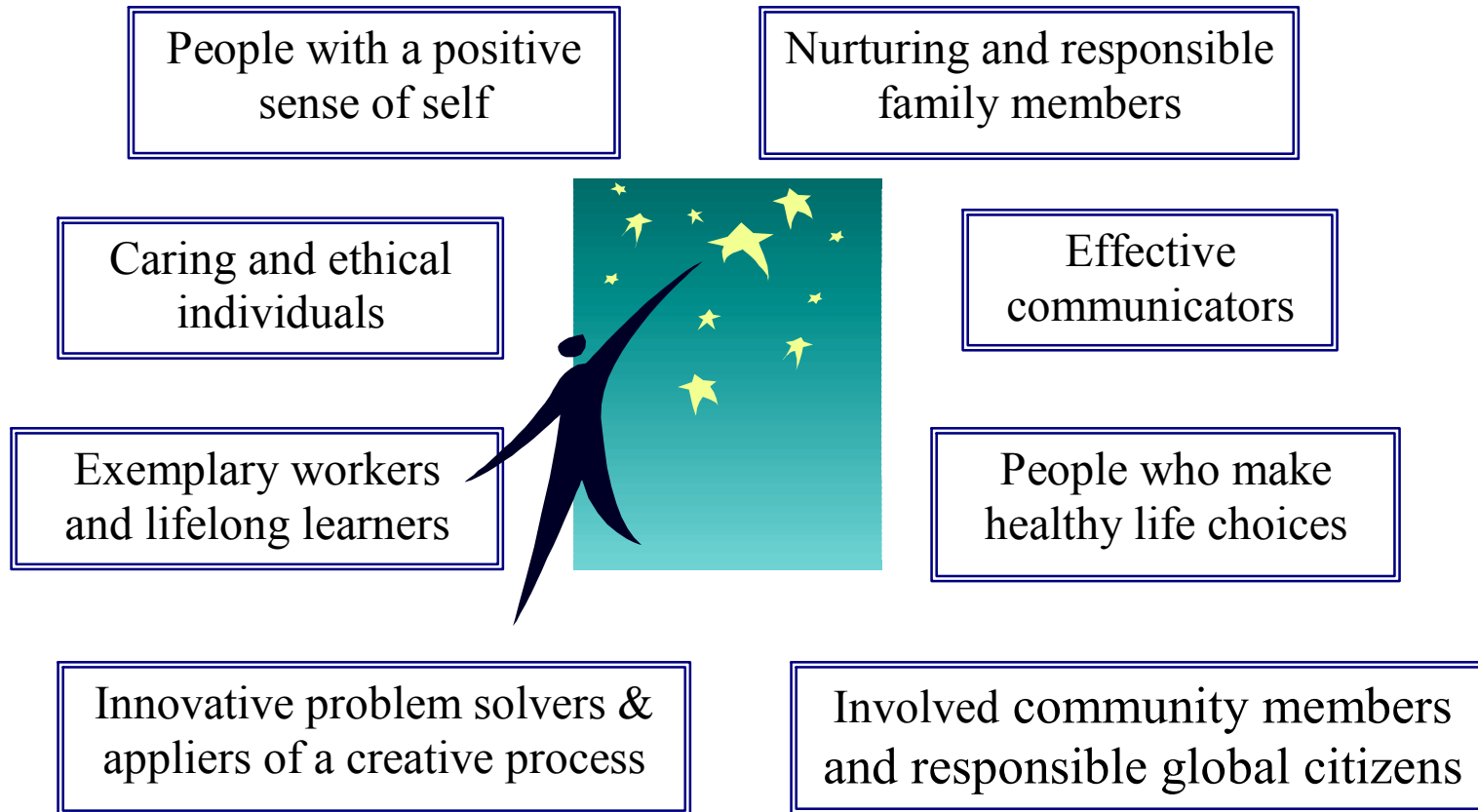


Thriving youth and adults are steadily growing towards and becoming . . .



One of the most important shifts that we will be asking those working on the planning committees to make is to shift from a deficit reduction mindset to a strength building mindset. Therefore, we want participants to think of what it take to ensure that all of Manchester's children, youth and families are on a clear journey towards thriving, rather than simply trying to reduce the problems they may be experiencing. If a person is moving towards thriving then he or she is less likely to engage in high-risk behaviors. If a person removes a problem he or she is experience it will have much less of an impact on that person thriving.