

The 40 Developmental Assets were assessed in June 2005 using the survey *Me and My World*. Of the children surveyed in our community, 37% report that they experience the asset Service to others.

**Asset #9: Service to others—Young person serves in the community one hour or more per week.**

*Consider this . . .*

If done well, service to others can link to many other assets. It can affirm young people's sense of being valued and valuable, and can show them that they have the power to make a difference in the world.

*Try this . . .*

Adults:

- Honor students who volunteer with praise, thanks, awards, media coverage, and other types of recognition.
- Start or help with a volunteer center in your community.
- Make service a priority in your family (starting when your children are young).
- If you need a volunteer for something, ask a young person.
- Encourage young people to make lists of things they would like to change about the world. Help them find related service projects.

Youth:

- Try out lots of different types of service.
- If you are looking for information about service opportunities, try your local library, search the Internet, or ask a teacher.
- Learn about different organizations in your community that provide service to people. Find out how you can visit and hear more about volunteer opportunities.

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