



Developmental Assets

There are 40... How many does your child have?

Asset #5 – Caring School Climate

Having a Caring School Climate is a great foundation for building assets in your children, which has proven to help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible and avoid all sorts of social problems including substance abuse. Working together with parents and other important people in children's lives to promote and build assets and asset development opportunities is important in establishing a Caring School Climate.

If you find out your child is bullying or being bullied, don't add stress by showing your anger, fear or disappointment. First listen carefully and respectfully while your child explains his or her point of view, then work together to make a plan to solve the problem.

Talk with your kids – ask about their friends, about what it's like to ride the bus, or walk through the lunchroom. Keep talking and asking questions, even when they don't seem anxious to respond. If you know or find out that bullying is going on at school, in a congregation, or in another organization, be sure to report it.

Relationships with teachers and peers provide a caring, encouraging environment. Working with schools to strengthen the relationships is a good way to help build assets in our children, and to ensure they are learning in a Caring School Climate. Attending parent-teacher interviews is a good way to strengthen those relationships.