

Let's help our youth community

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What of the youth of our community? In my day children were to be "seen and not heard;" now it seems they are not even to be seen. When I'm in town I see all kinds of people "grouped" yet the youth are told not to be in groups of more than three; they are not allowed to socialize with their peers on their school lunch break unless they remain on school grounds; they are not welcome at Safeway; they are not welcome at our Transit-Community Center; they are not welcome at the Civic Center.

Our youth look around and see acceptance of everything except youth. The youth of our community have a lot to offer; however, if you can't see them, you can't see it. They are our tomorrow people. How about nurturing our future? Provide our youth with self worth, rather than self-loathing.

I have been deeply involved with the youth, and they have a lot of heart and a lot to offer society. Stop treating them like a disease and expecting them to be invisible.

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