

2023 YAC Needs Assessment Results

Q1: Which of the following do you consider to be some of the most pressing issues in our community that need to be addressed? (Select as many as you'd like)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Anxiety	60.85%	171
Depression	58.36%	164
Bullying/Cyberbullying	53.02%	149
Academic Stress	50.53%	142
Mental Health Disabilities	44.84%	126
Substance use in teens and adults	44.48%	125
Emotional Abuse	43.42%	122
Family Relationships	41.28%	116
Suicide	41.28%	116
Racism	38.08%	107
Sexual Abuse	35.94%	101
Homelessness	33.81%	95
Gender identity/sexual orientation	33.10%	93
Sexism	33.10%	93
Eating Disorders	32.38%	91
Hunger	30.96%	87
Physical Abuse	30.60%	86
Violence/Gun Violence	26.33%	74
Pollution/Littering	24.20%	68
Teen Pregnancy	24.20%	68
Teen Trafficking	24.20%	68
Drunk Driving	21.71%	61
Transportation Issues	21.71%	61
Emergency Food/Shelter	21.00%	59
Physical Disabilities	19.57%	55
Lack of jobs	17.44%	49
Intellectual and Cognitive Disabilities	16.73%	47
Technology needs in schools	16.73%	47
Opportunities for minorities	14.95%	42
Climate and Environment	13.17%	37
Lack of recreational opportunities	13.17%	37
Total Respondents: 281		

Q2: Is there another issue that you feel we have not addressed above that you would like to see measured?

- Lack of entertaining things to do outside of ones own home
- Domestic Abuse
- Post Covid -19 debriefing and returning to a new "normal"
- Vaping and Marijuana use in Teens
- Marijuana accessibility for Teens
- Effects of Social Media on Teens
- Rape and Sexual Assault among teens and the homeless
- How teachers and school staff treat students
- College preparedness
- Finding proper help for those with disabilities
- Equity
- Address the importance of having healthy relationships in between youth
- Roads and cost of living
- Teen relationships and domestic abuse
- Public Display of Affection in schools
- Academic variety for different learning styles and openness to different learning methods
- Inappropriate pictures and videos sent through messaging and social media
- Work/school balance for students who work after school
- Lack of conservative programs
- Teachers who do not care
- Lack of teaching skills about life and taxes
- Sexual Assault, Rape, and Bullying not being taken seriously or being handled the appropriate way
- Funds for schools
- Religion here
- Lack of higher-level academic opportunities
- Lack of training for school employees on spotting abuse, bullying, harassment, taunting and more
- Child trafficking

Q3: Out of the selected answers above, what are your top 2 most important issues that you feel have the most impact on your community?

Depression	43
Anxiety	39
Academic Stress	29
Substance use in teens and adults	28
Mental Health Disabilities	26
Bullying/Cyberbullying	25
Family Relationships	19
Hunger	15
Violence/Gun Violence	15
Sexual Abuse	14
Homelessness	13
Physical Abuse	13
Emotional Abuse	12
Racism	12
Gender identity/sexual orientation	12
Eating Disorders	12
Suicide	11
Pollution/Littering	11
Teen Pregnancy	4
Drunk Driving	3
Lack of jobs	3
Lack of recreational opportunities	3
Teen Trafficking	2
Climate and Environment	2
Sexism	1
Emergency Food/Shelter	1
Physical Disabilities	1
Intellectual and Cognitive Disabilities	1
Technology needs in schools	1
Opportunities for minorities	1

Q4: Please check all the activities below that you feel are valuable to teens in your community.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Arts, writing, or music-focused activities	61.15% 170
Club/groups with a specific focus (ie: environment, LGBTQ, drug/alcohol prevention)	51.80% 144
General recreation (including non-competitive sports, games, open gym)	51.08% 142
Homework assistance or tutoring programs	56.83% 158
Mentoring-type groups (ie: Big Brother/Big Sister)	34.53% 96
Motivational speakers or presenters in school	26.98% 75
Outdoor experiences, camps, challenge courses	53.96% 150
Programs that explore jobs and careers or preparation	57.19% 159
Programs that focus on teaching a skill that reward success with scholarships or special recognition	43.88% 122
Programs that teach martial arts or defense skills	32.73% 91
Programs that teach time management	41.73% 116
Youth-led programs	32.37% 90

Q5: What school district do you most identify as belonging to?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Bronson	18.21% 51
Coldwater	63.57% 178
Colon	0.00% 0
Homeschool	0.00% 0
Pansophia	0.36% 1
Quincy	6.79% 19
St. Charles	0.36% 1
Union City	7.86% 22
Other (please specify)	Responses 2.86% 8
TOTAL	280

Q6: What grade is the person providing answers for this survey in?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1st Grade	0.72%	2
2nd Grade	0.00%	0
3rd Grade	0.00%	0
4th Grade	0.00%	0
5th Grade	0.00%	0
6th Grade	13.77%	38
7th Grade	9.78%	27
8th Grade	3.99%	11
9th Grade	16.67%	46
10th Grade	13.41%	37
11th Grade	14.13%	39
12th Grade	9.06%	25
Parent/Caregiver	12.68%	35
Out of high school but not a parent	5.80%	16
TOTAL		276

Q7: What is your gender?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	60.50%	170
Male	33.10%	93
Other (please specify)	Responses 6.41%	18
TOTAL		281

Q7: What is your ethnicity?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Caucasian	70.97%	198
Black or African-American	1.79%	5
American Indian or Alaskan Native	3.94%	11
Asian	1.43%	4
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.36%	1
From multiple races	7.17%	20
Other (please specify)	Responses 14.34%	40
TOTAL		279