

Top Issues for Children + Youth in CCCS Neighborhoods	NFO/ RWC	SSF	DC	EPA
Housing costs, high cost of living, and lack of living wage job opportunities (and lack of opportunities to build needed skills/knowledge needed to get living wage jobs)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Structural + institutional racism (especially related to educational and career opportunities and interactions with law enforcement)	✓		(✓)	✓
Lack of supportive adults (often because parents/caregivers are working multiple jobs; sometimes because there are not enough opportunities for youth to connect with other supportive adults)	✓	✓	✓	✓
...and [lack of] safe spaces				
Access to resources (especially related to mental health and substance use, affordable childcare and preschool, and legal information and services)	✓		(✓)	
Safety (gangs, domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, police harassment, bullying)	✓			
Mental health issues + substance use in youth are not identified or addressed		✓		
Dealing with past and current trauma without adequate support and/or healthy coping mechanisms			✓	✓
Not enough affordable or free afterschool/weekend/summer activities		✓		
Not enough affordable, local childcare (including on weekends, in evenings, and during the summer) or preschool		✓	(✓)	
Insufficient opportunities for children + youth to learn and succeed academically			(✓)	✓
Negative interactions with police + criminal justice that harms rather than helps community members			✓	

