

## Assets to Build Strong Families

The Search Institute has identified 40 assets families need. These assets help prevent children from engaging in risky behaviors.

Risky behaviors threaten your child's health. Praise and positive words from adults help build a child's self-worth.

## Children Need Positive Role Models

*Children learn behaviors by watching parents, siblings, friends and other adults. What do your children see every day? If parents want their children to behave and make good choices, they must expose them to people who have positive actions.*

*A child who sees other children hit will learn to hit. If your child is around other children who do not share, your child will not learn to share. Children must be around people who model positive social skills.*

### Support Assets

- Children of all ages need to see parents and other adults model positive behavior.
- Infants and toddlers should have a chance to observe siblings and other children interact in positive ways.
- Pre-school and school aged children should play with other children who model positive behavior. They should play in a safe and supervised setting.
- Parents should know how a child grows and develops. They should allow their child to develop at his own pace. Parents and other adults should encourage children to develop their unique talents.



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