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COMMUNITY VALUES YOUTH

July Asset of the Month

“It takes a village to raise a child.” – African Proverb

Definition

Young people perceive that adults in the community value children and youth.

The Importance of Community Values Youth

All adults in the community have a role to play in showing their support for youth. Young people are not fully connected to their community when they notice value from only the adults they know. They will miss the benefits that such a connection can provide. Normally adults feel that youth already know that they're valued and appreciated. Children and youth will feel that they are welcomed and valued by the community when adults provide them with support, boundaries, and positive outlooks.

What You Can Do

- Ask your child's opinion about something in the news. Listen carefully, without interrupting.
- Serve on a community committee and seek out young people's feedback about specific issues.
- Your children can participate in community life. Help them identify issues that affect young people and ways they can make an impact.

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