

What are the top priorities for Boulder Youth?

Middle and high school students agree:

- Job opportunities
- School-related stress
- Youth alcohol/drug use
- Availability of affordable extracurricular activities

For middle school students **bullying** is also a high priority.



For Latino youth specifically?

- Transportation
- Bullying *and* Health *and* Life After High School (*equal responses*)
- Job opportunities

In addition to the top priorities, What else needs lots more attention?

Middle school youth:

- Money management
- Stress management
- Project management



High school youth:

- Parking at schools
- Money management
- Variety of night life options

Latino youth added:

- Places for youth to meet/hang out
- Cost of bus passes

What needs no attention?

- Youth-oriented shopping opportunities
- Safety on public transportation
- Disrespect based on gender

And...

What do teens like about Boulder?

- Lots of activities & opportunities
- Outdoor & sports activities
- Safe community that allows freedom/independence

When asked what we missed, the #1 response was...

More help with mental health issues



What do youth suggest we do about the priorities?

- *Have job & volunteering info at schools or on the web*
- *Education/support for stress management, less homework*
- *More education on effects of substance use on the brain, more enforcement of rules/laws*
- *Student discounts and scholarships for extracurricular activities*
- *More education about bullying for students & parents, greater consequences for bullies*

Also of note...

75% of youth said they would use an **online youth space** listing events, resources and volunteer opportunities.

Want to know more?

The full reports are available at www.yoab.org.

Other topics addressed include: disrespect of differences, environmental issues, art opportunities, the cost of living in Boulder, night life opportunities.

Because of the small number of Latino respondents to our initial random survey, we gave the survey to 97 additional Latino youth.

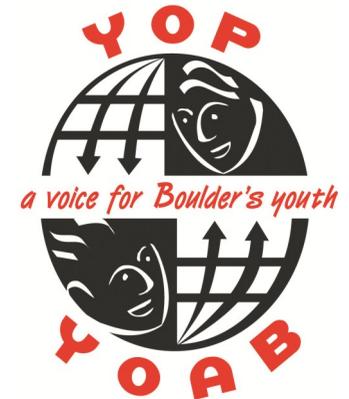
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Survey on Youth Issues and Needs



Late in 2012, YOAB/the Youth Opportunities Program surveyed over 600 middle and high school students, the first time so many youth were queried about their perspectives on a broad range of youth issues. These are some of the highlights of what we learned from the two surveys we conducted.