

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey and helping us learn how to improve opportunities for youth in your community! Please print out this survey, write in your responses, and mail it to: Connecticut After School Network, 12 Melrose Ave., Branford, CT 06405 by January 3, 2012.

General Information

1. **What city/town do you live in?** _____

2. **Are you...**
___ Male ___ Female

3. **Are you...(you can pick more than one)**
___ Caucasian ___ African American ___ Hispanic/Latino ___ Asian ___ Biracial/Multiracial ___ Other

4. **How old are you?**
___ 10 or younger ___ 11-13 ___ 14-15 ___ 16-18 ___ over 18

5. **Do you currently participate in any program or activity at your school? (It doesn't have to take place AT your school. It can be a program/activity in your community)**
___ Yes ___ No ___ Don't know.

If the answer to question 5 is YES, go to page 2. If the answer to question 5 is NO, go to page 3.

If you answered YES to Question 5...

**6. What kind of program/activities do you participate in?
(Check ANY that apply. You can pick more than one.)**

- Clubs/groups at my school that meet after school
- School sports teams
- Community sports team
- Art/dance/theater/music
- Media/technology
- Help with schoolwork
- Leadership to change/improve things in my school/community
- Counseling/therapy/anger management
- Other _____

7. Is your participation free or do you have to pay a fee?

- Free Pay

8. What do you like best about the program/activities you participate in right now? (You can choose up to three.)

- I get to spend time with my friends/meet new people
- It makes me more confident.
- I feel safe there.
- I learn new things.
- I get support from the staff and adults there.
- It is helping me with the goals I have for the future.
- It makes me feel like I am making a difference for my community.
- Other _____

**9. How did you get involved in the program/activity?
(Check ANY that apply. You can pick more than one.)**

- I learned about it in school.
- I learned about it from a friend.
- It was suggested or required as a part of court or counseling.
- Someone in my family signed me up.
- I signed myself up.
- Other _____

10. Other than your program/activities, which of these things do you do after school? (You can choose up to three you spend MOST of your time doing)

- Watch TV
- Spend time online
- Do my homework
- Talk on the phone with friends
- Cook dinner/other household duties
- Watch/take care of my brothers/sisters
- Hang out with friends at one of our houses
- Hang out with friends outside or at stores
- Do things I shouldn't be doing.
- Other (write in)

You're almost done! To finish, please go to Questions 14-17 on page 4.

If you answered NO to question 5...

11. Why don't you participate? (Check ANY that apply. You can pick more than one.)

- I am not interested in any of the programs/activities in my community.
- I don't know of anything that I could participate in.
- There are no programs/activities for someone that is my age.
- The only program/activities are in the school building, and I don't want to stay at school any longer.
- The programs/activities are too expensive.
- I do not have transportation to get to/from the program/activities.
- I have to take care of my brothers, sisters, or other family members.
- Other: _____

12. What kinds of activities/programs WOULD interest you? (Check ANY that apply. You can pick more than one.)

- Sports/recreation
- Arts/dance/theater/music
- Media/technology
- Help with schoolwork
- Training to help me get a job
- Leadership to change or improve things in my school/community
- Going somewhere new, experiencing something outside of where I live and what I usually do.
- Other _____

13. Right now, what do you do after school? (You can pick up to three that you spend MOST your time doing.)

- Watch TV
- Spend time online
- Do my homework
- Talk on the phone with friends
- Cook dinner/other household duties
- Work at my job
- Watch/take care of my brothers/sisters
- Hang out with friends at one of our houses
- Hang out with friends outside or at stores.
- Do things I shouldn't be doing.
- Other: _____

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14. How important are the following issues facing YOUTH in YOUR COMMUNITY right now?

| This issue is... | Not Important | Somewhat Important | Important | Very Important | Not Sure |
|---|---------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|----------|
| Not having anything positive to do in our community. | | | | | |
| Feeling lonely or isolated. | | | | | |
| Not feeling safe. | | | | | |
| Dealing with parent or family problems. | | | | | |
| Not being able to learn what we need to in school. | | | | | |
| Getting in trouble/disciplined at school. | | | | | |
| Dropping out of school. | | | | | |
| Student or youth voices and opinions are not respected by adults, teachers, or decision-makers. | | | | | |
| Money problems in our family. | | | | | |
| Bullying. | | | | | |
| Fighting. | | | | | |
| Gun violence. | | | | | |
| Relationship drama with friends, both male and female. | | | | | |
| Using drugs. | | | | | |
| Drinking alcohol. | | | | | |
| Selling drugs. | | | | | |
| Dealing with police. | | | | | |
| Dealing with the foster care system. | | | | | |
| Other: | | | | | |

15. What would you do to change these issues in your community?

16. What do you want to learn more about that you feel you are NOT learning enough of in school?

| Learning this is... | Not at all important | Somewhat Important | Important | Very Important | Not Sure |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|----------|
| How to do the work I get assigned in school. | | | | | |
| My identity, heritage, culture and history. | | | | | |
| How to deal with stress and trauma in my life. | | | | | |
| Emotional and physical health and well-being. | | | | | |
| How to have a safe/healthy relationship with my friends, both male and female. | | | | | |
| The impact of money, race and politics in my community. | | | | | |
| How to change things I think are unjust or unfair. | | | | | |
| What is going on in other parts of the country or the world. | | | | | |
| How to be more confident in myself. | | | | | |
| How to make goals for myself. | | | | | |
| Other: | | | | | |

17. Is there anything else you'd like to tell the people that make decisions about after school and summer programs?