

## **Asset-Based Youth Development Principles Critical for Effective Strength-Based Programming**

1. Adults share some degree of power with youth
2. Youth have significant levels of responsibility
3. Youth are viewed as actors and major players (as opposed to recipients of services)
4. Youth act on opportunities
5. Adults and youth work together
6. Strong, enduring relationships exist between youth and adults
7. Strong, enduring relationships exist among youth
8. An adult asset champion is present
9. A youth asset champion is present

- Assets for Colorado Youth (2003)

## **Ten Ideas for Designing and Implementing Youth Development-Anchored Community Service Programs**

1. Meaningful activity
2. Emphasis on helping others
3. Integrated part of an articulated ideology
4. Group rather than individual action
5. Reflective opportunity with peers
6. Service organizers as models and integrators
7. Site supervisors as models
8. Acknowledging participants' diversity
9. Sense of being part of history
10. Responsibility

- James Youniss and Miranda Yates (1997). Community Service and Social Responsibility in Youth.