

# COMMUNITIES THAT VALUE YOUTH



Includes ALL community members

Provide LONG-TERM support and opportunities, not a QUICK FIX

- ▶ Asset-building emphasizes inspiring, inviting and equipping all types of community residents – parents, other adults, youth professionals and young people, to contribute to the well-being of children and adolescents.

- ▶ The developmental assets provide a framework for long-term action that recognizes the importance of ongoing, positive opportunities and relationships for young people.



Focus on STRENGTHS, rather than RISKS or DEFICITS

Receptivity: Cultivating openness to change

- ▶ Instead of focusing on reducing problems, risks, or deficits, asset-building focuses on building strengths. This approach doesn't eliminate the need to address problems or provide services, rather it complements those efforts. It view young people in a positive light!

- ▶ For change to begin individuals, organizations and communities must acknowledge that their young people's situation is not what it needs to be and that things really could –and –need to be better.

## The Community Asset Builder Pledge

In my community, I pledge to be an asset builder for children and youth by . . .

- A**dvocating and promoting service to others (Asset 9)
- S**pending time volunteering in programmes that provide constructive use of time for our young people (Asset 17, 18, 19 & 20)
- S**howing that I care (Asset 4)
- E**ncouraging and valuing (Asset 7)
- T**eaching and mentoring (Asset 13 and 14)
- S**upport Cayman's youth to develop/ increase their internal assets (Asset 21-40)

**For the purpose of setting up asset-building initiatives in my district, I would like to become a member of the Cayman Islands Youth Development Consortium:-**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ School/ Organization/ Business: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

- Lifetime Member - \$100 per month/ \$1200 per year**
- Adult/ Individual Member - \$10 per month/ \$120 per year**
- Family Membership - \$10 per month/ \$120 per year**
- Youth/ Parent Membership - FREE!**
- Affiliate Organization - FREE!**
- Affiliate Business - FREE!**
- Affiliate Member - FREE!**

**I would like to get involved NOW!**

- Attend focus group or personal interview
- Attend introductory meeting
- Attend community meeting
- Attend asset-building training
- District representative
- District Committee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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