When our youth are strong, our future is solid.





2025 -2027 Youth Needs Assessment

- 1. Depression / mental health
- 2. Stress issues
- 3. Vaping / smoking / tobacco use
- 4. Teen drug use
- 5. Body image / appearance issues

- 6. Self-esteem issues
- 7. Addiction to video games *i* social media
- 8. Bullying
- 9. Hygiene issues
- 10. Family problems

This youth needs assessment is conducted by surveying youth in Cheboygan County and Mackinaw City regarding common issues affecting youth in our communities. The issues listed above were the top ten issues noted by the 72 surveyed students representing a sample of Straits Area youth. This assessment is done once every three years and is used to assist the Straits Area Community Foundation Youth Advisory Councils (YAC) in determining grant awards from the Straits Area Youth Fund held at SACF.