

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

Community	Adolescent Problem Behaviors					
	Depression/Anxiety	Substance Abuse	Delinquency	Teen Pregnancy	School Drop-Out	Violence
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 and involvement in the problem behavior		●	●			●
School						
Academic failure beginning in late elementary school		●	●	●	●	●
Lack of commitment to school		●	●	●	●	●
Peer and Individual						
Early and persistent antisocial behavior	●	●	●	●	●	●
Rebelliousness		●	●		●	
Friends who engage in the problem behavior		●	●	●	●	●
Gang involvement		●	●			●
Favorable attitudes toward the problem behavior		●	●	●	●	
Early initiation of the problem behavior		●	●	●	●	●
Constitutional factors	●	●	●			●