

Test Your Knowledge: Positive Youth Development and Youth Violence Prevention

What are positive youth development (PYD) programs?



PYD programs build up youth skills, connect youth to positive adults and peers, and support them to contribute to their communities.

True/False: PYD programs only focus on reducing risk factors for violence.

False! PYD programs strengthen young people's sense of identity, hope for the future, and positive community ties to keep youth healthy and safe.



What are protective factors for youth violence?



Protective factors reduce the likelihood of youth becoming involved in violence. Examples include being connected to family/adults, participating in positive activities, and having educational aspirations.

True/False: Greening vacant properties can prevent violent crime.

True! Involving youth in greening activities like mowing and landscaping vacant lots reduces violent crime, including youth violence. It can also improve community health and well-being.

