**READING THE SIGNS** A discussion aid for identifying the reasons why young people may disengage



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# What do you think is an issue for you?

#### Poor behaviour in school

#### Poor attendance record

Negative attitude toward school work or not being motivated

Underachieving at school

## Being unhappy at school

Not engaging in careers information, advice and guidance

Not getting involved in activities outside school lessons

## What do you feel are the reasons for this?

## • Getting on at school and the motivation to do well

- problems travelling to school
- difficulty sticking at or completing school work
- not knowing my own strengths and weaknesses
- not knowing what I want to do after school
- not knowing where I want to be in 5 or 10 years
- lack of jobs to aim for locally

#### Learning and training after school

- lack of opportunities / courses locally
- not understanding the opportunities / courses that are available
- not interested in available opportunities / courses
- not satisfied with the careers information advice guidance offered
- not interested in thinking about the future or jobs

#### About me

- not having the things other people my age have
- lacking confidence or self-esteem
- misusing drugs or alcohol
- getting into trouble in the community
- moving homes or schools often
- problems with emotional or mental health
- problems with physical health

#### My family friends and peers

- having difficult relationship(s) with family members
- not having good friendships
- not getting on with other people my age
- not getting support or guidance from my family

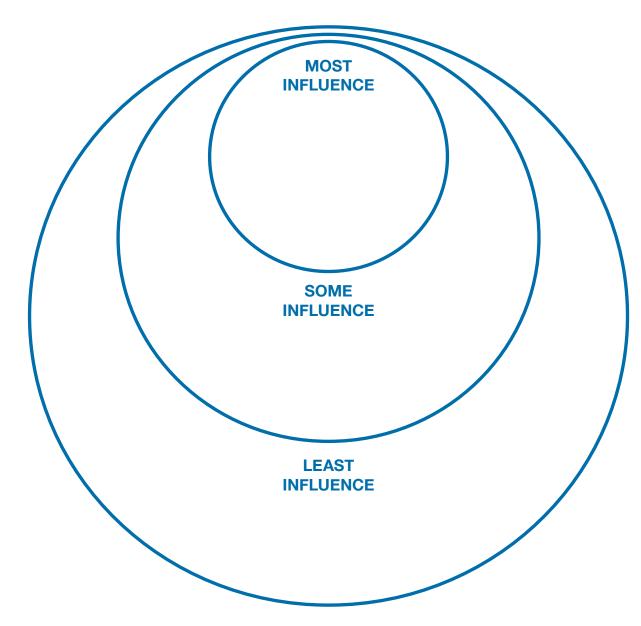
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## Which of those reasons have the most influence on me?





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