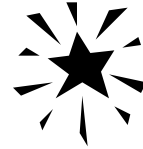
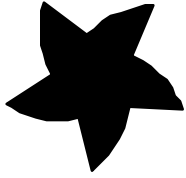


## HELP YOUTH DEVELOP THINGS TO DO AND PLACES TO GO

There should be places where we can hang out, where we can dance and just be with our friends. Many of us want to learn art, dance, theater, and other new things like that. There are a lot of things we could do with a little help.

Here are some ideas:

- Create alternative activities and spaces – teen centers, dances, youth space, art and drama programs, youth centers.
- Promote inter-racial, inter-religious, and inter-cultural opportunities. Promote activities that get youth involved with those outside of their social circle. Teach tolerance. Work to eliminate age profiling and other stereotyping.
- Promote cultural exchange – swaps on the Internet, in-state and in-community exchanges, foreign exchanges, cultural pride group presentations, opportunities to travel, etc.
- Create opportunities for community service (e.g., working with senior citizens, providing child care to single parents so they can participate in school activities, etc.).
- Develop programs that teach social and emotional literacy; develop more mentoring and peer educator programs.
- Develop mentoring and other programs for detained or incarcerated youth; create opportunities for incarcerated youth to work with other youth on issues of social justice.



## LINKS TO ACTION

The **Unity Center** in Roswell is a teen center run by teens with opportunities for recreation, social activities, and vocational training: 505-624-2773

The **NM Center for Dispute Resolution** in Albuquerque offers statewide training and assistance in developing peer mediation and conflict resolution training: 505-247-0571

**Amigos de las Americas** in Albuquerque is a youth leadership program that provides opportunities for young people to spend a summer in Latin America doing service projects: 505-822-9870

**Man2Man** is a mentoring program working with incarcerated youth: 888-671-KIDS/505-244-9505