

# RECLAIMING YOUTH SEMINARS 2025

## July 14-19

Augustana University - Sioux Falls, South Dakota



## Reclaiming Youth Conference, July 17-19

Larry Brendtro, Martin Brokenleg, and Steve Van Bockern, co-authors of *Reclaiming Youth at Risk: Our Hope for the Future*, and Mark Freado, a leader in the reclaiming youth movement, invite you to the Reclaiming Youth Seminars! Network with colleagues from all over the world to share ideas, learn new skills, inform, inspire, and re-energize.

Grounded in resilience research showing that inner strengths and external supports are essential for positive youth development, the Reclaiming Youth Seminars offer practical skills for success with our most challenging children and youth. Explore timely topics including:

- Building Respectful School Climates
- Strength-Based Treatment with Children and Families
- Reclaiming Wisdom of Indigenous Cultures
- Positive Climates in Residential Care and Juvenile Justice
- Trauma, Resilience, and Thriving

## The Centennial of the Reclaiming Youth Movement

The 2025 Reclaiming Youth Seminars will celebrate The Centennial of the Reclaiming Youth Movement which dates to the publication of the original German edition of *Wayward Youth* by August Aichhorn in 1925. Aichhorn's work inspired pioneers in education, social work, mental health, and delinquency who challenged punitive mindsets. They envisioned a world in which children and youth would be treated with dignity and respect, and contribute as full members of their family, school and community. Join us as we explore a century of innovative ideas needed in these challenging times.

## Pre-Conference Options, July 14-16

- *Respectful Alliances* with Dr. Larry Brendtro & Beate Kreisle, 3-day, July 14-16
- *Reclaiming Youth at Risk* with Mark Freado, 2-day, July 14-15
- *Schools that Matter* with Dr. Steve Van Bockern, 1-day, July 16

Note: The seminars will run from 8:30am-4:30pm each day.

## Optional University Credit and Continuing Education Credits

All Seminar events are eligible for University credit (an extra fee and assignment is required) or for continuing education credits. More information about these options will be available during the event. Please contact us if you have questions.

## Workshop Site and Accommodations

The event will be held at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Lodging is at the Holiday Inn Sioux Falls City Centre. The hotel is a ten-minute drive from the Augustana campus and is located at 100 W 8th Street. **All participants are responsible for their own lodging which is not included in the conference registration fee.**

**Holiday Inn Room Rate:** \$134 + fees & tax; **Group:** Reclaiming Youth at Risk

**Phone:** 605-339-2000 (direct) recommended for booking; **Booking Deadling for Group Rate:** June 12, 2025

Let the hotel know you are with the group to receive the special rate. Guests who need to cancel must do so no less than 48 hours prior to arrival or the first night's room and tax will be charged. The Holiday Inn Sioux Falls City Centre is approximately seven minutes from the airport and is just a few steps from the banks of the Big Sioux River and the unique shops, museums, and restaurants that line the streets of downtown Sioux Falls.

## Travel Arrangements

**All participants are responsible for their own transportation.**

Sioux Falls Regional Airport (FSD) is served by several major airlines. Traveling by auto, the city connects to Interstate Highways 90 and 29. Sioux Falls offers Lyft, Uber, taxi, and public bus transportation within the city. The Holiday Inn offers a free airport shuttle.

## Reclaiming Youth Seminars Pricing

The 2025 seminars fee includes registration, conference materials, lunches, and morning and afternoon refreshments

**Cost is U.S. Dollars per person**

RY Conference (July 17-19) Standard Rate: \$500

RY Conference (July 17-19) Group Rate: \$450 for 3 or more participants, registered and paid together

Pre-Conf Respectful Alliances (July 14-16) \$500

Pre-Conf Reclaiming Youth at Risk (July 14-15) \$375

Pre-Conf Schools that Matter (July 16) \$200

## Explore Sioux Falls

Shops, the Sculpture Walk, and unique bistros and restaurants for every taste are located minutes away in downtown Sioux Falls. The 123-acre Falls Park lets you see up close the city's namesake, and an open-air music venue offers free evening performances on the green. The Washington Pavilion hosts live performances, art galleries, and science exhibits.

## Register/Contact Us

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