

Appendix 1.

Item Factor Loading for the SoC-EA

Item	SECC	SECP	SNOI	OI	SB
1. People in this place support each other	.819	.089	.000	-.063	.052
2. I spend a lot of time with other adolescents that live in this place	.061	.910	-.025	-.076	-.046
3. Many people in this town are willing to help each other	.903	.123	-.051	.014	.003
4. People in my town work together to improve things	.700	-.008	.100	.110	-.096
5. I feel like I belong to this town	.033	.324	.086	.094	.368
6. If I feel like talking, I can generally find someone in my town to chat to	.025	.650	.182	.032	.001
7. In this place, there are enough initiatives for young people	.066	-.018	.803	.003	-.089
8. In this place, there are enough opportunities to meet other boys and girls	-.012	.242	.652	-.013	.046
9. I like to stay with other adolescents that live in this town	.008	.704	.067	.039	.163
10. As compared to others my town has many advantages	.283	.045	.324	.000	.289
11. In this place, there are many situations and initiatives which are able to involve young people like me	.064	.096	.656	.056	-.034
12. I think this is a good place to live in	.106	.002	-.015	.058	.762
13. I think that people who live here could change	.244	-.086	.118	.404	.122

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things that are not properly working for the community					
14. Honestly, I feel that if we engage more, we would be able to improve things for young people in this town	-.001	.073	-.071	.853	-.023
15. If the people here were to organize, they would have good chance of reaching their desired goals	.063	-.015	.047	.762	.009
16. If only we had the opportunity, I think that we could be able to organize something special for our town	-.053	.165	.003	.606	.024
17. In this place, I feel I can share experiences and interests with other young people	-.014	.424	.364	.092	.067
18. This is a pretty town	.003	.005	.011	-.019	.967
19. In this place, young people can find many opportunities to amuse themselves	-.032	.062	.619	-.020	.242
20. People in my town collaborate together	.524	-.050	.358	.011	.096

Note. SECC = Support and Emotional Connection in the Community; SECP = Support and Emotional Connection with Peers; SNOI = Satisfaction of Needs and Opportunities for Involvement; OI = Opportunity for Influence; SB = Sense of Belonging. Loadings highlighted in bold and retained for each factor. Loadings are standardized.