

# How to Help Youth Transition to Successful Adulthood

## The Problems Teens Face:



6-12th graders that spend 2 hours or more every school day at home without an adult

Violent juvenile crime triples between 3 to 6 p.m. when youth are unsupervised



1 in every 4 teens drops out before he or she finishes high school

High School Seniors:

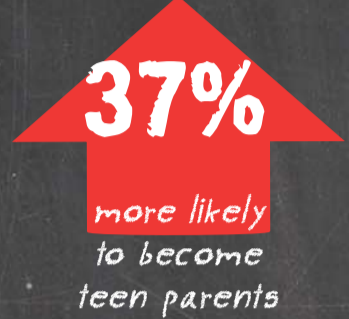


have used alcohol



have used an illicit drug

Teens unsupervised after school are



more likely to become teen parents

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average age of teens when they begin drinking

## Research and Studies Say:

At-risk youth in afterschool programs are:

more likely to



less likely to



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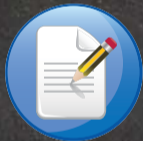


## The Solution:

Middle Earth's programs provide youth with:



caring adults & mentors



academic assistance



development of life skills



opportunities to help others



supervised and safe places



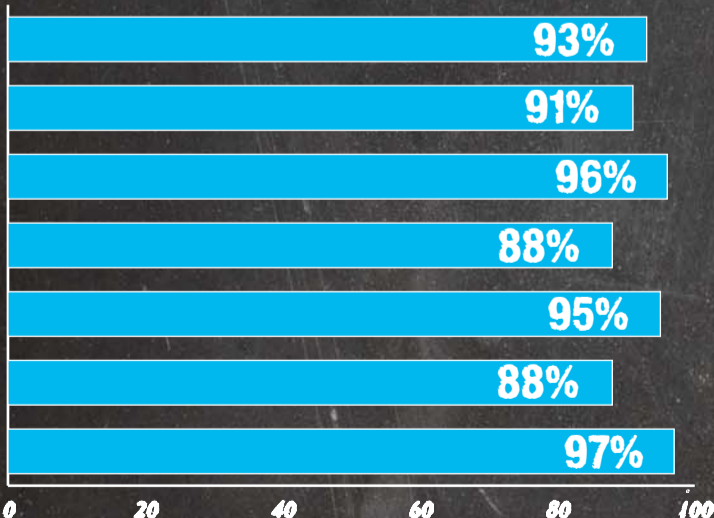
marketable skills for employment



positive decision making

## The Results:

Percentage of our youth that:



reported we offered a safe place

reported our staff was caring & supportive

began considering their educational future after college tour

reported they completed homework more often

felt staff listened to them & helped with their problems

improved their social skills

did not reoffend after receiving community service as a consequence for a first-time petty offense



Over 1,000 youth are safe and not "hanging out" on Somerset County streets due to our services



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