

## CDC Risk Factors for the Perpetration of Youth Violence

Individual Risk Factors	Family Risk Factors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History of violent victimization</li> <li>• Attention deficits, hyperactivity, or learning disorders</li> <li>• History of early aggressive behavior</li> <li>• Involvement with drugs, alcohol, or tobacco</li> <li>• Low IQ</li> <li>• Poor behavioral control</li> <li>• Deficits in social cognitive or information-processing abilities</li> <li>• High emotional distress</li> <li>• History of treatment for emotional problems</li> <li>• Antisocial beliefs and attitudes</li> <li>• Exposure to violence and conflict in the family</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authoritarian childrearing attitudes (defined by high expectations with minimal nurturing)</li> <li>• Harsh, lax, or inconsistent disciplinary practices</li> <li>• Low parent or guardian involvement</li> <li>• Low emotional attachment to parents or caregivers</li> <li>• Low parent or guardian education and income</li> <li>• Parent or guardian substance abuse or criminality</li> <li>• Poor family functioning</li> <li>• Poor monitoring and supervision of children</li> </ul>
Peer and Social Risk Factors	Community Risk Factors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Association with delinquent peers</li> <li>• Gang involvement</li> <li>• Social rejection by peers</li> <li>• Lack of involvement in conventional activities</li> <li>• Poor academic performance</li> <li>• Low commitment to school and school failure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diminished economic opportunities</li> <li>• High concentrations of poor residents</li> <li>• High level of transiency</li> <li>• High level of family disruption</li> <li>• Low levels of community participation</li> <li>• Socially disorganized neighborhoods (high crime, usually low income)</li> </ul>

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2017). Youth violence: Risk and protective factors. Accessed at [www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/youthviolence/riskprotectivefactors.html](http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/youthviolence/riskprotectivefactors.html) on July 18, 2018.*