Rural Children & Youth At Risk

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Problems Faced by Rural Children of Today

- Family Disruption
- School Dropout
- Drug Abuse
- Delinquency
- Teen Pregnancy
Advantages of Growing Up in Rural America

- Strong Family Ties
- Informal Community Social Networks
- Small and Participatory Local Schools
- Faith-based Institutions
- Traditions
- Geographic Location
Underlying Problems Affecting the lives of Rural Children

• Poverty

• Changing Family Structure

• Rural Deficits in Schooling and Educational Achievement
What does the Future Hold for the Rural Children of America?

- Under prepared for good jobs
- Unhealthy Family Life
- Inactive Community Engagement
- Decline in Community Participation
Conclusion

- School-based programs
- Youth development Programs
- Active and committed citizens