

2017 Asset Survey Report Morgan County, WV

In the winter of 2017, the Morgan County Partnership and the Morgan County Schools collected student surveys based around the 40 Developmental Assets in grades 4, 6, 8, and 10. The 4th and 6th graders were given the “Me and My World” Survey that summarizes the extent to which children in your community experience these assets and how the assets relate to their behavior. It also looks at the positive relationships, opportunities and capacities that youth need. The 8th and 10th graders were given a very similar survey called “Profiles of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors”. This survey measures the eight indicators of thriving measures, high-risk behavior patterns, deficit measures, and the 4 Core Measures of Substance Abuse.

Some of the areas in need of support are:

- 29% of 4th and 6th Grades listed “Time at Home” on their survey.
- 42% of 4th and 6th Graders listed “Interpersonal Competence” as an asset.
- 23% of 8th and 10th Graders listed “Reading for Pleasure” as an asset.
- 13% of 8th and 10th Graders listed “Creative Activities” as an asset.
- 18% of 8th and 10th Graders listed “Community Values Youth” as an asset.
- 25% of 8th and 10th Graders listed “Youth as Resources” as an asset.

Some of the positive highlights we found from the survey are:

- 8th grade assets increased from 16.3% (2006) to 21.9% (2017).
- 10th grade “School Boundaries” increased from 43% (2006) to 53% (2017)
- 8th grade “Positive Peer Influence” increased from 52% (2006) to 85% (2017).
- 10th grade “Positive Peer Influence” increased from 41% (2006) to 43% (2017).