an asset checklist

Many people find it helpful to use a simple checklist to reflect on the assets young people experience. This checklist simplifies the asset list to help prompt conversation in families, organizations, and communities. *NOTE: This checklist is not intended nor appropriate as a scientific or accurate measurement of developmental assets.*

- □ 1. I receive high levels of love and support from family members.
- I can go to my parent(s) or guardian(s) for advice and support and have frequent, in-depth conversations with them.
- I know some nonparent adults I can go to for advice and support.
- **4.** My neighbors encourage and support me.
- **5.** My school provides a caring, encouraging environment.
- **6.** My parent(s) or guardian(s) help me succeed in school.
- **7.** I feel valued by adults in my community.
- **8.** I am given useful roles in my community.
- **9.** I serve in the community one hour or more each week.
- **10.** I feel safe at home, at school, and in the neighborhood.
- □ 11. My family sets standards for appropriate conduct and monitors my whereabouts.
- 12. My school has clear rules and consequences for behavior.
- 13. Neighbors take responsibility for monitoring my behavior.
- □ 14. Parent(s) and other adults model positive, responsible behavior.
- **15.** My best friends model responsible behavior.
- □ 16. My parent(s)/guardian(s) and teachers encourage me to do well.
- □ 17. I spend three hours or more each week in lessons or practice in music, theater, or other arts.
- □ 18. I spend three hours or more each week in school or community sports, clubs, or organizations.
- □ 19. I spend one hour or more each week in religious services or participating in spiritual activities.

- 20. I go out with friends with nothing special to do two or fewer nights each week.
- **21.** I want to do well in school.
- **22.** I am actively engaged in learning.
- 23. I do an hour or more of homework each school day.
- **24.** I care about my school.
- □ 25. I read for pleasure three or more hours each week.
- **26.** I believe it is really important to help other people.
- 27. I want to help promote equality and reduce world poverty and hunger.
- **28.** I can stand up for what I believe.
- **29.** I tell the truth even when it's not easy.
- **30.** I can accept and take personal responsibility.
- □ 31. I believe it is important not to be sexually active or to use alcohol or other drugs.
- **32.** I am good at planning ahead and making decisions.
- **33.** I am good at making and keeping friends.
- □ 34. I know and am comfortable with people of different cultural/racial/ethnic backgrounds.
- □ 35. I can resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations.
- **36.** I try to resolve conflict nonviolently.
- **37.** I believe I have control over many things that happen to me.
- **38.** I feel good about myself.
- **39.** I believe my life has a purpose.
- **40.** I am optimistic about my future.