Building assets in children, teens, and in the community through reading, reflection, and engagement.

A project by the Monroe County Youth Council
About Page By Page

The 40 Developmental Assets, a research-based framework, outlines experiences, behaviors, skills, and relationships that enable young people to develop into successful and contributing adults.

Background

The Search Institute released this framework in the 1990s and has continued to collect survey data that upholds the finding that the more assets young people have, the better their outcomes and the chances of happy and healthy adulthoods.

Locally, the Asset Building Coalition of Monroe County provides structural support for a variety of youth serving activities by acting as the umbrella organization for sub-committees that promote developmental assets. The Monroe County Youth Council is one of the sub-committees; it serves as an advisory team to local organizations, institutions, business, government, and the community; recommends and fosters service opportunities for and/or by youth; promotes and recognizes youth in action in the community; and organizes youth-led, county-wide events including Global Youth Service Day.

Program Partner Opportunities

Page By Page includes the delivery of four 30 minute session to elementary-aged students. Each session will be focused on one of the Search Institute’s Developmental Asset categories. Trained high school students from MCYC will implement a developmentally-appropriate session plan that includes an activity, reading an asset-rich book, and reflection.

Session Hosts will receive
- Everyone’s an Asset Builder training
- Four sessions with an activity, reading, and reflection
- Resources and materials on the 40 Developmental Assets
- Implementation support from YSB and MCYC adults
- Opportunities to promote volunteer/service ideas to MCYC teen leaders

Session Host will...
- Host up to four 30 minute sessions
- Work with YSB/MCYC to coordinate logistics for sessions
- Provide an agency overview for students before the first session
- Display asset-building books and materials
- Ensure the presence of at least one staff member during sessions

Goals

1. Increase assets and exposure to asset language/concepts in session participants
2. Increase assets and exposure to asset language/concepts in teen session leaders
3. Increase teen leaders’ exposure to community agencies and needs
4. Increase session hosts’ knowledge of MCYC and 40 Developmental Assets
5. Help build asset-rich community spaces where Developmental Relationships can occur