

COMMUNITY FORUM ON YOUTH

Mark your calendars.

Thursday, April 1, 2004 - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Forest Grove School District, 1728 Main St., Forest Grove

Our young people need us.

'Our young people are counting on us to give them the support they need to thrive and be successful.'

Ralph Brown
Former Cornelius mayor

'Businesses, schools and parents, working together, can significantly impact our youth and help them to be a positive and successful part of the community.'

Lois Hornberger
Forest Grove Chamber
of Commerce

Community +
Schools =
Student
Success

Did you know?

- Only 1/4 of students surveyed believe their community values youth.*
- Only 1/3 of students surveyed say the adults in their lives model positive behavior.*
- Only 1/3 of students surveyed say their parents are involved in their education.*

*From a 2001 survey conducted by Washington County Commission on Children and Families

This is a community call to action.

Forest Grove School District is joining with area businesses, churches, civic groups, parents and senior citizens on a community campaign based on the "40 Developmental Assets." Research shows these 40 assets are critical building blocks that all children need to grow up healthy, caring and competent. These assets include the external support that adults provide, such as love, guidance and structure, as well as young people's inner strengths, such as their values and beliefs.

On average, young people nationwide have only 15-20 of these assets, leaving them vulnerable to many problems. We recently surveyed Forest Grove School District students in grades 7, 9 and 11 to see how many assets our own students have. We'll share the results at this community forum.

It's clear that young people need more assets in every part of their lives, *but most of all they need more support from adults.* As a community, we must work together to develop caring relationships with our children and make sure they have the assets they need to thrive and be successful. Please join us April 1 and find out what we can do together to help.

For more information, call 503-359-2420.



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