

**Child Protective Factors
(within child)**

- ⇒ Even temperament
- ⇒ High self-esteem
- ⇒ Average or above average intelligence
- ⇒ Social sensitivity, awareness, and skills
- ⇒ Strong work ethic
- ⇒ Spiritual or religious beliefs that provide support and direction
- ⇒ Strong core values
- ⇒ Adequate academic skills
- ⇒ Motivation to succeed in school
- ⇒ Positive peer interpersonal skills
- ⇒ Long-term career goals
- ⇒ Positive view of future
- ⇒ Good health
- ⇒ Good communication with parent(s)
- ⇒ Involved in extra curricula and community activities
- ⇒ Caring Attitude
- ⇒ Possesses a sense of belonging to some individual or group

**Child Risk Factors
(within child)**

- ⇒ Substance abuse
- ⇒ Low self-esteem
- ⇒ Low aspirations
- ⇒ Mental health problems/difficulties
- ⇒ Behavioral difficulties
- ⇒ Victim of physical, emotional, sexual abuse or neglect
- ⇒ Poor nutrition
- ⇒ Teenage pregnancy
- ⇒ Cognitive deficits
- ⇒ Lack of motivation
- ⇒ Exposure to violence
- ⇒ Medical/physical problems
- ⇒ Strong feelings of alienation/rejection
- ⇒ Victim of harassment
- ⇒ Engaging in unsafe sexual behaviors
- ⇒ Extreme non-conformity
- ⇒ Trouble with legal authorities
- ⇒ Gay, lesbian, and bisexual orientation/behavior

Figure 2. Child Protective and Risk Factors (within child).