

The State of the Research

NeXus Boston, as a think tank, conducts research on a variety of topics related to youth ministry and youth work. This research is to serve the needs of workers in the secular and non-secular arenas. The climate of the city leads NeXus Boston to focus on three major themes for the final quarter of the year. These topics are youth violence, faith influence on risky behavior and violence, and violence perpetuated against and amongst adolescent females.

Due to the magnitude of youth research topics, we are developing databases to collect and sort information on individuals, organizations, research centers, programs, and funding sources. We are researching experts in the criminal justice, youth development, gang violence, and public health fields, and reaching out to them as resources and partners.

We are summarizing articles and writing implications for youth workers, officials, and educators. These articles can be found on the website and in the Center for Youth Studies Online Encyclopedia. We will be publishing our first newsletter with a summary of findings and hot topics on adolescent females and violence in December.