



## Lessons in Courage, Resilience, and Hope

Submitted by Mark Freado, President, Reclaiming Youth International

Fifty years ago Nicholas Hobbs wrote, "Time is an ally, working on the side of growth at a time when life has tremendous forward thrust." He also wrote that, "Life is to be lived now, not in the past, and lived in the future only as a present challenge." Throughout the large circle that encompasses what we call our Reclaiming Youth International network, schools are opening. Very young children are entering educational systems that will be filled with various doses of torture and triumph. They will be developing relationships with adults who may spend more time with them daily than any other adults in their lives. Haim Ginott wrote that teachers have the power to, "be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration."



Recently I was invited to help open the school year in one special school in Anchorage, Alaska. One of one hundred schools in the Anchorage School District, Mt. Iliamna Elementary School is a special school in a number of ways. Its purpose is to provide education and therapeutic support services to children in kindergarten through fifth grade. This year they wanted to begin the school year by reinforcing core beliefs and decided to use Re-ED training as that foundation.

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## It All Counts

It All Counts - Forgiving Even the Small Things to Live in the Present



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## About Us

Reclaiming Youth International (RYI) is dedicated to helping adults better serve children and youth who are in emotional pain from conflict in the family, school, community, or with self.

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By Azim Khamisa

Someone pulls out in front of you on the highway. A teller gives you bad treatment. The computer freezes up on you for the third time, erasing your document you've worked on for hours. You receive an e-mail that puts you down. Someone takes your parking spot, the one you've been eying for 5 minutes.

There are many instances when you may get flustered and fall short in the realm of forgiveness and tranquility. God knows I have fallen short at times.

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## Where in the World.....?



Where in the World is Reclaiming Youth International?

Welcome to our new E-Newsletter segment. We thought you would be interested to know the many places our trainers visit each month. Reclaiming Youth offers a wide array of trainings and specialized consultation services all over the globe. Here's what we've been up to lately:

August 8-10, 2011:

Mt. Iliamna Elementary School, Anchorage, Alaska

Mark Freado provided consultation and Re-ED training.

Additional consultation is contracted and will be provided at future dates to be determined.

August 16-18, 2011:

Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

JC Chambers provided a two-day training on "Enchanted with Chemicals" and a one-day "Grief Counseling" workshop.

August 17-18, 2011:

West 40 ISC #2, Bellwood, Illinois

Jeff McCombie provided a Response Ability Pathways (RAP) training.

August 22, 2011

West 40 ISC #2, Bellwood, Illinois

Robert Foltz conducted a Deep Brain Learning workshop.

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## Join us to Refresh, Recharge & Reclaim



Children and youth deserve mentors, teachers, counselors, and parents who are at the top of their game. Refresh your mind and recharge your batteries while you gain insight into the minds and hearts of the young people you influence.

The 2011 Autumn Seminars provide world-class trainings for everyone who works with youth. Based on the Circle of Courage Model, participants can take courses including Response Ability Pathways (RAP), Deep Brain Learning (DBL), and Developmental Audit (DA). you can also become a Circle of Courage Trainer! Graduate credit is available.

Join us on the relaxing campus of Starr Commonwealth in Albion, Michigan in September or the beautiful Walker School in Needham, Massachusetts in October. Click on the following links for more details.

September: [Michigan Seminars: Starr Commonwealth - Albion, Michigan](#)

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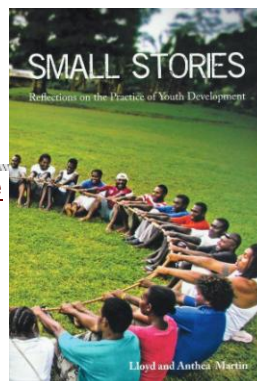
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## Small Stories ~ Book Review

[Small Stories: Reflections on the Practice of Positive Youth Development](#)

By Lloyd and Anthea Martin

Circle of Courage Publications is proud to include [Small Stories](#) in its library of



leading-edge resources for helping all young people flourish. The authors draw on decades of experience in teaching and youth work with indigenous teens and families in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. Consistent with resilience research, their focus on universal growth needs makes this book relevant in any setting.

Many professionals try to keep their distance and dish out a cure to a client from a troubled background. The Martins move care to the forefront, joining with the community and people they serve. They show how to connect with adult-wary youth in the natural environment, using moments of crisis as well as shared activities of hilarity and joy. Most outsiders saw only violence and dysfunction in these turbulent neighborhoods. While the authors recount real pain, they also reveal the joy, inner strength, and social support that enable these persons and cultures to thrive.

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We are excited to be able to interact with each of you in this way. Tell your friends and co-workers about us & check back often to share ideas and connect with others in the field!

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