

Communities That Care

Youth Survey Results

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NEIGHBORHOOD PERCEPTIONS

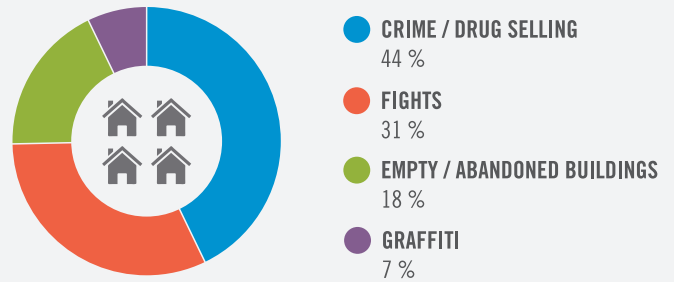


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IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD A KID WOULD GET CAUGHT BY THE POLICE IF HE/SHE...



IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD



I LIKE MY NEIGHBORHOOD

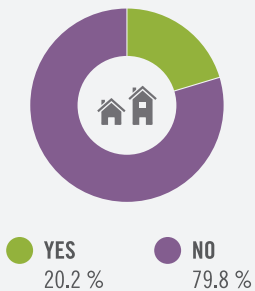


I FEEL SAFE IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD

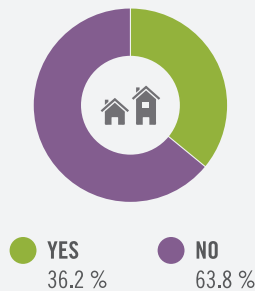


MY NEIGHBORS

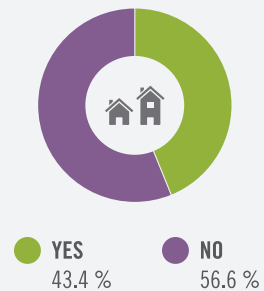
My neighbors notice when I am doing a good job and let me know.



There are a lot of adults in my neighborhood I could talk to about something important.



There are people in my neighborhood that encourage me to do my best.





10 WAYS to make **YOUNG PEOPLE FEEL BETTER** about the **NEIGHBORHOOD**

- 1 Have your **neighborhood celebration** on the first or last day of school. **Inviting young people, parents, teachers and other neighbors.** Involve the young people in planning when able.
- 2 **Compliment** neighborhood kids when they do good deeds. **Encourage** them to keep doing their best.
- 3 **Let the young people** in your neighborhood know they can **play** basketball in your driveway, cut through your yard to get to school, sled down the hill in your backyard - whatever you feel comfortable with.
- 4 **Ask** young people what they are **interested in.** If it is something you know about, ask to **join in the fun.**
- 5 When **young workers** wait on you at grocery stores and fast food restaurants, **greet them** and **compliment them** on something (their good work, their unusual hairstyle).
- 6 Organize a **neighborhood bake sale**, or try a **barter day** - you and your neighbors can gather to trade items.
- 7 Organize **informal activities** (such as pick-up basketball) for young people in your neighborhood. Make plans to **do the activity weekly**, if they are interested.
- 8 **Tell neighborhood parents** when you see their children being **responsible** or **generous** in their actions. Try to find opportunities to **praise more often** than you report misbehavior.
- 9 Make **your home** one that **young people want to come to.** If they get rowdy at your home, be calm but firm in reestablishing order.
- 10 Spend time on your **front porch** or **front steps**, if in an apartment, spend time in gathering places such as court yards or game rooms. **Greet people** and try to **start conversations.**