

The Search Institute® and the 40 Developmental Assets

The Developmental Assets are 40 common sense, positive experiences and qualities that help influence choices young people make and help them become caring, responsible adults. Developed by the Search Institute®, this organization is an independent, nonprofit, nonsectarian organization committed to helping create healthy communities for every young person. Because of its basis in youth development, resiliency, and prevention research and its proven effectiveness, the Developmental Assets framework has become one of the most widely used approach to positive youth development in the United States.

To learn more about the 40 Developmental Assets visit <http://www.search-institute.org/developmental-assets> . Here you will find a variety of free resources including:

- Asset building activity generator tool - <http://www.search-institute.org/activity-generator>
- Conversation Generator - <http://www.search-institute.org/conversation-generator>
- A historical background regarding where the Asset Framework came from - <http://www.search-institute.org/research/assets/background>
- The power of assets - <http://www.search-institute.org/research/assets/assetpower>
- Free tips and tools for youth workers and youth organizations - <http://www.search-institute.org/content/youth-serving-organizations>
- Free tips tools for building assets in faith communities - <http://www.search-institute.org/content/congregations>
- Information about <http://www.parentfurther.com/> , a website developed by the Search Institute dedicated exclusively to parents and families.
- and a TON MORE!

If you are interested in FREE online professional developmental focused on the 40 Developmental Assets, consider taking “Building Assets in Youth” an online module of the Arkansas Youth Development Institute. This online training will meet the requirements for the “Developmental Assets Basics” training requirement outlined at level 2 of the School Age requirements for Better Beginnings. To learn more about the Arkansas Youth Development Institute visit www.aosn.org and click on the “Youth Development Institute” tab.