

**WARNING SIGNS:
CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUTH
AT-RISK OF BECOMING VIOLENT**

1. _____ Has a history of tantrums and uncontrollable angry outbursts.
2. _____ Characteristically resorts to name calling, cursing or abusive language.
3. _____ Habitually makes violent threats when angry.
4. _____ Has previously brought a weapon to school.
5. _____ Has a background of serious disciplinary problems at school and in the community
6. _____ Has a background of drug, alcohol or other substance abuse or dependency.
7. _____ Is on the fringe of his/her peer group with few or no close friends.
8. _____ Is preoccupied with weapons, explosives, or other incendiary devices.
9. _____ Has previously been truant, suspended, or expelled from school.
10. _____ Displays cruelty to animals.
11. _____ Has little or no supervision and support from parents or a caring adult.
12. _____ Has witnessed or been a victim of abuse or neglect in the home.
13. _____ Has been bullied and/or bullies or intimidates peers or younger children.
14. _____ Tends to blame others for difficulties and problems s/he causes her/himself.
15. _____ Consistently prefers TV shows, movies or music expressing violent themes or acts.
16. _____ Prefers reading materials dealing with violent themes, rituals and abuse.
17. _____ Reflects anger, frustration and the dark side of life in school essays or writing.
18. _____ Is involved with a gang or an antisocial group on the fringe of peer acceptance.
19. _____ Is often depressed and/or has significant mood swings.
20. _____ Has threatened or attempted suicide.
21. _____ Significant vandalism or property damage.
22. _____ Has withdrawn from friends or usual activities.
23. _____ Failing to acknowledge the feelings or rights of others.
24. _____ Feeling rejected or alone.

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