developmental Asset Asset #8

Youth as Resources

Young people are given useful roles in the community.

Tips on how to use this month's asset

- As students learn about an issue they're passionate about, their natural instinct is to share their newfound knowledge with others.
- Give other students the chance to explore their own thoughts and feelings about specific topics. It's imperative to motivate fellow youth by promoting information that can help them give back to their community.



Tips on **how to use** this month's asset

- Fundraising is a concrete way for students to contribute to causes they care about. Causes could range from bake sales that raise money for local charities, to food drives that provide nationwide relief for impoverished communities.



How does this apply to Morgan Hill?

- In a 2011 survey by Project Cornerstone, results show only 35% of elementary school students and 56% of middle school and high school students believe they have important roles in our town.
- It is essential for youth to be more involved in the community because they will develop stronger leadership and therefore become more successful in the future.



Complementary Developmental Asset Asset #32

Planning and Decision Making

Young person knows how to plan
ahead and make choices

Tips for Planning and Decision Making

- Youth should utilize planners and other organizational materials to keep track of their schedule
 - Doing so will allow youth to be more effective in keeping track of their daily tasks
- Make decisions you will be able to follow through on and uphold
 - Don't schedule major commitments on dates that are ridden with prior obligations