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**Summarized for the Tri-Board Meeting
January 19, 2010**



DEVELOPMENTAL ASSET SURVEY RESULTS

**Summary of the ASSET SURVEY administered in
September, 2009, to the 9th and 12th grade classes
at Orchard Park High School**

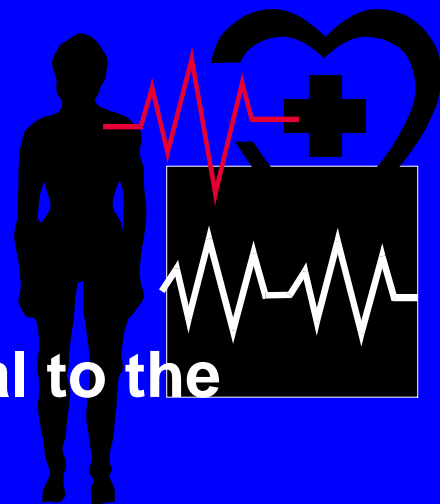
**References are also made to the surveys
administered in the Spring, 2003, (8th grade and
11th grade classes), and in the Fall, 2006, (9th grade
and 12th grade classes)**



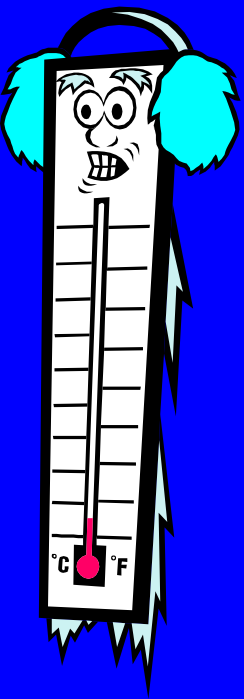
Developmental Assets: A Profile of Our Youth Summary of the 2009 Survey Administration



What are ASSETS?



- **ASSETS**
 - Vital signs of healthy youth
 - 40 characteristics internal and external to the youth
 - Reflect the degree to which our youth may resist engaging in risk-taking behaviors
 - Assets tend to decrease from 6th through 12th grades
 - Girls tend to have slightly more assets than boys





Background on the Developmental Assets Survey in Orchard Park

- First survey: Spring, 2003, to the 8th Grade Class of 2007 & the 11th Grade Class of 2004
- Second survey: Fall, 2006, to the 9th Grade Class of 2010 & the 12th Grade Class of 2007
- Third survey: Fall, 2009, to the 9th Grade Class of 2013 & the 12th Grade Class of 2010
- Survey prepared by the Search Institute

[www.search-institute.org]

- Overview of the results from the 2009 Survey, shown with the results of the 2003 & 2006 surveys, serves as a Baseline versus “Comparison”



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Two Shifts To Focus On:

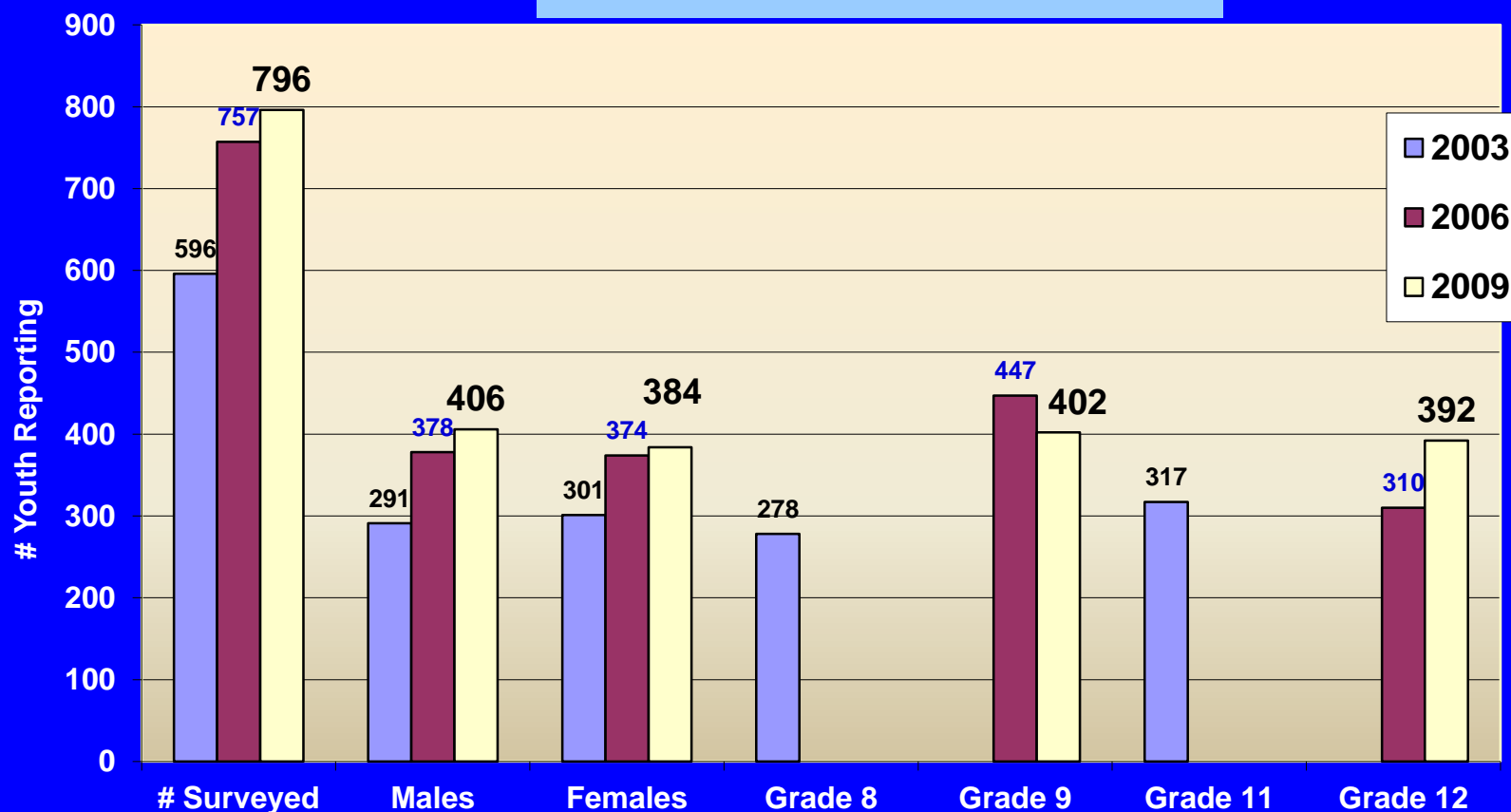
First Shift

From fixing young people's problems ... to
Promoting young people's strengths

Second Shift

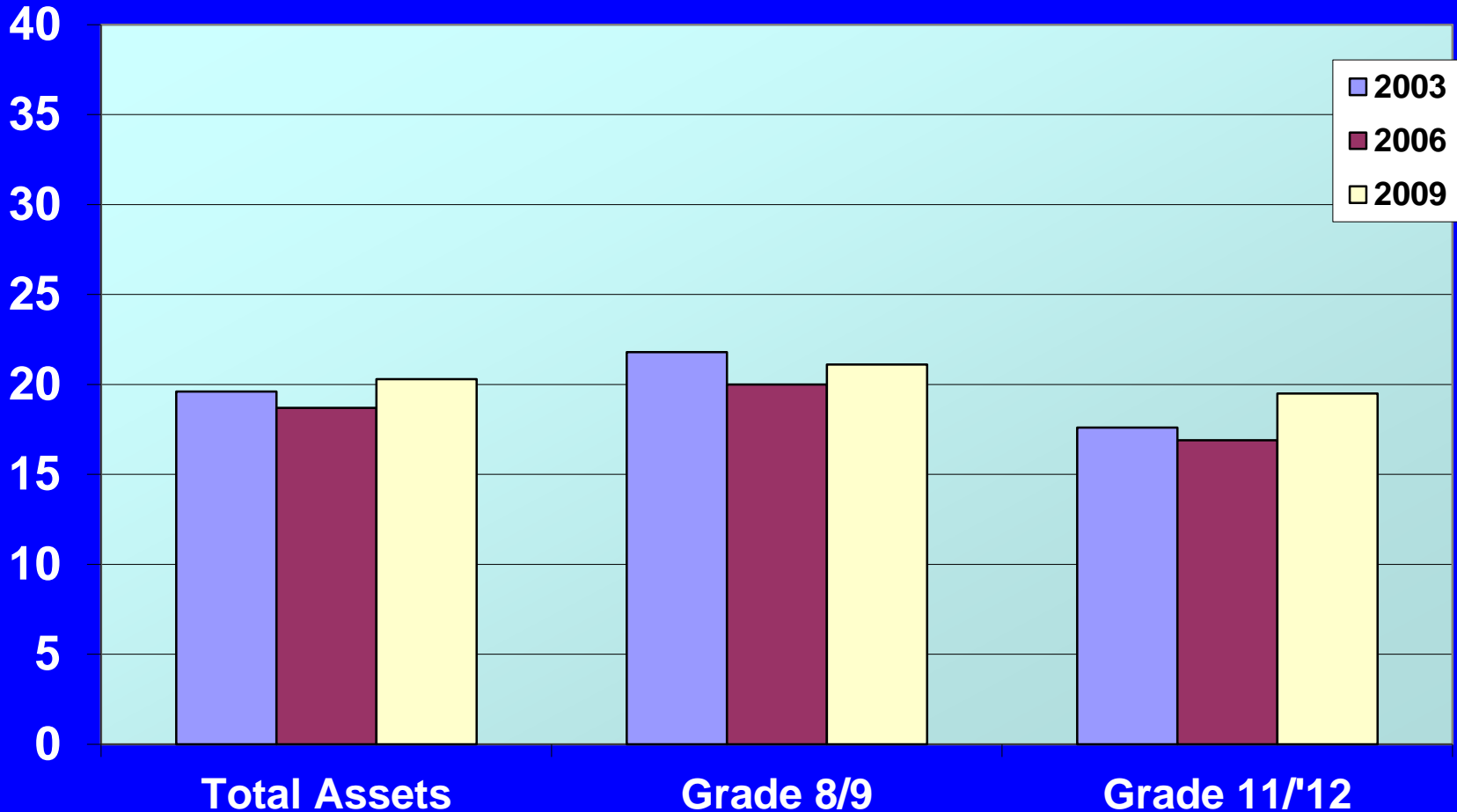
Beyond programs ... to...Building relationships

ASSET SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS





Average Number of Assets Reported by OUR YOUTH



External Assets

Support

Empowerment

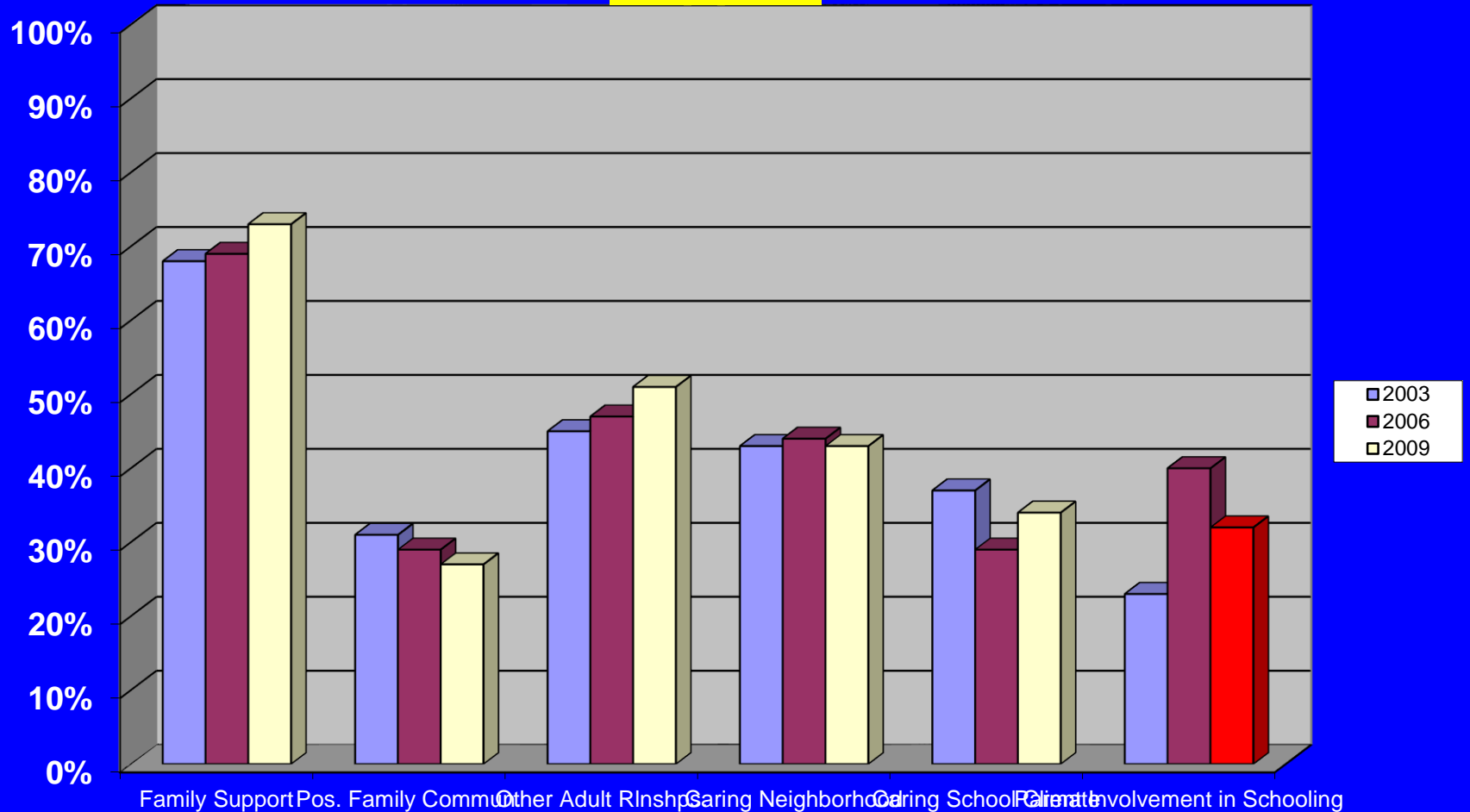
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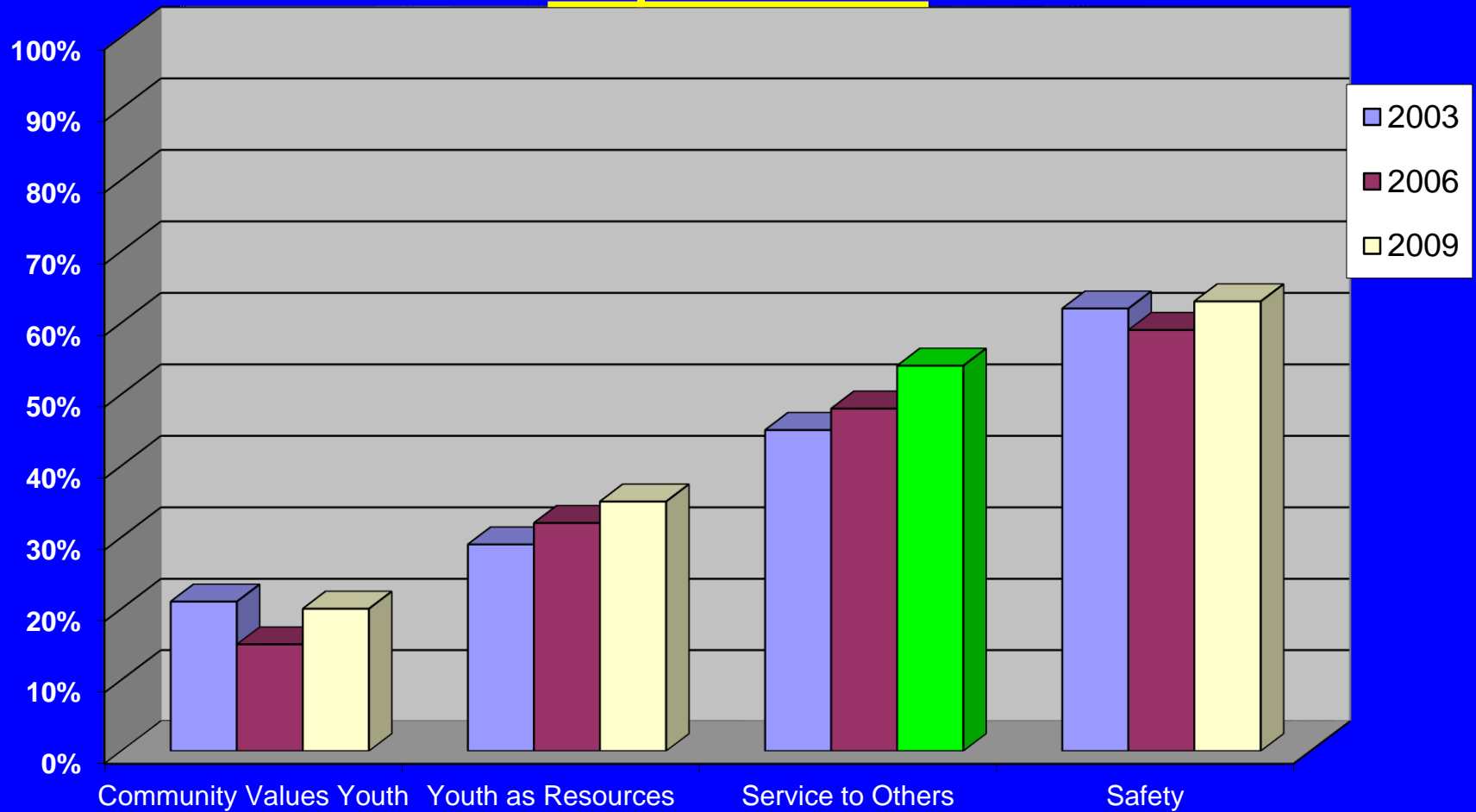


Percent of Youth Reporting: External Asset Support

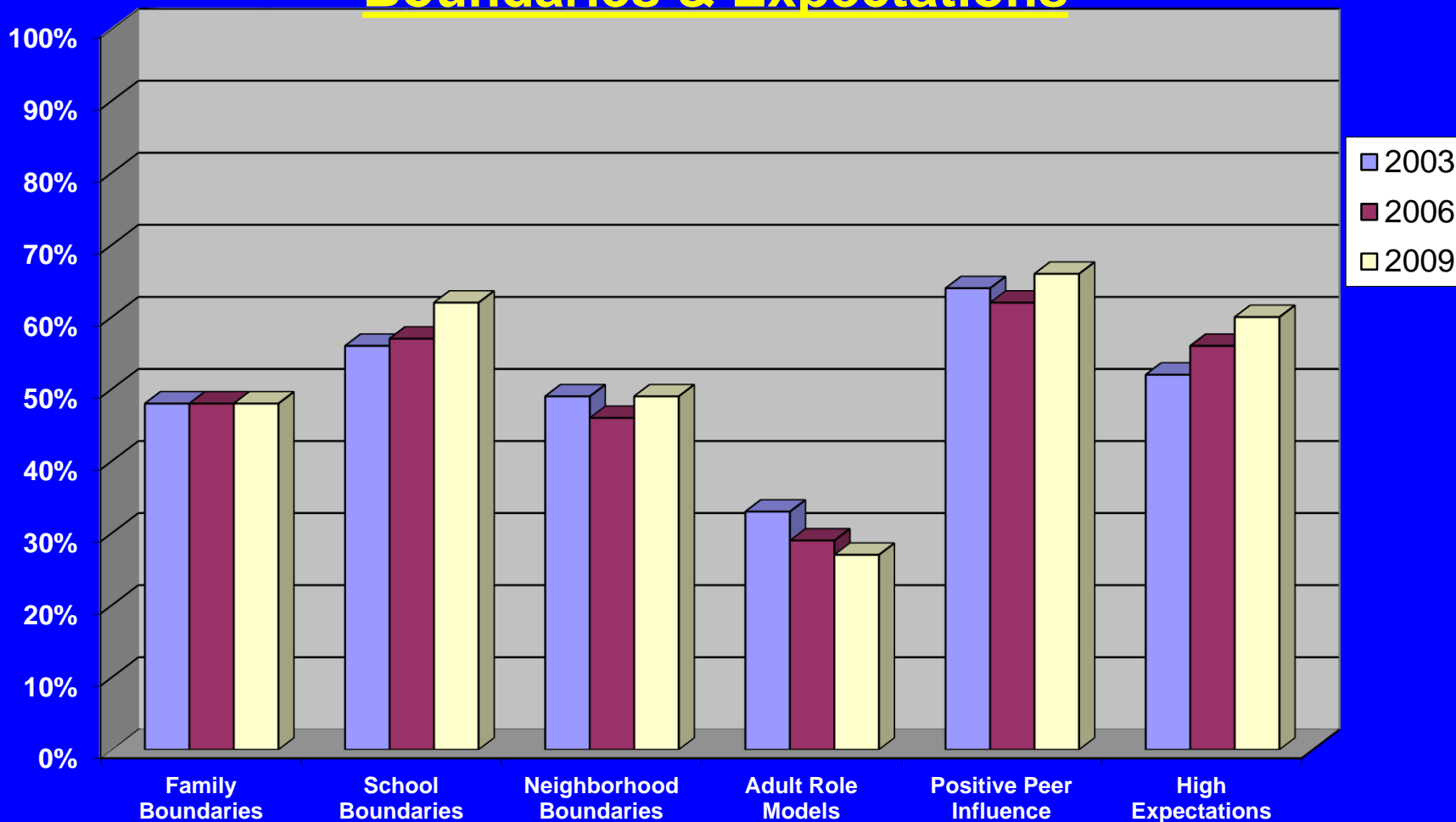




Percent of Youth Reporting: External Asset Empowerment

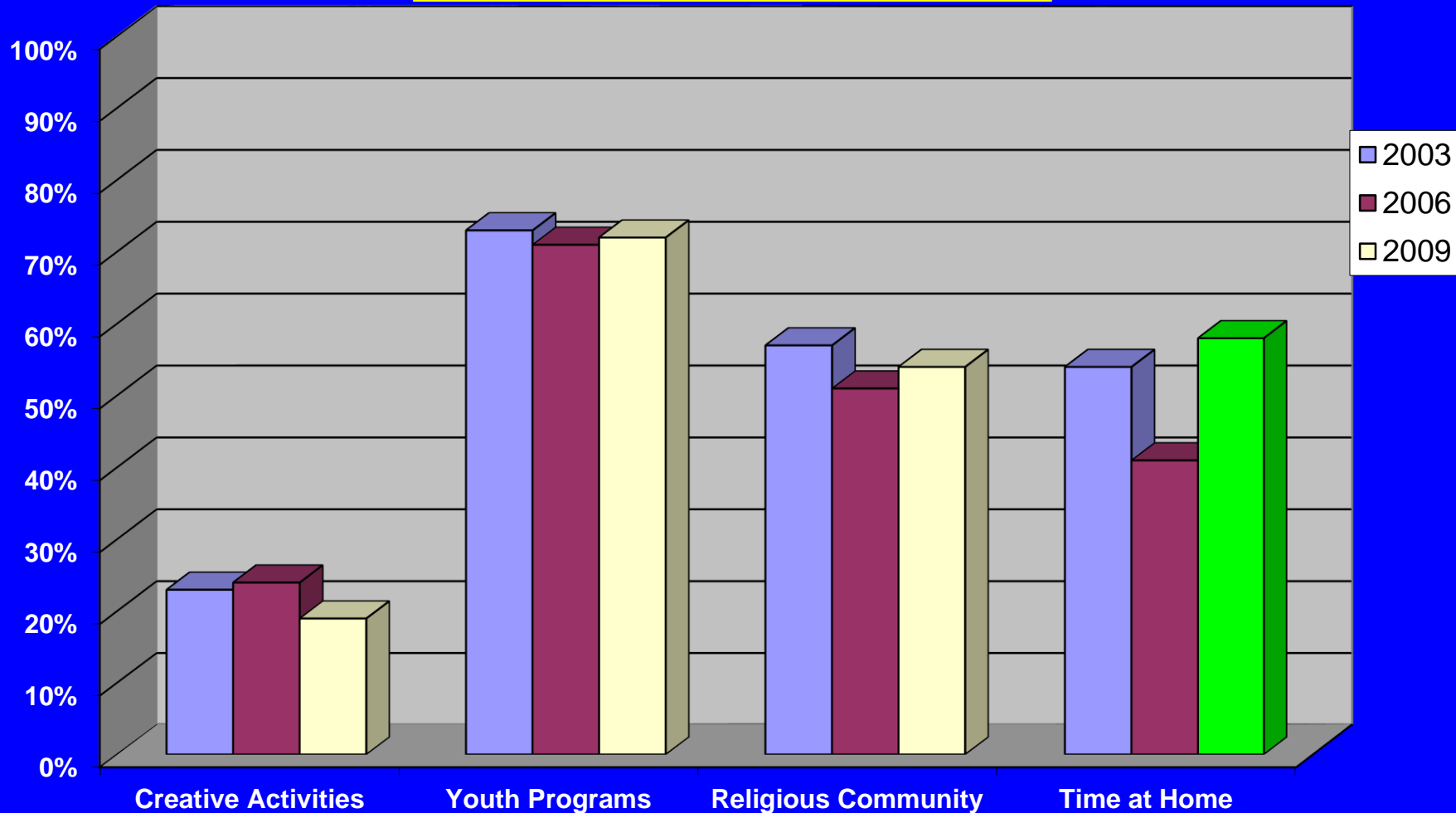


Percent of Youth Reporting: External Asset Boundaries & Expectations





Percent of Youth Reporting: External Asset Constructive Use of Time



Internal Assets

Commitment to Learning

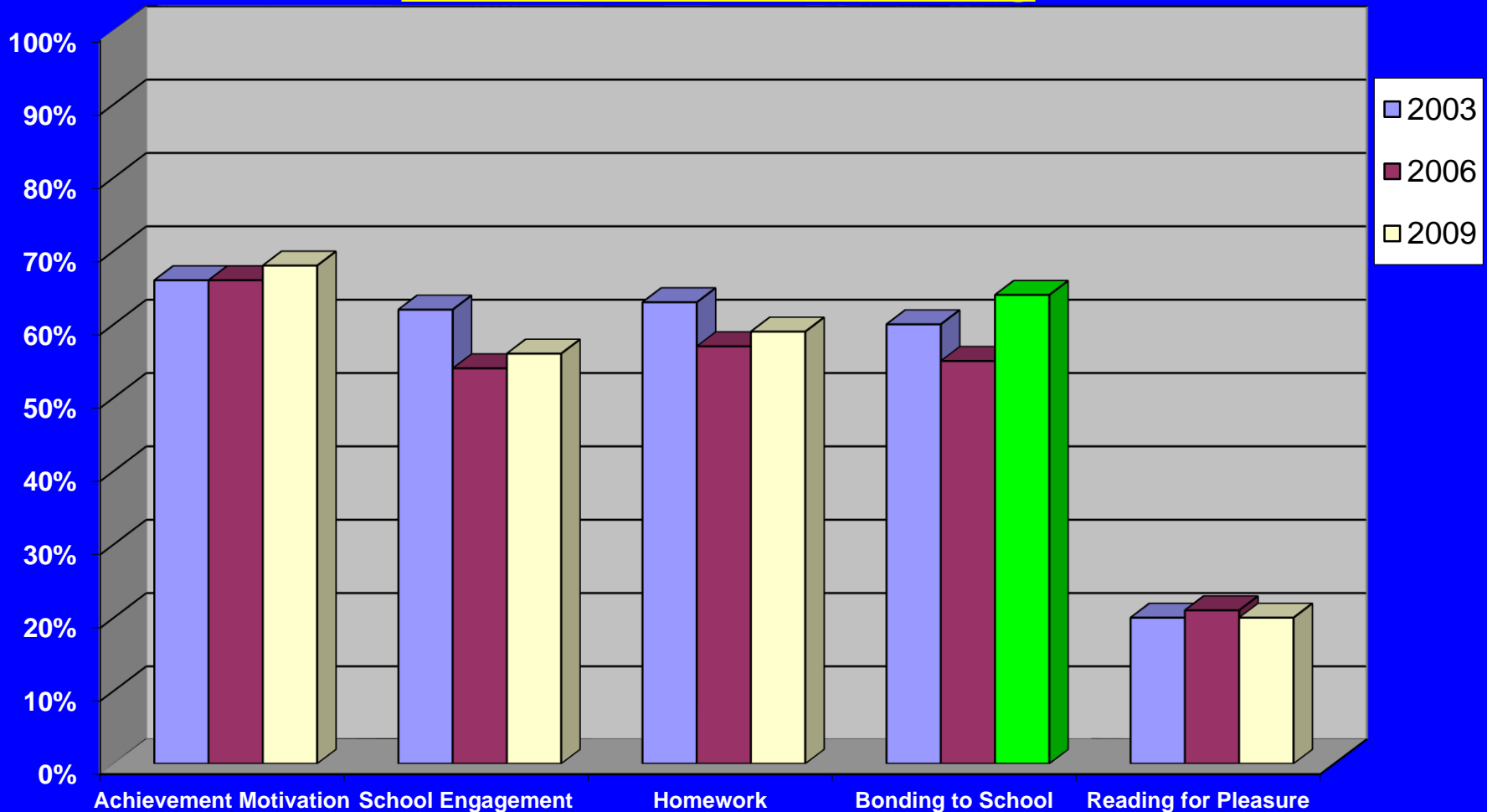
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Social Competencies

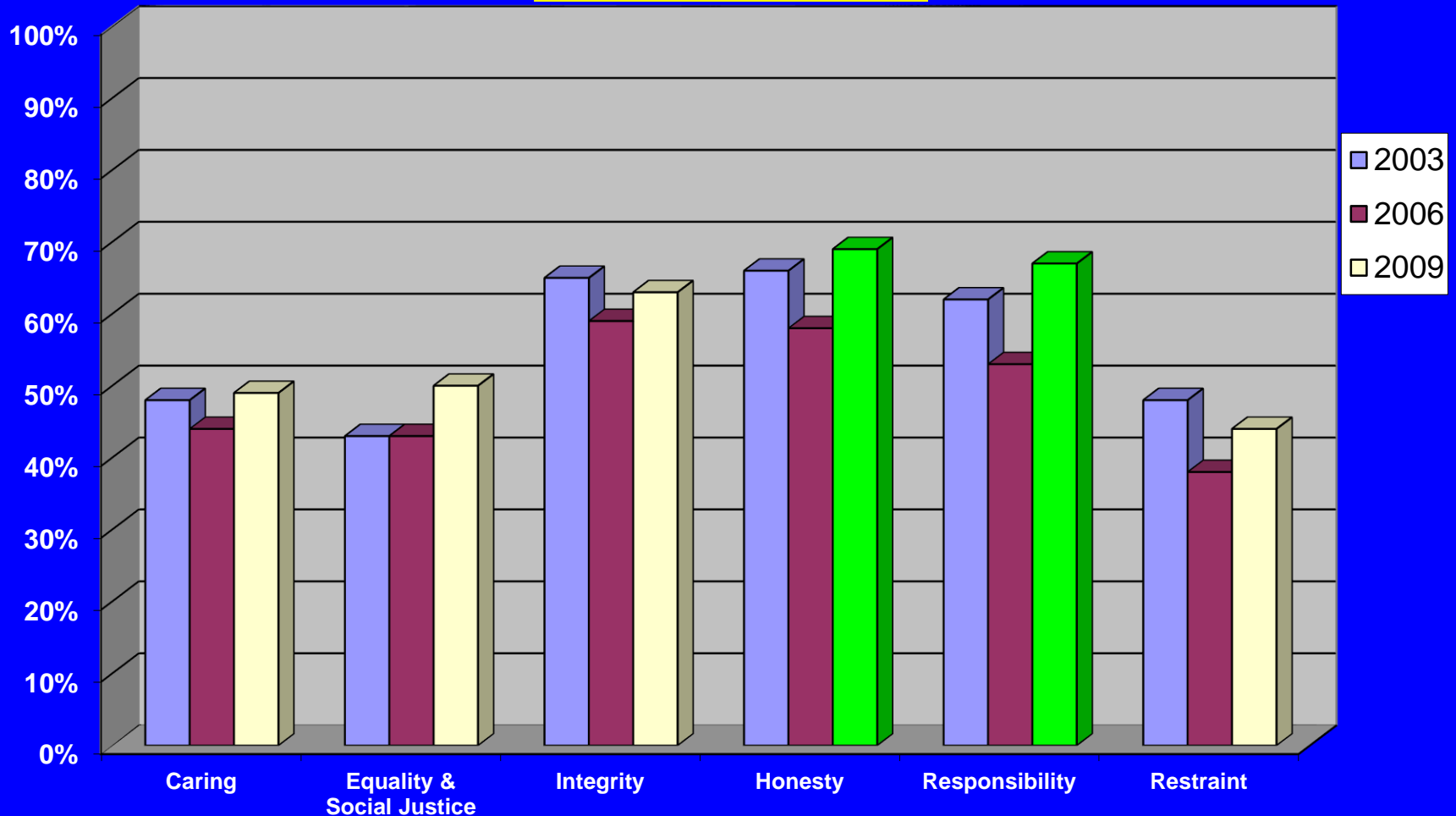
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% of Youth Reporting: Internal Asset Commitment to Learning

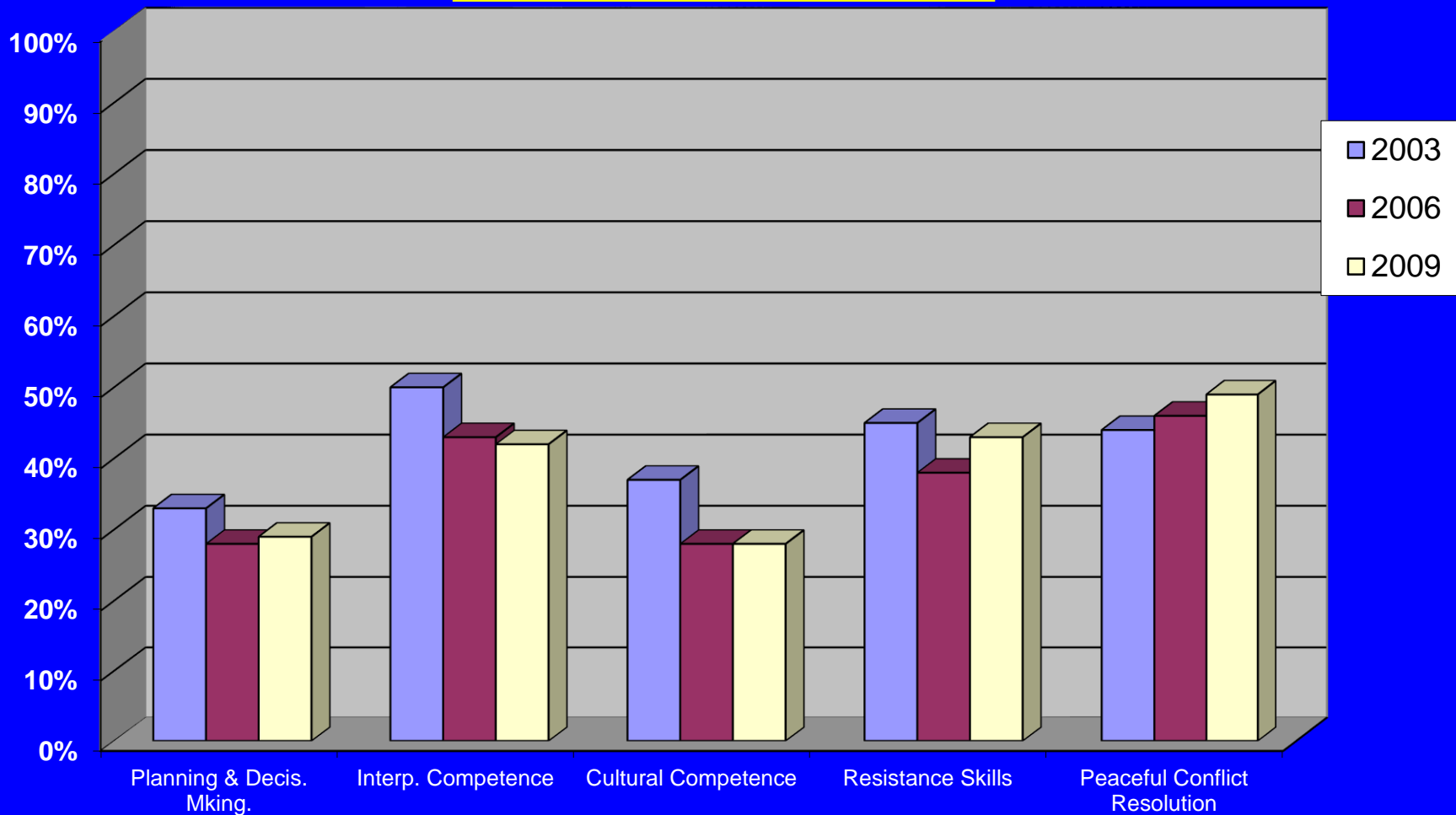


% of Youth Reporting: Internal Asset
Positive Values



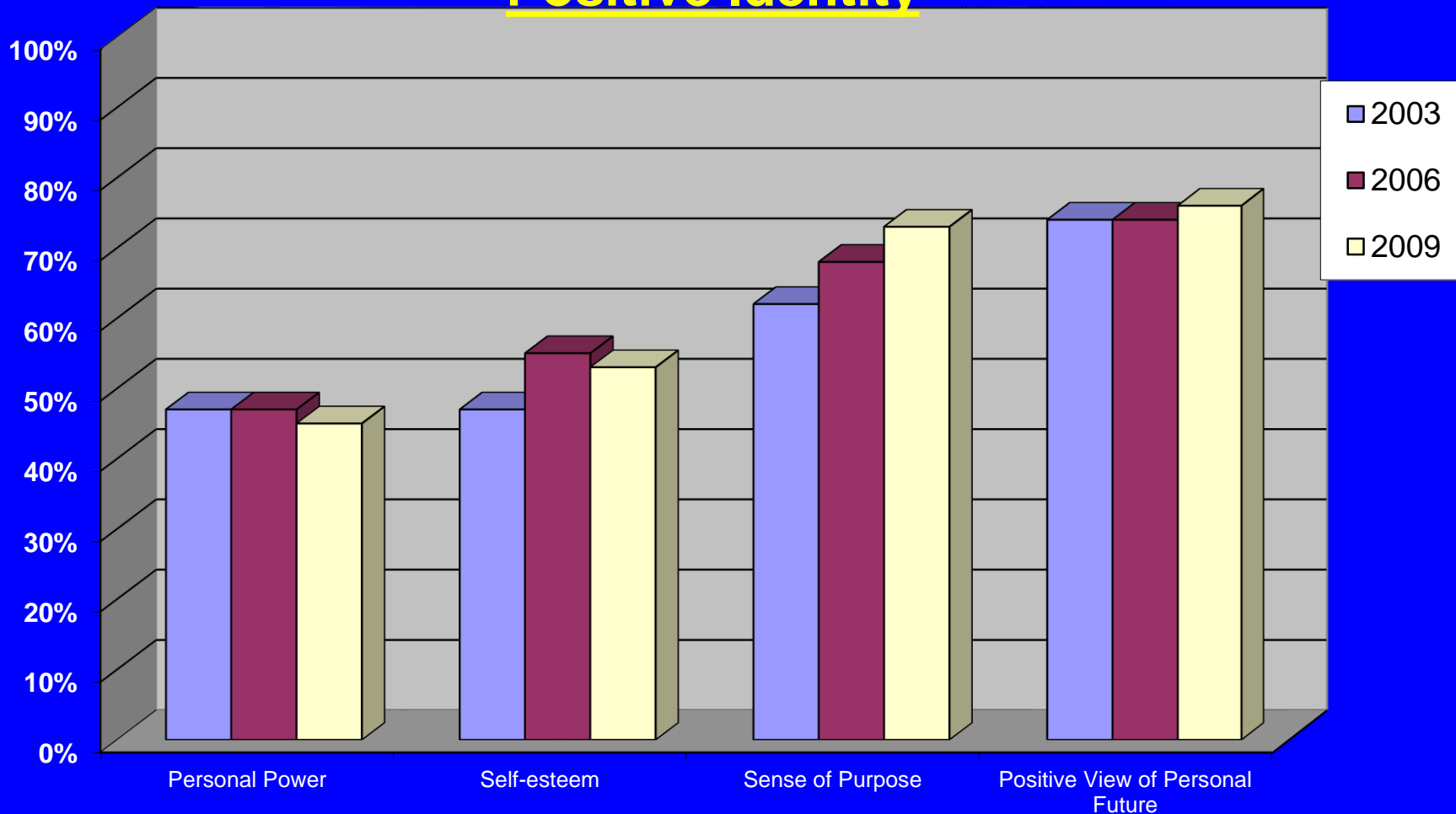


% of Youth Reporting: Internal Asset Social Competencies

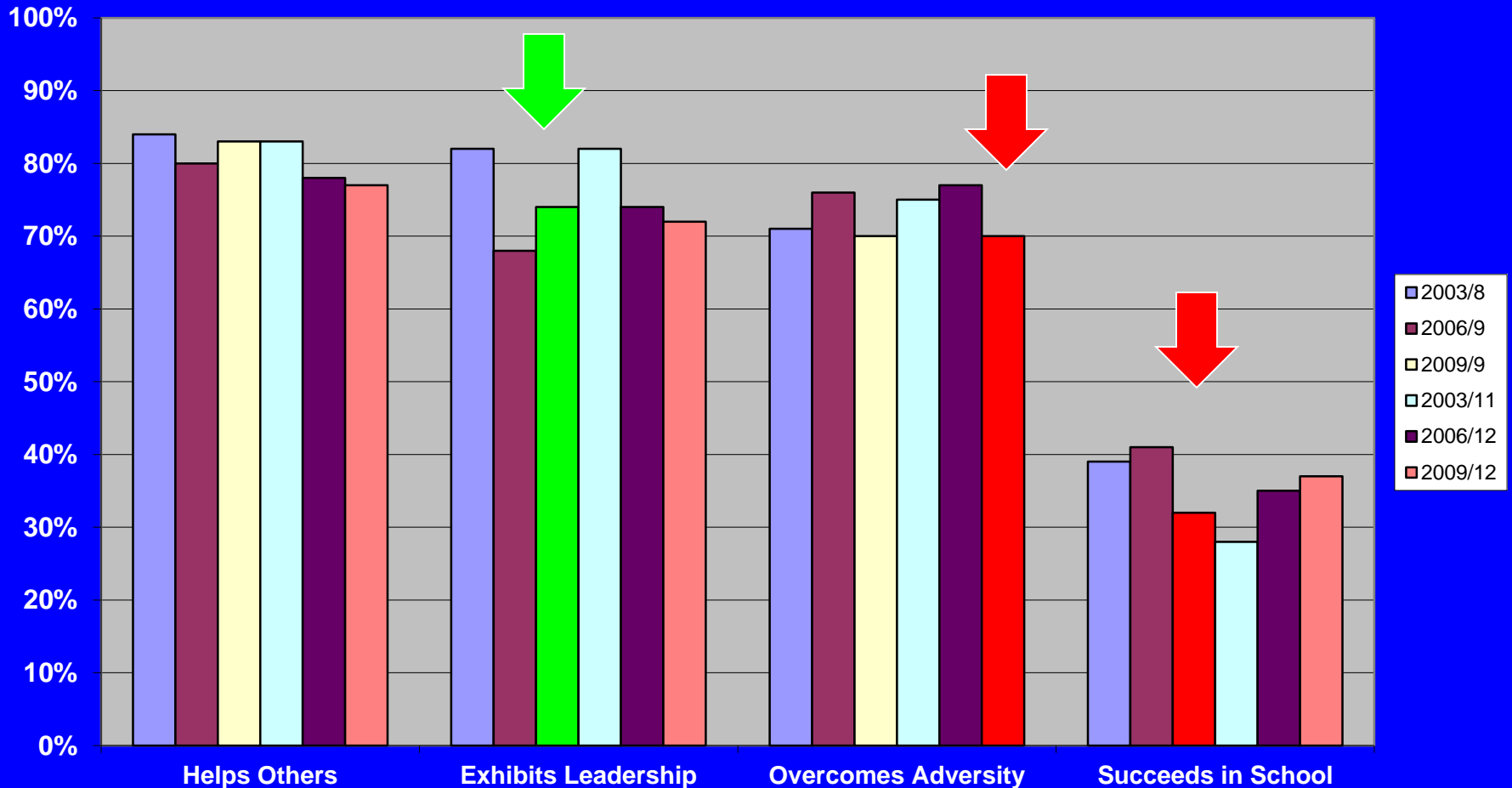




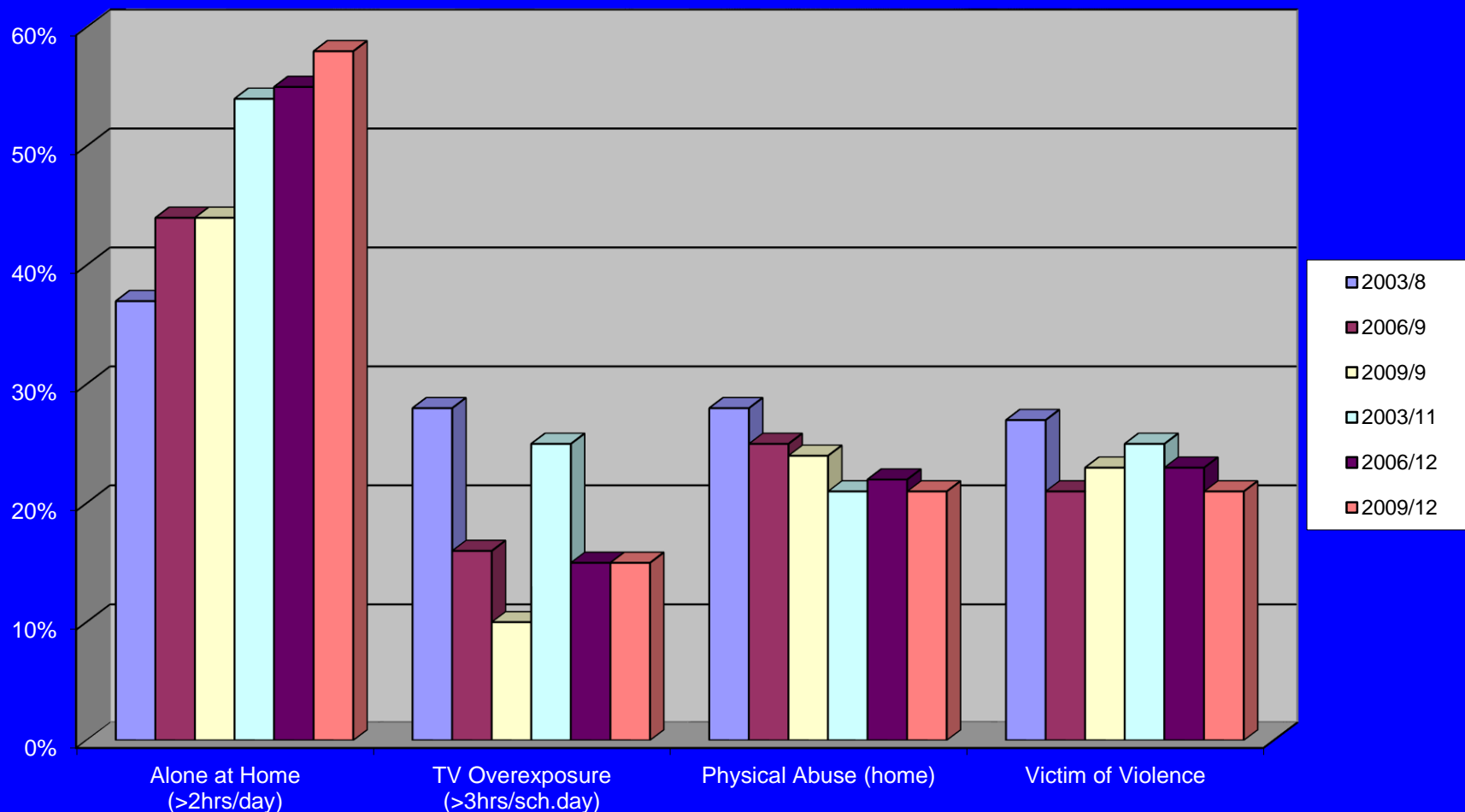
% of Youth Reporting: Internal Asset Positive Identity



% of Youth Reporting: Focus on Thriving Indicators

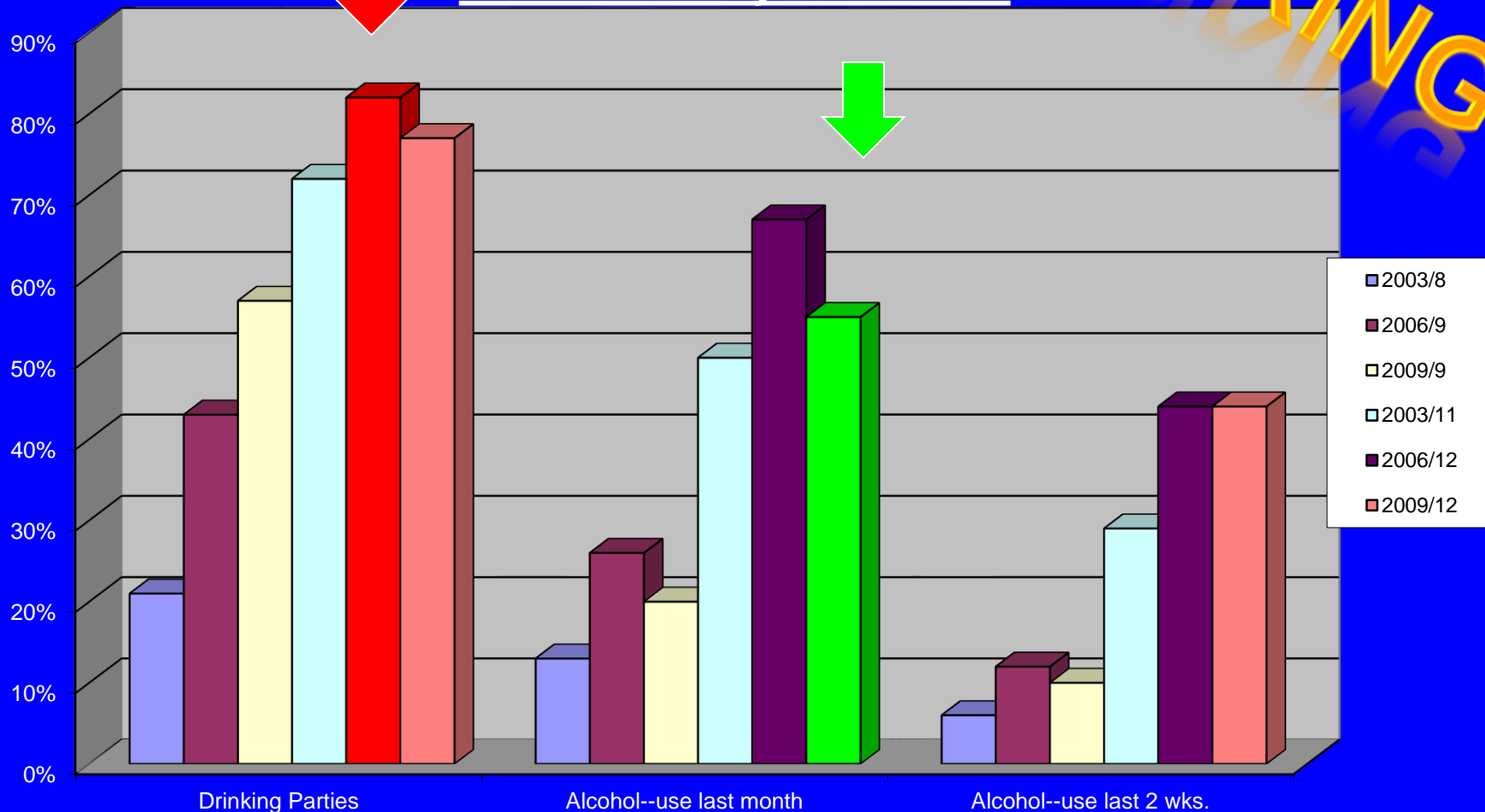


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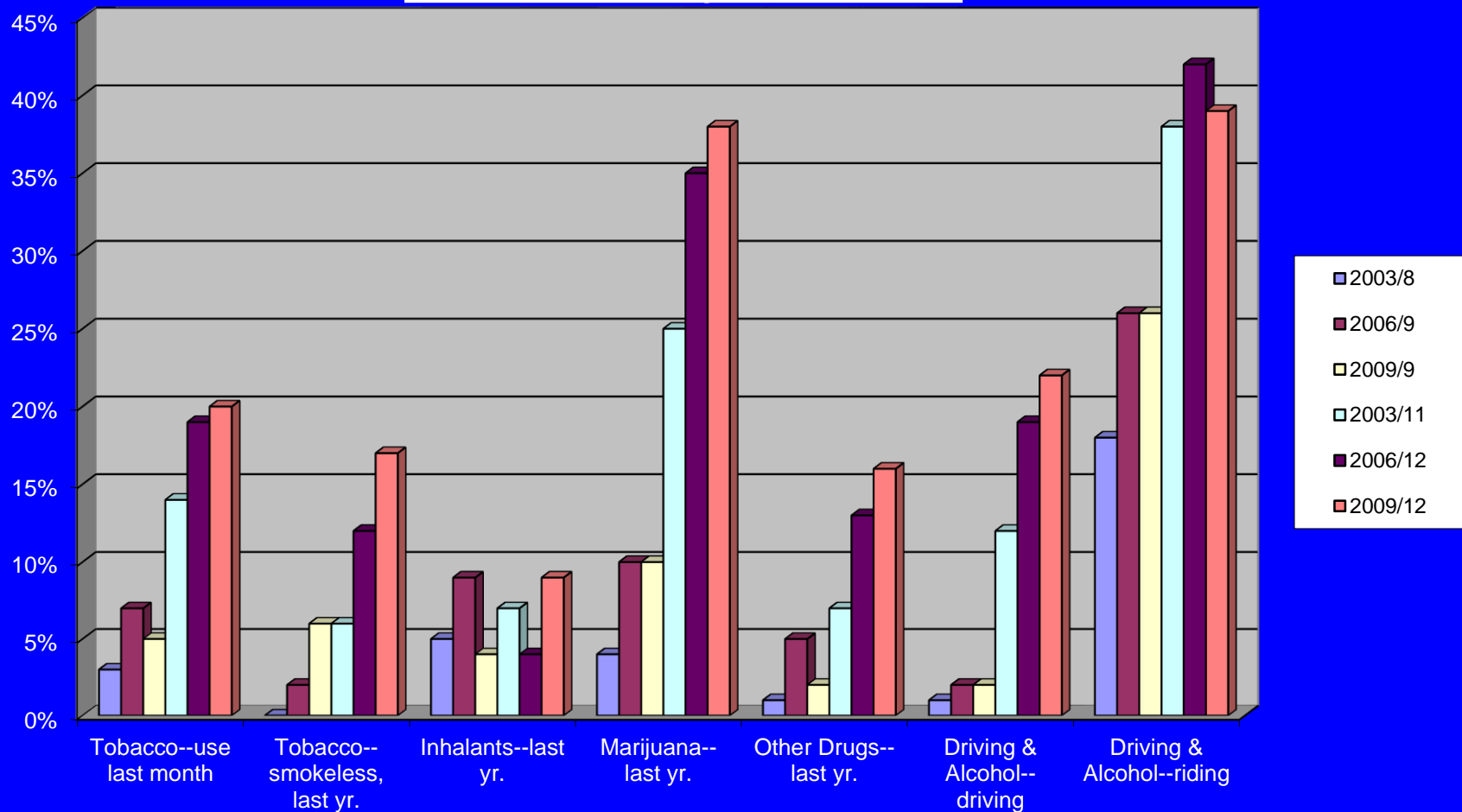


**% of Youth Reporting:
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DRINKING

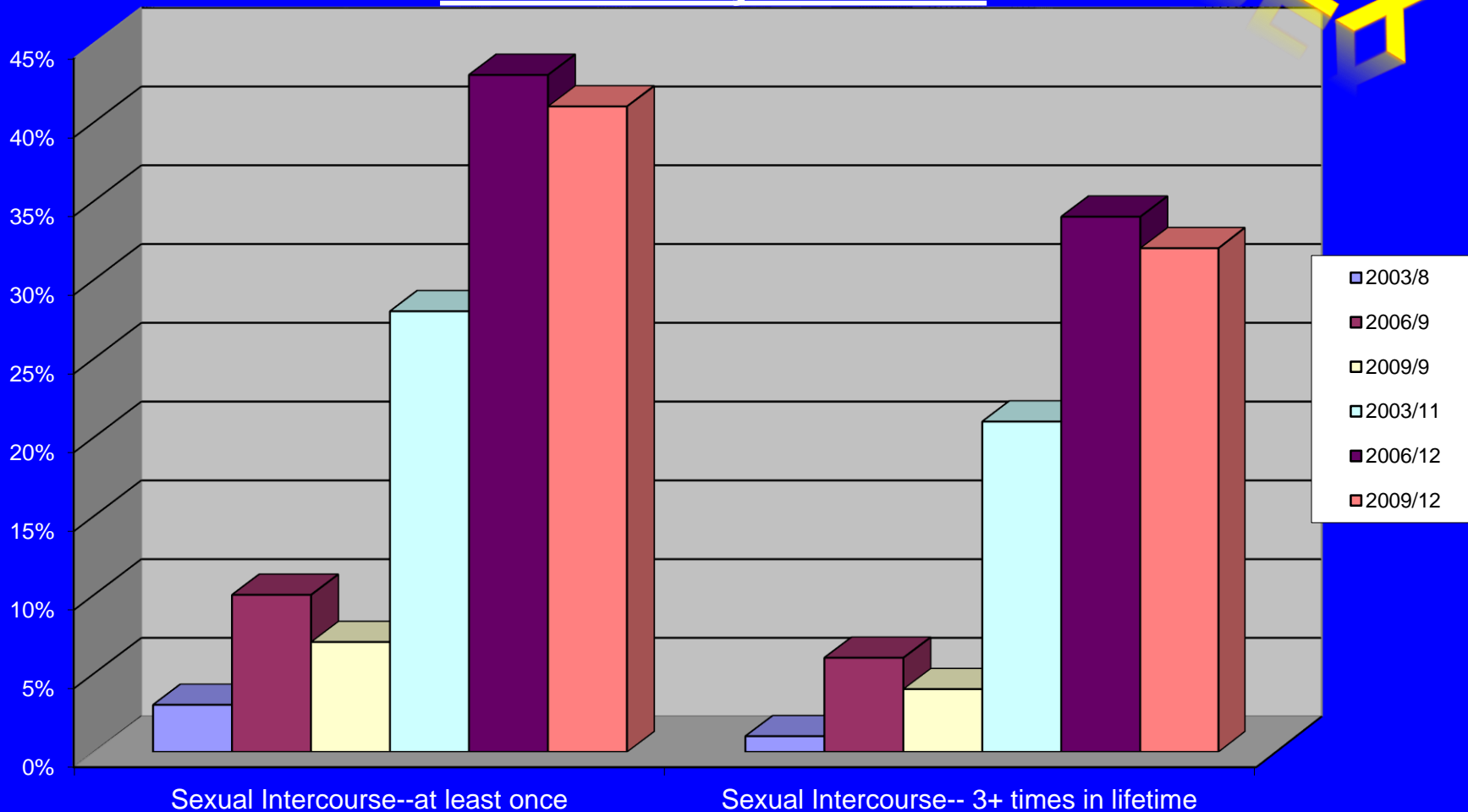


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Areas of Strength

- Family Support
- Leadership
- Rate of Tobacco Use
- Helping Others
- Positive View of Personal Future

Areas of Opportunity

- Community Values Youth
- Family Boundaries & Communication
- Drinking
- Adult Role Models
- Creative Activities & Reading for Pleasure
- Planning
- Resisting Danger

These are areas for further conversations



**To positively develop the
youth of our community,
we need to strengthen
and rebuild the
developmental support
structures**



Our community can....

- **Recognize that all youth need “assets”**
 - **support/expand asset building efforts**
 - **empower youth to contribute**
- **Realize that asset building is an ongoing process--there is no end**
 - **establish long-term goals and perspectives based on these findings**
 - **advocate quality opportunities for our youth**



Our community can....and has....



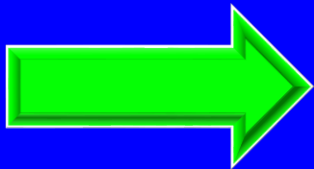
- 2003: OPCYC founded
- Teen Dances, Battle of the Bands, Movie Nights
- Town Meetings (Regal Cinema)
- Tri-Board Presentations
- Community Presentations (Park Parsons, PTO's, OPHS Staff, ...)
- Joint programs with the Town of Orchard Park Recreation Department, Recreation Commission, Orchard Park Seniors
- Car Washes
- Collaboration with Amherst Youth Bureau
- OPCSD Co-curricular Behavior Policy joint development team
- OPHS Freshmen Parents Orientation



Easy Ways for Adults to show Youth They Care.

{And They Help Build Assets, too!}

- **Be relaxed.**
- **Kneel, squat, or sit so you're at their eye level.**
- **Answer their questions.**
- **Tell them how terrific they are.**
- **Create a tradition with them and keep it.**
- **Learn what they have to teach.**
- **Use your ears more than your mouth.**
- **Make yourself available.**
- **Show up at their concerts, games, and events.**
- **Find a common interest.**
- **Communicate clear and consistent message by what you Say and Do *Be a positive role model.***
- **Deal with conflict in a non-violent manner. Be healthy in your use of alcohol and medication.**





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**START THE
CONVERSATION**