

## Search Institute Fact Sheet

### WHO ARE WE?

Search Institute bridges research and practice to help young people be and become their best selves.

### WHAT DO WE DO?

Drawing on extensive research, Search Institute works worldwide to bring research-based solutions to the most pressing challenges in the lives of young people. Everything we do focuses on the strengths of young people—rather than deficits— so they can build on what they’re already doing right. Through valuable frameworks, such as developmental relationships and Developmental Assets®, we give youth leaders the tools to help young people successfully navigate their teen and pre-teen years to become thriving adults.

### HOW DO WE WORK?

Search Institute equips those who work with youth to help young people achieve constructive goals, maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. We do this through...

- ✓ High-quality research, evaluation, and capacity-building projects that deepen knowledge of the social and emotional needs of young people and their families.
- ✓ Tools, resources, and services to equip educators, youth workers, communities, and other leaders to create a world where young people can be and become their best selves.
- ✓ Partnership with schools, foundations, corporations, communities, and other youth-serving systems to deepen capacity and impact in helping youth and families succeed.

### WHERE DO WE FOCUS OUR WORK?

Search Institute links its research, tools, services, and partnerships in the following areas:

- ✓ **Schools**— Your school plays a critical role in building not only students’ academic skills, but also the social and emotional skills that are essential for lifelong success. Thousands of schools utilize Search Institute’s research, tools, and services that give all students the opportunity to succeed.
- ✓ **Youth Programs**— Time spent with caring adults outside of the home and classroom can have a profound impact on how youth see themselves and the world around them. Search Institute’s research-based tools and resources translate the passion and commitment of your youth development staff into effective developmental relationships that help young people thrive.
- ✓ **Communities**— A “village” of support and opportunity is sometimes needed to ensure the success of all youth in a community. Our resources will assist your coalition in developing and implementing action plans with aligned expectations and measurable goals.