



Building Developmental Relationships
In Schools Implementation KIT
sparcreddeer.ca

STEP # 1:

Work through the presentation to gain some insight into the Search Institute and 40 Developmental Assets as a construct <http://bit.ly/40Assets-SchoolEdition>

The Search Institute research, and the evidence of its effectiveness is so compelling. A deeper dive often occurs naturally once folks are introduced to the research and feeling like they need to start working directly as developmental relationship building individuals. This can be done at the Search Institute website <http://www.search-institute.org/>

STEP # 2:

The Asset lists below represent different age categories as defined by Search Institute.

[40 Developmental Assets for Early Childhood](#) (ages 3-5)

[40 Developmental Assets for Kindergarten Through Third Grade](#) (ages 5-9)

[40 Developmental Assets for Middle Childhood](#) (ages 8-12)

[40 Developmental Assets for Adolescents](#) – what we term the “original” research

Take an audit of the work done in your school to support Asset development and developmental relationships. This could be done in several effective ways. For example:

1. Have a staff wide conversation
2. Create a survey
3. Use the lists as checklists with examples
4. Create staff groups to investigate sections of the Assets lists

People who work in schools can do so much to support Asset growth in their students. In Step # 3 you will see links to corresponding documents detailing contexts for each Asset that can be addressed specifically and purposefully for kids of different ages in schools. The intent is that dialog regarding the “how” actions involved in creating these realities for kids will be prompted, and that new ideas will be generated to effectively support Asset development in the school, in the home, and community.

STEP # 3:

1. Preschool, Ages 3-5 <http://bit.ly/40AssetsPreschool>
2. K-3, Ages 5-9 <http://bit.ly/40AssetsK3>
3. Middle Childhood, Ages 8-12 <http://bit.ly/40AssetsMiddleChildhood>
4. Adolescent, Ages 13-18 <http://bit.ly/40AssetsAdolescents>