

Asset-Building Resources

for Educators

Integrating asset building into education is key to bringing out the best in young people. Young people with a strong foundation of assets are more likely to be engaged in learning and school. You can strengthen your own asset-building power by learning more about the assets in each of the eight categories and how to nurture them in students. Here are some resources for more information:

- ♥ Bring It On Home: Connecting Parents, Kids, and Teachers—This unique set of worksheets gives teachers a tool they can use to encourage asset building between elementary-age students and students' parents or other caring adults. Each worksheet offers several positive ideas, with sections encouraging students and parents to "Think about It," "Talk about It," and "Do Something about It."
- ♥ Building Assets Is Elementary: Group Activities for Helping Kids Ages 8–12 Succeed—This book offers 61 fun ways to provide the guidance, wisdom, and asset-building skills that children of this age need. The activities are flexible and easily adaptable to any classroom or group setting.
- ♥ Building Assets Together: 135 Group Activities for Helping Youth Succeed—This book gives creative, easy-to-use activities to introduce Developmental Assets to 6th- to 12th-graders. It includes interactive group activities and reproducible worksheets that help young people understand and build their own assets.
- ♥ Connecting in Your Classroom—Inspirational profiles of 18 amazing teachers who are asset builders. Their stories, strategies, and secrets reveal how fostering healthy, thriving relationships helps students succeed socially and emotionally as well as academically.
- ♥ Great Places to Learn, Second Edition—Recently updated, this foundational book shines as a powerful, positive guide to infusing assets into any school community. This resource is rooted in many years of research that prove the effectiveness of assets. Readers discover reallife examples of how many schools have discovered how to restore their school communities using the assets framework.
- ✔ Ideas for Parents Newsletter Set—This popular set of newsletter masters allows you to communicate with parents, introduce the assets each week for a full calendar year, and give ideas and tips to put to use right away. Thousands of schools, communities, and organizations have used them to customize, copy, and distribute to parents. The master set also includes a User's Guide with suggestions for customizing and distributing the series. Available in print and on CD.

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- ▼ More Building Assets Together: 130 Group Activities for Helping Youth Succeed—This second volume of fun-filled activities will engage youth and recharge your gatherings while building assets.
- ▼ Pass It On at School! Activity Handouts for Creating Caring Schools—
 This activity-based resource equips everyone in the school community with ready-to-use tip sheets, activities, and handouts to create change for the better by building Developmental Assets. It provides ideas for teachers, students, parents, administrators, cafeteria workers, custodial staff, coaches, bus drivers, and others.
- ▼ Powerful Teaching: Developmental Assets in Curriculum and Instruction— This resource deals exclusively with the core of everyday classroom teaching and learning. It shows teachers how to infuse the assets into their existing curriculum and instruction without starting a new program.
- ▼ A Quick-Start Guide to Building Assets in Your School—As educators are expected to do more with less these days, this book is here to help them do just that: have more positive impact on students with less effort. It offers school-wide strategies to get parents, students, and other school staff involved in creating caring classrooms.
- ▼ You Have to Live It—Winner of The Association of Educational Publishers' 2000 Distinguished Achievement Award, this video lets you see and hear for yourself how schools around North America are building assets for and with students from elementary to the high school level.
- ▼ Your Classroom: Simple Ways to Create a Positive Learning Climate—
 This 24-page booklet introduces the Developmental Assets and encourages teachers to foster all eight of the asset categories in their students through day-to-day interactions. It comes in packs of 20, so every teacher in a school can have one handy.

All of the above resources and more are available from Search Institute: www.search-institute.org, 877-240-7251.

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