

EXTENSION PROFESSIONALS CAN HARNESS VULNERABLE YOUTH QUALITIES TO TRANSFORM YOUNG LIVES AND STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES. OUR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS ARE:

YOUTH WITH AN INHERENT CAPACITY TO BE

**STRONG** **CREATIVE** **RESILIENT** **MATURE**  
**INTUITIVE** **LOYAL** **BI-CULTURAL** **INNOVATIVE**  
**OBSERVANT** **RESOURCEFUL** **ANALYTICAL**  
**STREET SMART** **CIVIC-MINDED** **SPIRITUAL**  
**INCLUSIVE** **BI/MULTILINGUAL** **CONNECTED**



### ISSUES AND OBSTACLES

functional illiteracy • PTSD • suicide • alcohol/substance abuse • lack of empathy • lack of role models  
achievement gaps • inability to access capital(s) • learning/emotional disabilities • social determinants of health  
difficulty developing social skills • higher mortality rates • lower paying professional jobs • distrust of justice system

### ADVERSE CONDITIONS

poor health • lack of youth resources • instability due to poor/inadequate housing • limited educational opportunities  
elevated violence • inadequate law enforcement • cultural misunderstandings, stereotyping, labeling  
language barriers • youth don't fit certain norms

### ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES

poverty • policy program orientations • limited resource access • housing discrimination defacto housing segregation  
immigration • social isolation/exclusion • outside dominant culture(s) • systemic bias • environmental injustice

