

# 20 Questions to Ask a Teen

Wondering how to get a good conversation started, beyond "how's school?"

Our YES Team members have some ideas:

- What kind of music do you like?
- What are you looking forward to after high school?
- What about adulthood excites you the most?
- What are your biggest strengths?
- What would a "dream lifestyle" look like to you?
- Name a person from the past you'd like to have dinner with
- What types of questions would you ask him or her?
- If you could travel to anywhere, where would you go?
- Who would you want to talk to when you're there?
- What would you want to see while you're there?
- How do you think technology will affect the average person 10 years from now?
- What is the greatest challenge you've overcome in your life so far?
- Who are the people who mean the most to you?
- If you were given a million dollars & had to give it away, what would it go to?
- How would you solve world hunger? Or another big, serious issue?
- As you get older, what makes you optimistic about the human race?
- What can people do to bring more kindness into the world?
- What keeps you up at night?
- What things make you excited?
- Who is the bravest person you've known?

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# What do kids need to succeed? A Strong Web of Support

A strong web of support for a young person is formed by 5 or more trusted, caring adult "Anchors."

Anchors provide "strings" of support, encouragement, role modeling & high expectations.

They help kids learn to handle the unavoidable challenges which come in life.

Anchors model positive beliefs, values, & behaviors to help kids step into their best possible future.

Anchors are parents, family, teachers, youth leaders, neighbors, coaches...anyone who cares deeply about a young person!

More than 50 years of research proves tight webs of support between youth and adults lead to:

- stronger achievement in school
- greater acceptance of others
- reduced use of drugs, alcohol, & violence
- less bullying
- and greater success as an adult

Strong webs of support are a better predictor of adult success than almost any other measure, including income, race, education, demographics, etc.

Our vision? That all kids in Hastings are strong, resilient, and connected.

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