



Learning Community

Core Concepts of Youth Development

- Youth development is a shared responsibility between families, schools, organizations that serve and work with youth, and youth themselves.
- Every young person has a basic motivation towards independence and self-actualization.
- All young people can grow and develop.
- Youth development is active not passive; it places the value on making intentional connections with youth.
- Youth development is strength-based not deficit based.
- Families and/or other personal connections are essential to supporting healthy youth.

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