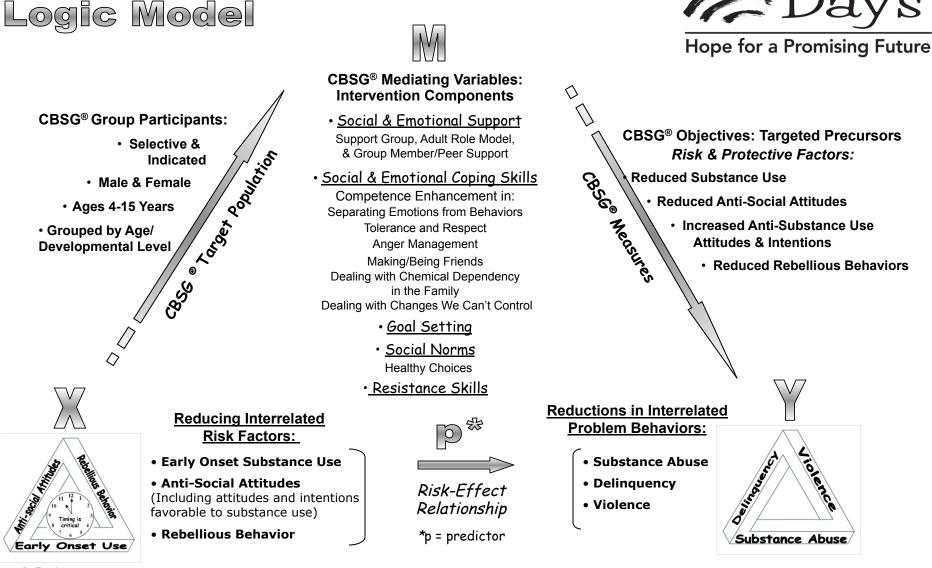
## Curriculum-Based Support Group (CBSG®) Program Long Term Goal: To Reduce Substance Abuse, Delinquency & Violence



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TO READ: Start at "X" (lower left), follow the up-arrow to "M", then follow the down-arrow to "Y". The CBSG® Program is based on the mediating variable framework (Hansen & McNeal, 1996; Baranowki et al., 1997, 1998), which states that in the risk-effect relationship (X-p\*-Y) risk factors are not "causes", they are "predictors." By targeting the reduction of interrelated risk factors (X) among specific populations at specific times within the developmental pathway (), and intervening with evidence-based mediating variables (M) that produce significant changes in known precursors to the targeted risk factors (), an intervention is predicted (p\*) to impact the long term goal (Y).