



**WEST VIRGINIA'S PROMISE**  
THE ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH

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**YOUTH SURVEY**

1. Which of the following qualities do you value most in adults?

A. someone you can trust	<u>11</u>
B. someone who's always there	<u>4</u>
C. someone who helps you succeed	<u>3</u>
D. someone you can bring your problems to	<u>8</u>
  
2. Of the following, what are the top two reasons why it can be hard sometimes to find an adult you connect with?

A. adults don't have time	<u>7</u>
B. young people don't have the time	<u>2</u>
C. it's hard to know if you can trust adults	<u>6</u>
D. it's hard to talk to adults about your problem	<u>11</u>
  
3. Of the following, who would you like to have a closer relationship with?

A. someone at my church, synagogue, temple or other religious organization	<u>2</u>
B. one or more parent(s)	<u>7</u>
C. a sport coach or activity leader	<u>1</u>
D. a teacher or school counselor	<u>5</u>
E. none of the above	<u>5</u>
  
4. Do you feel like you have a caring adult in your life?

A. Yes	<u>17</u>
B. No	<u>0</u>
C. I don't know	<u>3</u>
  
5. Where do you feel safe?

A. School	<u>4</u>
B. your neighborhood	<u>0</u>
C. your home	<u>16</u>
D. none of the above	<u>1</u>
E. community center or park	<u>1</u>
  
6. How many days a week do you participate in extra-curricular activities after school?

A. 0	<u>9</u>
B. 1 or 2	<u>7</u>
C. 3 or 4	<u>1</u>
D. 5, 6, or 7	<u>3</u>
  
7. Do any of the following things stop you from participating in extracurricular activities?

A. transportation is a problem	<u>2</u>
B. activities cost too much money	<u>4</u>
C. bad things happen when you are there	<u>2</u>
D. too tired	<u>2</u>
E. none of the above	<u>12</u>



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8. Of the following, what are the top two reasons why you can't or don't participate in more activities?
- A. have a job or work to do at home 3
  - B. don't want to 11
  - C. parents don't want you to 2
  - D. lack of interesting activities 11
  - E. lack of safe places to go 3
9. Which of the following statements is most true for you?
- A. it's sometimes hard for me to get a ride to go places 5
  - B. I don't like (or am not allowed) to take the bus to go places 2
  - C. I don't like (or am not allowed) to walk many places, but I'm willing to take the bus 3
  - D. I don't have a problem finding a way to get around. 10
  - No Answer 1
10. Of the following, what are your top two daily health concerns?
- A. lack of sleep 4
  - B. not eating well or not eating enough food 1
  - C. stress (hard to balance work, school and activities) 11
  - D. feeling depressed 6
  - E. body image/self image 11
11. Do any of these issues affect you on a daily basis?
- A. chemical abuse (drugs and alcohol) 1
  - B. smoking 3
  - C. pregnancy 1
  - D. STDs/STIs 0
  - E. None of the above 16
12. Of the following, what do you think are the top two health concerns of young people in your neighborhood?
- A. Violence 6
  - B. drug and alcohol abuse 13
  - C. smoking 7
  - D. unable to access health care 0
  - E. disease, including STDs/STIs 1
  - No Answer 1
13. Which of the following statement(s) best applies to you?
- A. I experience fighting or violence at my school 4
  - B. I experience fighting or violence in my neighborhood 3
  - C. I experience fighting or violence in my home 0
  - D. I experience fighting or violence through the media (TV, movies, video games, etc.) 13
  - No Answer 1



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14. Would you be interested in any of the following?
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|--|----------|
| A. Health classes or speaker on various topics               | <u>4</u> |
| B. People who you can trust to bring up health concerns with | <u>5</u> |
| C. Available school nurses                                   | <u>2</u> |
| D. More information on available health care and services    | <u>1</u> |
| E. Confidential services for health care concerns            | <u>6</u> |
| No Answer  | <u>2</u> |
15. At school, do you think that you are getting the skills you would need to:
- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| A. get a good job   | <u>2</u>  |
| B. go to college, community college, or vocational school | <u>2</u>  |
| C. both A and B   | <u>13</u> |
| D. neither A nor B  | <u>2</u>  |
| No Answer   | <u>1</u>  |
16. Of the following, what are the top two skills that you would like to learn more about?
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|---|----------|
| A. communication skills or people skills  | <u>9</u> |
| B. better academic skills- critical thinking, more challenging learning activities            | <u>4</u> |
| C. practical experience (computer skills, graphic skills, typing)                             | <u>5</u> |
| D. job seeking or job preparedness skills (writing a resume, appearance, interviewing skills) | <u>7</u> |
| E. attitudinal skills (confidence or tolerance)   | <u>2</u> |
| No Answer   | <u>1</u> |
17. Do you feel challenged in school?
- |              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| A. Yes       | <u>5</u>  |
| B. No        | <u>4</u>  |
| C. Sometimes | <u>10</u> |
| No Answer    | <u>1</u>  |
18. Which of the following statements is most true for you?
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|---|----------|
| A. I have been given adequate information about college and/or vocational school and I am interested in going.    | <u>8</u> |
| B. I am interested in college or vocational school, but have not been given any (or enough) information about it. | <u>9</u> |
| C. I am not interested in information about colleges or vocational school because I have other plans.             | <u>1</u> |
| D. None of the above  | <u>2</u> |
| No Answer   | <u>1</u> |
19. Which of the following statements is most true for you?
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|---|-----------|
| A. I am developing skills and experience and feel prepared for a job after school if I want one | <u>12</u> |
| B. I am not developing skills that I think would prepare me for a job                           | <u>6</u>  |
| No Answer   | <u>1</u>  |



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20. Which of the following statements is most true for you?
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| A. I regularly do volunteering that I enjoy  | <u>6</u> |
| B. I sometimes volunteer, and would like to be more involved in volunteer projects | <u>6</u> |
| C. I am not interested in doing volunteering                                       | <u>3</u> |
| D. I would be interested in volunteering but don't know where to go                | <u>4</u> |
| No Answer  | <u>1</u> |
21. What would prevent you from participating in volunteer opportunities (or more volunteer opportunities)?
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|--|----------|
| A. no time or have other commitments   | <u>9</u> |
| B. don't see any benefits to volunteering  | <u>0</u> |
| C. not interested in volunteering  | <u>2</u> |
| D. not aware of volunteer opportunities  | <u>6</u> |
| E. language barrier (there are no volunteer opportunities printed in my language or opportunities to work with people who speak my language) | <u>2</u> |
| No Answer  | <u>1</u> |
22. What issues or areas of your community would you like to focus volunteering on?
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| A. positive role modeling for youth younger than you                         | <u>5</u> |
| B. environmental issues (pollution, trash, graffiti, vandalism)              | <u>6</u> |
| C. helping others in need (volunteering at a food shelf or homeless shelter) | <u>9</u> |
| D. learning about and strengthening cultures in my community                 | <u>2</u> |
| No Answer  | <u>1</u> |
23. Which of the following statements is most true for you?
- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| A. my peers sometimes prevent me from doing what I know to be good for me   | <u>7</u> |
| B. I fear telling adults the truth sometimes  | <u>3</u> |
| C. I feel that adults do not respect youth and do not have high expectations for youth                                | <u>1</u> |
| D. I feel that I don't have enough information or know where to go to find out what opportunities are available to me | <u>7</u> |
| E. None of the above  | <u>3</u> |
| No Answer   | <u>1</u> |