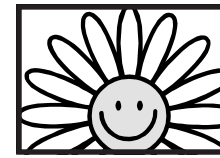


## 25 Ways to Show Kids you Care by Building Developmental Assets™

1. Notice them.
2. Ask them about themselves.
3. Be yourself.
4. Cheer their accomplishments.
5. Go places together.
6. Introduce them to new experiences.
7. Expect their best; don't expect perfection.
8. Catch them doing something right.
9. Laugh at their jokes.
10. Suggest better behaviors when they act out.
11. Learn their name.
12. Be curious with them.
13. Play outside together.
14. Delight in their discoveries.
15. Be available.
16. Create a safe, open environment.
17. Daydream with them.
18. Make decisions together.
19. Magnify their magnificence.
20. Build something together.
21. Let them make mistakes.
22. Inspire their creativity.
23. Keep promises you make.
24. Listen to their favorite music with them.
25. Love them, no matter what.



## Some Ideas to Get Started!

### Note Worthy

Every child does something that is note worthy. Hand out colorful sticky notes to kids in your social or community circle that praise something special and specific about the child on a regular basis. You can compliment anything—their wide smile, a kind gesture to another, their part or good teamwork in an activity—and it will make a difference. Suggest to the kids that the notes can be collected on a notebook, the refrigerator or mirror. This reaffirms developmental assets in the kids as well as develops new assets.

### Invest in the Future

Invest your spare time by volunteering with kids. Provide a weekly reading time to children at a local day care. Each week have a different child helper choose the book, sit by you in a seat of honor or assist with the group in some way. The time you invest today improves the lives of kids on into the future.

### Lead the Way

Lead the way to asset development by volunteering as a youth sports coach. This leadership position provides endless opportunities to develop assets with kids. From learning their names, teaching and modeling the core values, creating a safe environment in which they can grow and learn the sport, providing leadership roles to acknowledging successes, you make an incredible difference for a group of kids at one time!

Need more ideas? Please ask our staff!



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