

Northeast Michigan Youth Advisory Council (NEMYAC) 2018 NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- 1. Stress Issues
- 2. Depression/Mental Health Issues
- 3. Self Esteem Issues
- 4. Teen Substance Abuse (illegal drugs and tobacco)
- 5. Lack of Things to Do Locally
- 6. Bullying
- 7. School Work / Homework
- 8. Body Image / Appearance Issues
- 9. Underage Alcohol Use
- 10. Financial Issues

This youth needs assessment is conducted by surveying a sampling of students at the High Schools in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties. Survey participants are asked to identify the most pressing issues they feel are affecting youth in their communities. The issues listed above were the top ten issues noted by over 710 students throughout the four-county service area.

This assessment is completed every three years, and is used to assist the Northeast Michigan Youth Advisory Council (NEMYAC) in determining grant awards from the Kellogg Youth Fund at the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan. Grants from this fund are to be overseen by a committee of youth, and are to be used specifically for programs benefitting youth in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties.