



**Ann Arbor Area
Community Foundation**

Washtenaw County Youth Needs Assessment

Thank you for taking this brief survey - **it is estimated to take 5 minutes to complete**. This survey is designed to learn about the needs of high school aged youth in Washtenaw County directly from the source. Every year, the Youth Council, a group of 25 Washtenaw County teens from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, makes grants totaling \$80,000+ to youth-serving nonprofit organizations. The results of this survey will be used to determine the most pressing needs and inform the decision making process. **You are being asked your opinion on many of the questions - there are no right or wrong answers. Your answers will be anonymous and completely confidential.**

1. In the past two years, what has limited you from participating in after-school or weekend programs or services in your community? Select all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> COVID-related restrictions | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical/physical limitations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discrimination | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs or services didn't match my interests |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distance - programs or services were too far away | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious commitments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of being judged by others | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety to/from programs or services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family obligations | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports or club commitments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends weren't interested | <input type="checkbox"/> Timing of programs or services has been inconvenient |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homework | <input type="checkbox"/> Too busy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of money | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer commitments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of support from family | <input type="checkbox"/> Wasn't aware of programs or services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Wasn't interested in virtual programs or services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Language barriers | <input type="checkbox"/> Work commitments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

2. To what extent do you agree with the following statements? Since March 2020...

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not applicable
I have felt more isolated from friends and classmates than before this time period	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have felt more stressed, anxious, and/or depressed as compared to the time before COVID-19	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have had trouble finding a job (or was let go from my job) because of COVID-19	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have reduced the number of activities I participate in outside of school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(For those in remote learning) I have had difficulty learning in an online environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(For those in school or in hybrid learning situations) I have had difficulty learning in school with COVID-related restrictions (i.e. wearing masks, social distancing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have had technology challenges that have impacted my schooling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 3. In the past two years, what have been the biggest challenges or issues that you have faced? Select up to FIVE options.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic challenges | <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of deportation for myself or my family | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical health challenges |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial stress | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Body image issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Food insecurity | <input type="checkbox"/> Preparing for a positive college experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bullying | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend troubles | <input type="checkbox"/> Racism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College application process | <input type="checkbox"/> Gangs | <input type="checkbox"/> Self harm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dating violence | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing instability | <input type="checkbox"/> Social anxiety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depression | <input type="checkbox"/> Isolation | <input type="checkbox"/> Suicidal thoughts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discrimination (being treated differently because of race, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, body size) | <input type="checkbox"/> Jobs - lack of job options or unstable employment | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology challenges |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug or alcohol abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of parental support and/or limited parental involvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family violence | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health challenges | <input type="checkbox"/> Violence in the community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

* 4. What do you think are the top five services or programs most needed by high schoolers in Washtenaw County?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic support, including homework help and tutoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing services | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual health programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-racism programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Job training | <input type="checkbox"/> Substance abuse treatment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civic engagement or political activism opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership development | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer programming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College prep and/or help with application process | <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual) support services | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dating violence support services | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical services | <input type="checkbox"/> Violence prevention services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic violence support services | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health services | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentorship programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth arts/music/culture programming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial literacy programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Places for teenagers to hang out | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food distribution services | <input type="checkbox"/> School safety programs | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

5. What grade are you in?

6. What is your age?

- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19

7. What school do you attend?

8. What is the zip code where you primarily live?

9. In what language do you speak most fluently?

10. What best describes your gender?

- Man
- Woman
- Transgender-man
- Prefer to self describe
- Transgender-woman
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to disclose

11. Which of the following best describes your racial or ethnic background? Select all that apply.

- Asian
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latinx
- Indian American
- Middle Eastern/Arab American
- Native American/American Indian
- White/Caucasian
- Unknown
- Prefer not to disclose
- A race/ethnicity not listed above

Thank you for completing this survey.

We are extremely grateful that you contributed your valuable time and your honest information.