

Darien Student Survey

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THE SEARCH INSTITUTE'S

DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS PROFILE

(DAP)

Darien's Survey History



- The Search Institute Student Surveys:
 - ❖ Resources & Assets Survey
 - ❖ Alcohol Tobacco & Other Drugs (ATOD) Addendum
- 2008
- 2011
- 2014

Darien's Parent Survey



- First town-wide parent survey
 - ❖ Revealed gaps between parent perception & student reported behavior
- Emailed via Superintendent's Office
 - ❖ 800 Responses
- Results presented at Darien Library May 2017

Why Survey?



- Track student data over time
 - ❖ Comparative data available starting in 2008
- Educate parent community
 - ❖ Knowledge of risky teen behaviors in Darien
 - ❖ Awareness of laws
 - ❖ Promote positive parenting strategies
- Identify target areas for programming
 - ❖ Wrap-around programming with Thriving Youth Task Force
 - ❖ Awareness of community strengths & weaknesses

Proposed 2017 Student Survey: DAP



The Tool: DAP (Developmental Asset Profile) + ATOD (Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs) Addendum

- Alignment with Search Institute
 - ❖ Ability to track assets & risky behaviors over 10 years
 - ❖ Survey of risky behavior required for State of CT grant funding
- Addendum seeks student attitudes on substance use and accessibility, aligns with parent survey questions
- Validated, evidence-based survey tool
 - ❖ The Search Institute: asset-based approach
 - ❖ Addendum: use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs
- Parent & student questions allow for cohort sampling

DAP v. Resources and Assets



- **Similarities:**
 - 40 Developmental Asset profile
 - Thriving Indicators
 - Risky Indicators
- **Differences:**
 - Likert scale – assess degrees of agreement/disagreement
 - Shorter
 - Online
- **Gaps in DAP: missing deeper mental health inquiries and fuller thriving indicators**

Questions

