



Building LifeSkills

April Empowerment

Young people are empowered to make positive changes in their community; they recognize and live up to their social and civic obligations.



40 Key Building Blocks to Help Kids Succeed



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Search Institute has identified 40 building blocks of healthy development that help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible. These building blocks are referred to as "assets." Local schools have united in identifying monthly "asset" themes for schools and communities to help kids reach their potential.

I believe I can positively impact the attitude toward youth in my community.

I have a useful role in my community and I know how I can contribute my services.

I often volunteer my services in the community.

I abide by the laws of my community, my state, and my country.

I use the democratic process to insure that all people are treated fairly and equally.

MONTHLY THEMES

April.....Citizenship
 May.....Volunteerism
 June.....Support
 July.....Constructive use of time
 August.....Commitment to learning
 September.....Decision-making
 October.....Respect
 November.....Responsibility
 December.....Caring
 January.....Fairness
 February.....Trustworthiness
 March.....Positive Identity

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Local teens to have drug-free rally on April 30th in downtown Elyria

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"One of the most common misconceptions among youth is that everyone drinks alcohol or uses drugs to have a good time," said Teen Institute of Lorain County Coordinator, Darrel Shumpert. "However, local survey data shows that the vast majority of kids do not use alcohol or drugs."

"On April 30th Lorain County teens from 13 high schools will rally together to promote the message "We are the Majority" by gathering at Elyria High School gymnasium in support of a drug-free lifestyle. Teens will gather from different parts of the county to let everyone know that they are not ashamed to let their voices be heard loud and clear WE ARE DRUG FREE... AND THAT'S HOW WE CHOOSE TO BE! This is a project of Ohio's Youth Led Prevention Network through the Drug Free Action Alliance.

At 11 a.m. youth will depart from Elyria High School and take the excitement of the "We Are the Majority" message onto Middle Avenue down to the old Lorain County Courthouse steps for a community-wide rally. The public rally at the courthouse kicks off at 11:00 a.m. with youth speakers, Elyria Mayor Holly Brinda, and Lorain County dignitaries.

The day belongs to our youth, who will talk about why and how they have remained drug-free. These teens are going to take us into their world and explain to us what it feels like to

encounter the everyday pressures of being offered drugs, how they have fought to remain clean and positive, and to encourage their peers to stay strong against this ongoing epidemic in our county as well as our nation.

Around 600+ Lorain County youth participated in the 2nd Annual "We Are the Majority" Rally last year in which was hosted by Teen Institute of Lorain County with support from Communities that Care of Lorain County, the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Lorain County, Lorain County Prosecutor and Lorain County

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Inc. as a collaborative effort with Drug Free Action Alliance in Columbus, OH. In Columbus, OH, teens will gather on the same day and time and take the "We Are the Majority" message to the Statehouse. The goal is to influence our Ohio lawmakers to consider the lives of our youth before making policy changes, enforcing new laws, and reconsider pushing particular issues that will put our youth in harms way."



ENCOURAGING LORAIN COUNTY RESIDENTS

to come out
 Wednesday, April 30th
 at 11:00am
 to line the streets of Middle Avenue
 to cheer on and support our youth.