



## NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CHALLENGE COALITION *COMMUNITY-WIDE ASSET INITIATIVE*



### **Asset Building Ideas for Youth-Serving Organizations**

You can make a difference for yourself and your peers by learning about and building the developmental assets. Some teenagers have started by learning names of more of their peers at school. Some build assets by befriending younger children. Others have focused their efforts on making a difference in their congregation or community. Here are ideas on how to get started as an asset builder:

- Involve youth in leadership and program planning.
- Promote and support clear boundaries, positive value, high expectations, and healthy behaviors for all children and youth.
- Assess if your organization can involve children and youth in ways such as volunteering, internships, shadowing, and support opportunities for youth leadership.
- Provide a range of structured activities for youth with diverse interests and needs.
- Develop expectations, boundaries, and consequences with youth who participate in programs; enforce appropriate consequences when boundaries are not respected.
- Train volunteers, leaders, and coaches in asset building and in young people's developmental needs.

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