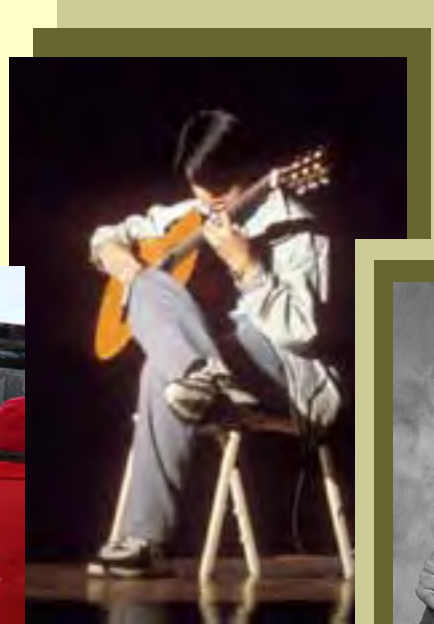


Implementing the



Children, Youth & Family Master Plan

Our Essential Question



Are we doing all we can to ensure the thriving of all children, youth and families?



**THE
next
generation**

**youth program
directors**

**community
Leaders**

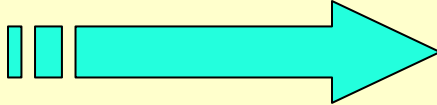
What we originally asked of our community leaders:

**A process to educate community members
about the importance of positive youth
development programs that are evidence-
based and achieve meaningful outcomes.**

How our leaders responded:

**What would you advise us
to do about the issues
you have brought before us?**

Shift how we address children, youth & family issues

FROM  *TO*

**Solving children, youth
and family problems**

**Building a community
where everyone thrives**

Targeted groups

ALL residents

Deficits

Assets

Fragmentation

Collaboration

Focus on individuals

Focus on systems

Key Action Areas

Adapted from National League of Cities
Strengthening Families and
Supporting Children and Youth Platform

- **Early Childhood Development**
- **Youth Development**
- **Educational Excellence & After School Services**
- **Health and Safety**
- **Youth in Transition**
- **Family Economic Success**
- **Neighborhoods and Community**

Examples of Youth Master Plans

- **Brighton, Colorado**
- **Claremont, California**
- **Hampton, Virginia**
- **Minneapolis, Minnesota**
- **Omaha, Nebraska**
- **Santa Fe, New Mexico**

To view online:

[http://www.nlc.org/IYEF/youthdevelopment/ymp/
examples.aspx](http://www.nlc.org/IYEF/youthdevelopment/ymp/examples.aspx)

Transformation



Building Assets for Children & Youth

Developmental Assets

**Crucial relationships,
experiences,
opportunities and
personal qualities
that children and
adolescents need to
be healthy, caring,
and responsible.**



External Assets

**Strengths and resources provided by
family and community**

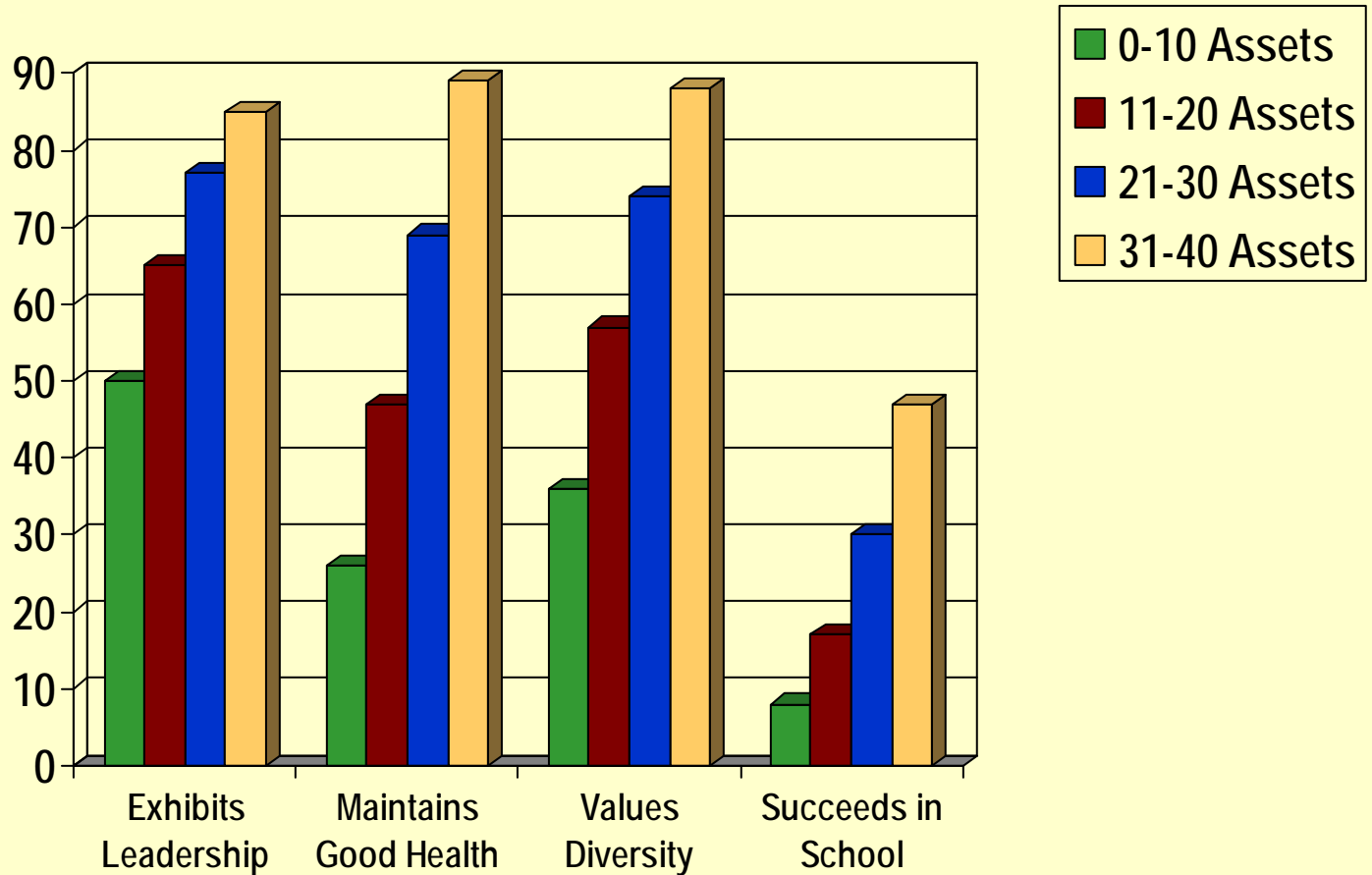
Internal Assets

**Individual commitments,
values,
competencies,
and identity**

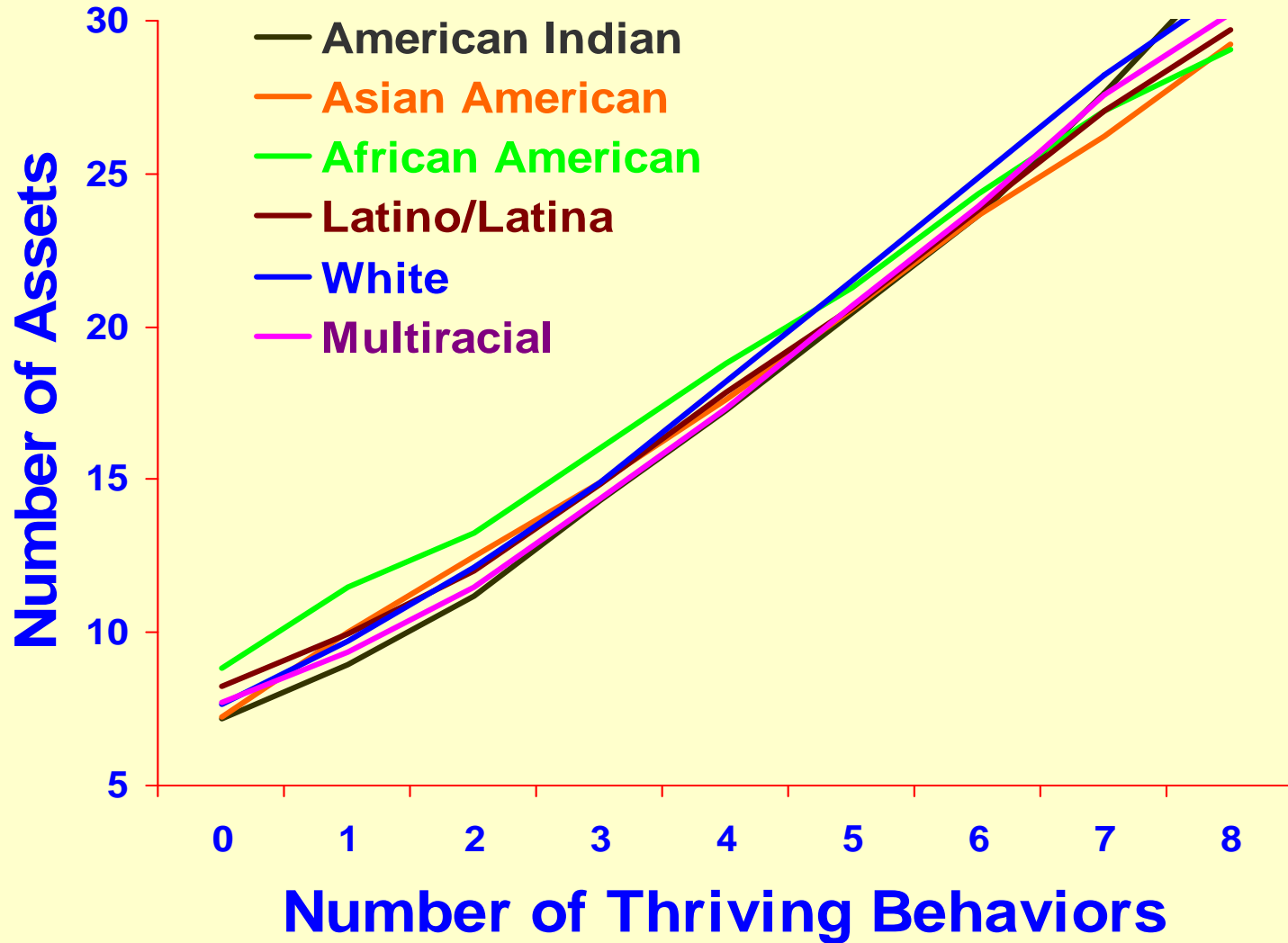
The Power of Assets

- **To promote thriving behaviors**
- **To protect from risk-taking behaviors**
- **To boost student achievement**
- **To engage a community**

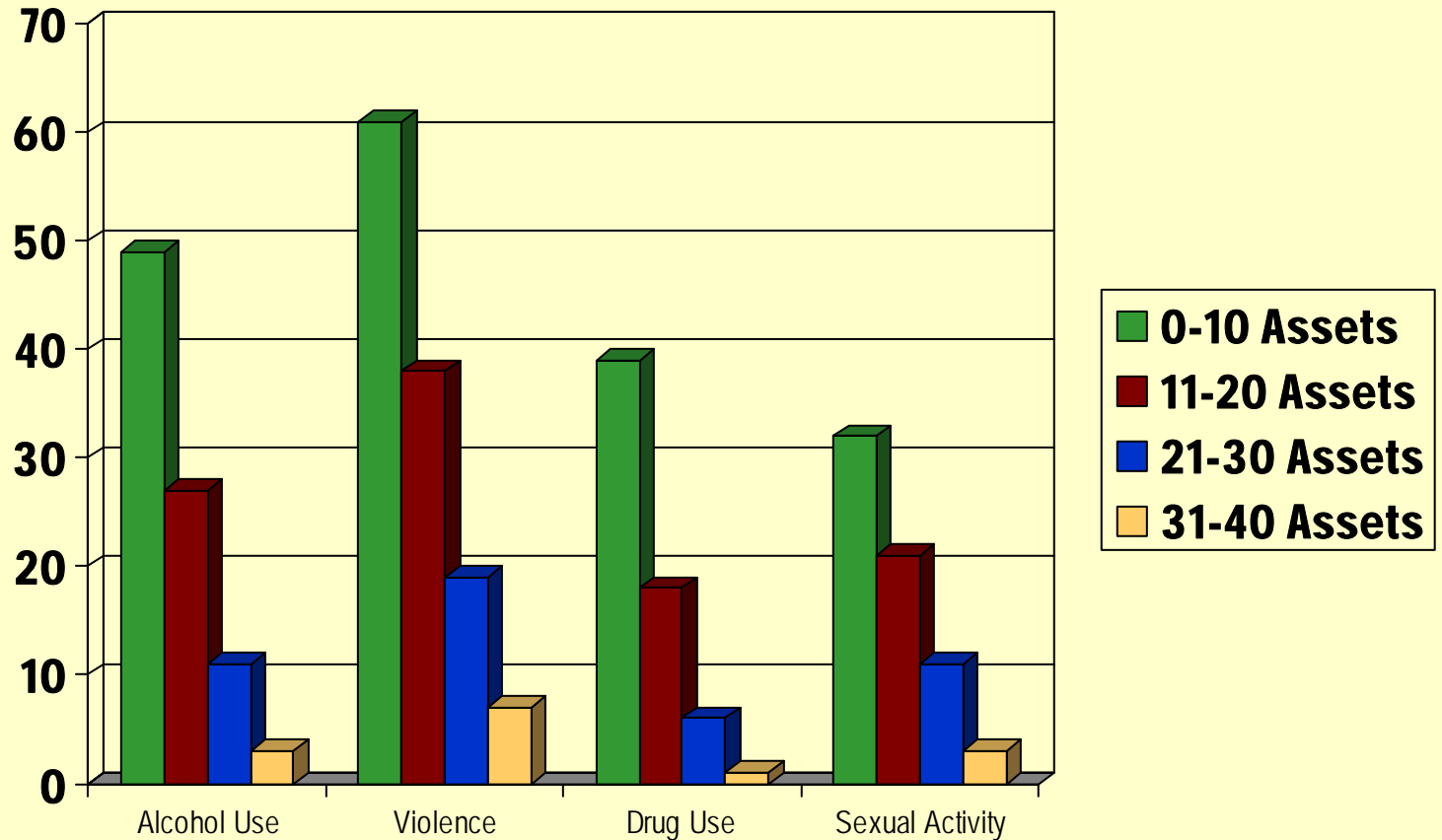
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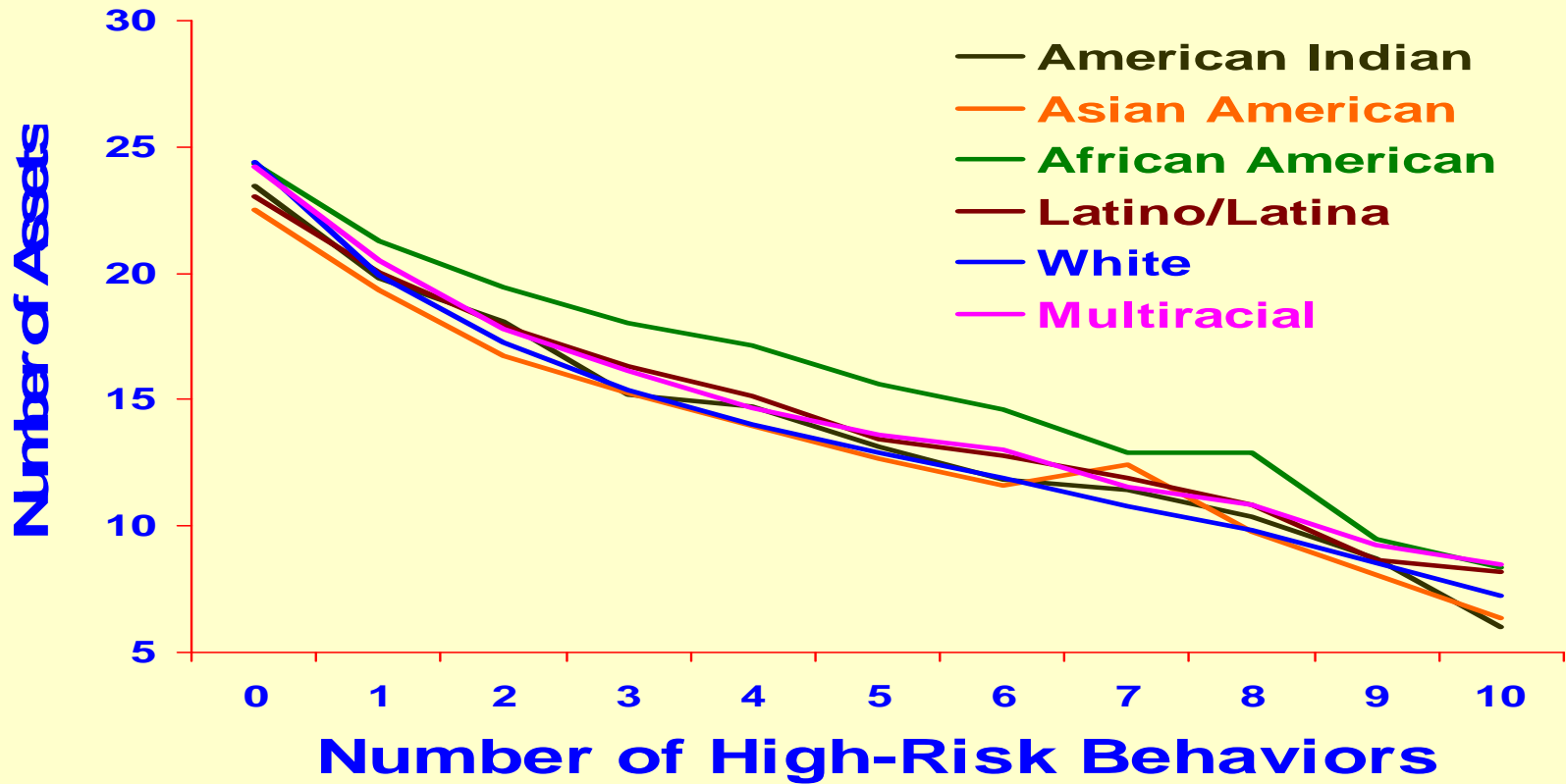
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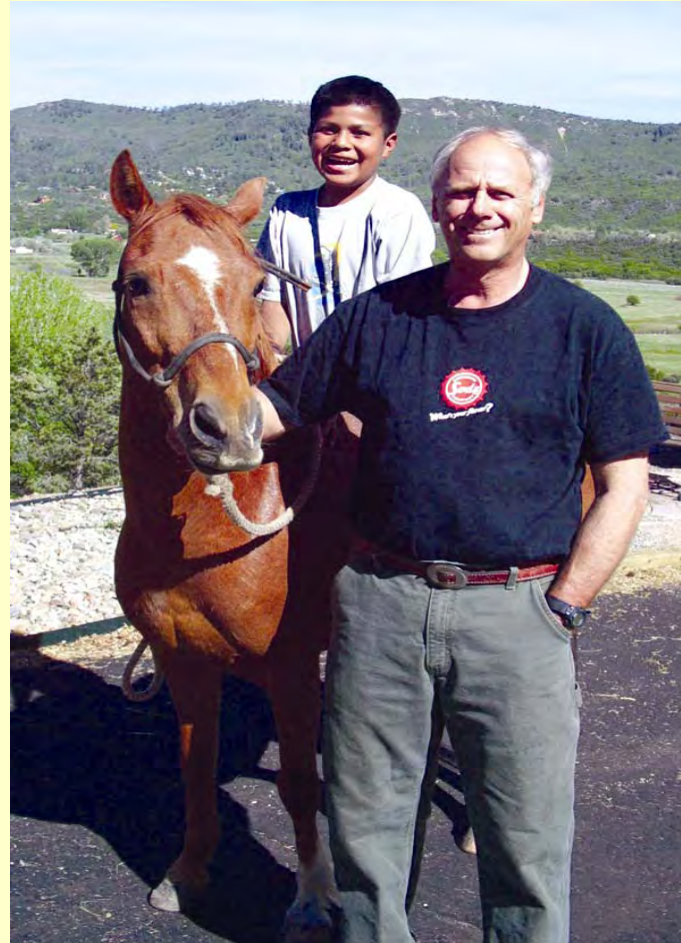
The Power of Assets to Protect



The Power to Protect



What is the NEXT STEP?



Essential Infrastructure*

- **Policies**
- **Structures and organizations**
- **Citizen connectivity and engagement**
- **Measurements**

*As recommended by the National League of Cities

Proposed Common Policy Statement

La Plata County, the City of Durango, the Town of Bayfield, the Town of Ignacio and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe commit to becoming communities in which the thriving of our families and their children are of primary importance and whose policies, infrastructures and the services, supports and opportunities to which we contribute are aligned to and support of the CYFMP's thriving definition. We commit to this vital partnership with our citizens and the for-profit and not-for-profit businesses who serve us.