

Creating Communities for All Ages Through Intergenerational Programs

A Hidden Asset: the Growing Number of Seniors

“Coming of Age in an Aging America”
(4 minute video)

<http://theagingamericaproject.com/about.php>

What is an intergenerational community?

- **Not just** one where multiple generations **reside**, but
- One where **individuals of all ages are an integral and valued** part of the setting
- **Partnerships** and collaborations are essential in intergenerational communities

DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS FRAMEWORK



Developmental Assets Framework

Intergenerational Developmental Assets

| Developmental Asset | Elementary | Middle | High |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------|------|
| #3: Other Adult Relationships | 53% | 46% | 46% |
| #4: Caring Neighborhood | 52% | 43% | 33% |
| #7: Community Values Youth | 33% | 29% | 19% |
| #9: Service to Others | 32% | 46% | 48% |
| #13: Neighborhood Boundaries | 49% | 54% | 39% |
| #19: Religious Community | 50% | 51% | 41% |

Some exciting intergenerational programs

- Support program for **grandparents raising grandchildren** (Washington, DC)
- **Co-locating** teen center and senior center (Morgan Hill, CA)
- Seniors4Kids—older adults **advocating** for children's programs (Nebraska)
- **Youth-led** intergenerational dialogues (Bowie, MD)
- Annual **Intergenerational Games** (San Diego County)

- **Shared site facilities** with preschool children and adult care center participants **Respite and Research for Alzheimer's Disease** (San Jose, CA)
- Intergenerational **community gardens** (Itta Bena, MS)
- Music, tutoring, education (**New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra**)
- **County/city plan** for intergenerational programs; County-supported **Interages Center** (Montgomery County, MD)
- **School breakfast** including elders (San Diego County)

A Focused Conversation

What can older adults contribute to increasing the developmental assets of youth?

How can we create an intergenerational community in Mountain View/Los Altos/Los Altos Hills?

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Resources

Project Cornerstone

www.projectcornerstone.org

Seniors' Agenda of Santa Clara County

www.sccgov.org/daas

Generations United

www.gu.org

World Health Organization - Age Friendly Communities

www.who.int/ageing/age_friendly_cities_network/en/