

You are Invited to Attend a Special Palo Alto Youth Forum Event

Listening to Youth Voices

Sunday March 1, 2015 5:00 – 7:00pm
First Congregational Church Palo Alto
1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto
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The 7th Developmental Asset is “Community Values Youth.” Yet in the most recent Developmental Asset survey, only 22% of our teens indicated that they felt heard or valued in the community. This was Palo Alto’s lowest Asset score. Project Safety Net concluded that “few middle and high schoolers feel like they have a voice in the community or that the community cares about them.”

This forum is intended to provide youth with an opportunity to be heard by community leaders, parents, and other youth. We are asking youth to **share** their thoughts on the subject of youth well-being – how they perceive their lives, what they would like, what would make them feel better, more included, and more valued across the domains of school, home, and community. We are asking adults to **actively listen** to what our children have to say.

Agenda:

5:00 Welcome – Pat Burt, Palo Alto City Council Member
5:10-6:00 Youth Panelists, facilitated by Becky Beacom, PAMF
6:00-6:50 Youth Speaker Open Mike
6:50 Closing Remarks – Ken Dauber, PAUSD Trustee

Sponsored by (alphabetical):

AACI (Asian Americans for Community Involvement)
Community Advisory Committee for Special Education
Family and Children Services of Silicon Valley
First Congregational Church of Palo Alto
PA neighbors weChat group
Padres Hispanos de PALY
Palo Alto Chinese Parents Club
PASS, Parent Advocates for Student Success
SEAN, the Student Equity Action Network
Silicon Valley Women Alliance
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