



# Youth Launch Leaders

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## Building Assets in Schools: It Takes You!

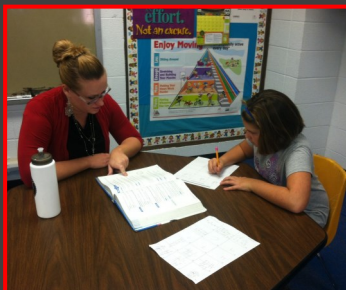
Teachers  
Secretaries  
Administrators



Custodians  
Bus Drivers  
Nurses

Each of these adults working in our schools play a role in the lives of children/youth and are given the golden opportunity and responsibility to teach more than subject material. The school climate established by the relationships of all these players working together with children can provide a caring, encouraging environment for learning and growing. Words, body language, tone of voice, and smiles from each of these school leaders in the world of a child can make a huge difference in the child's engagement to school. Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets provide a research-based framework for positive youth development to prepare young people for success. All members of the school community can build and strengthen these assets.

All children need positive support from three or more nonparent adults - that can happen at school when adults take the time to really communicate with young people.



Schools must feel safe for all children and also provide boundaries with clear rules and expectations. To provide the groundwork that allows young people to reach their full potential, homework and reading for pleasure must be encouraged and expected. All adults teach positive values and social competencies by modeling these qualities and expecting all young people to do the same: caring, equality, integrity, honesty, responsibility, empathy, sensitivity, friendship,

and peaceful conflict resolution. Planning, decision-making, and working together are learned through practice and high expectations. Schools need to provide the opportunity for parents to be actively involved in their child's education.



May we all challenge ourselves to make a difference in the life of every child this school year! Great things happen when adults consider what children need to grow and develop!

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### School Start Dates

Clarke	8/24
Chariton	8/24
Diagonal	8/24
Mt. Ayr	8/24
Mormon Trail	8/24
Murray	8/24
Seymour	8/24
East Union	8/25
Wayne	8/25
Central Decatur	8/26
Creston	8/26
Lamoni	8/26



# Youth Development by the Bushel



Choose an asset  
focused quote of  
the day/week and  
display it

Post the list of assets  
in areas where you  
work with youth

Communicate with  
parents news of  
positive and  
helpful behavior  
you see in their  
children

Set high and clear  
expectations for  
student behavior  
and learning

Thank students and  
staff when you see  
them building  
assets

