

Building Protection: The Social Development Strategy

The goal...
Healthy behaviors
for all children and youth

Start with...
Healthy beliefs & clear standards
...in families, schools, communities and peer groups

Build...
Bonding
■ Attachment ■ Commitment
...to families, schools, communities and peer groups

By providing...
Opportunities

By providing...
Skills

By providing...
Recognition

...in families, schools, communities and peer groups

And by nurturing...
Individual characteristics



**Communities
That Care®**

Risk Factors

Adolescent Problem Behaviors

Risk Factors	SUBSTANCE ABUSE	DELINQUENCY	TEEN PREGNANCY	SCHOOL DROPOUT	VIOLENCE	DEPRESSION & ANXIETY
	COMMUNITY					
Availability of Drugs	✓				✓	
Availability of Firearms		✓			✓	
Community laws and norms favorable toward drug use, firearms and crime	✓	✓			✓	
Media portrayals of violence					✓	
Transitions and mobility	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Low neighborhood attachment and community disorganization	✓	✓			✓	
Extreme economic deprivation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
FAMILY						
Family history of the problem behavior	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Family management problems	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Family conflict	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Favorable parental attitudes & involvement in the problem behavior	✓	✓			✓	
SCHOOL						
Academic failure beginning in late elementary school	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lack of commitment to school	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
INDIVIDUAL/PEER						
Early and persistent antisocial behavior	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rebelliousness	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Friends who engage in the problem behavior	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Favorable attitudes toward the problem behavior	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Gang Involvement	✓	✓			✓	
Early initiation of the problem behavior	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Constitutional Factors	✓	✓			✓	✓