



Reclaiming Youth at Risk (2-day training)

The struggles of children and youth are not unique to impoverished communities but are found in city, suburban, and rural settings. Family instability, substance abuse, delinquency, school issues, racism, and cultural disconnection are all symptoms of broken communities. Children who are not attached to adults fail to learn the values of respect for self and others. Hungry for acceptance, they become prisoners of peer approval. Unmotivated in school, they fail to develop their potentials. Striving for power, they challenge authority. Many mask their spiritual emptiness by reckless pursuit of pleasure. Their disruptive behaviors are signals of distress. Beneath their defiance, indifference, or reckless bravado, these youth are swimming in rivers of pain. But when their behavior bothers others, they are likely to be dealt more pain by punishment or exclusion.

This 2-day training puts the Circle of Courage principles of Belonging, Mastery, Independence, and Generosity into action with practical tools for providing support and guidance to youth in conflict. Drawing wisdom from Native American and First Nations traditions, the Circle of Courage values emerged from cultures that deeply respect and value children and youth and have been validated by youth pioneers in the Western tradition and recent research on brain science, trauma, resilience, and positive youth development. Reclaiming Youth at Risk is the foundation training to other specialized trainings which are based on these universal Circle of Courage values and needs. Participants in this strength-based course gain practical tools to foster resilience in all youngsters and implement restorative strategies for reclaiming youth at risk.

For more info or to schedule an on-site training:

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Training Fees

Base cost for 2-day training = \$4,500 USD; plus
\$50 USD per person for materials; plus
Shipping costs of materials; plus
Trainer's related travel expenses (travel, lodging & meals)
Maximum number of participants: 30

University Credit

Participants can enroll for graduate workshop university credit in either Psychology or Special Education. Registration forms will be provided at the training. A course syllabus is available at reclaiming.org/grad-credit. There is a \$300 USD tuition fee (for 3 credits) in addition to the training registration fee. Payment for university credit is made to Reclaiming Youth at Risk and given to the instructor onsite at the training. Credit is offered through Reclaiming Youth at Risk and Augustana University, a fully accredited university located in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, USA.

Course Developers

This course was developed by Larry Brendtro, Mark Freado, and Steve Van Bockern. It is based on the Circle of Courage principles of Belonging, Mastery, Independence, and Generosity as outlined in the book, *Reclaiming Youth at Risk: Our Hope for the Future*, co-authored by Larry Brendtro, Martin Brokenleg, and Steve Van Bockern. First printed in 1990, RYAR is now in its third edition.



l-r: Steve Van Bockern, Larry Brendtro, Martin Brokenleg, & Mark Freado

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