

Understanding Risk and Protection

Risk factors are conditions that increase the likelihood of a young person becoming involved in drug use, delinquency, school dropout, and/or violence

	Substance Abuse	Delinquency	Teen Pregnancy	School Drop-Out	Violence	Depression & Anxiety
Community	Availability of Drugs	✓			✓	
	Availability of Firearms		✓		✓	
	Community Laws and Norms Favorable Toward Drug Use, Firearms and Crime	✓	✓		✓	
	Media Portrayals of the Behavior	✓			✓	
	Transitions and Mobility	✓	✓		✓	✓
	Low Neighborhood Attachment and Community Disorganization	✓	✓		✓	
	Extreme Economic Deprivation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Family	Family History of the Problem Behavior	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Family Management Problems	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Family Conflict	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Favorable Parental Attitudes and Involvement in the Problem Behavior	✓	✓		✓	
School	Academic Failure Beginning in Late Elementary School	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Lack of Commitment to School	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Peer / Individual	Early & Persistent Antisocial Behavior	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Rebelliousness	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Gang Involvement	✓	✓		✓	
	Friends Who Engage in the Problem Behavior	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Favorable Attitudes Toward the Problem Behavior	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Early Imitation of the Problem Behavior	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Constitutional Factors	✓	✓			✓

NOTE: THE LIST ABOVE REPRESENTS THE CONCEPTUAL MODEL ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED BY THE RISK AND PROTECTIVE FACTOR MODEL OF PREVENTION. PAYS USES A REFINED AND TARGETED SUBSET OF RISK FACTORS THAT ARE BASED ON THIS MODEL.

Protective factors, also known as “assets,” are conditions that buffer youth from risk by reducing the impact of the risks or changing the way they respond to risks.

		Healthy beliefs and Clear Standards	Bonding	Opportunities	Skills	Recognition
Community	Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement		✓	✓		
	Rewards for Prosocial Involvement		✓			✓
Family	Family Attachment		✓			
	Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement		✓	✓		
	Rewards for Prosocial Involvement	✓	✓			✓
School	Opportunities for Prosocial Involvement		✓	✓		
	Rewards for Prosocial Involvement		✓			✓
Peer / Individual	Interaction with Prosocial Peers		✓		✓	
	Prosocial Involvement		✓		✓	
	Rewards for Prosocial Involvement		✓			✓
	Belief in the Moral Order	✓				
	Religiosity	✓				