



Developmental Audit®

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Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn
Rapid City, South Dakota USA

Developmental Audit®: Strategies for Strength-Based Assessment

The Developmental Audit® offers a fresh alternative to traditional deficit-based assessment. Professionals will learn how to engage the young person as a primary data source and full participant in this reflective and restorative process. The Audit teaches practitioners how to involve young persons who are in conflict to join in the process of solving problems and finding solutions, and is particularly relevant where youth are at risk for removal from school or placement in restrictive settings.

All children need opportunities for belonging, mastery, independence and generosity, components of the Circle of Courage® resilience model. When these growth needs are blocked, the youth is at risk. By addressing these universal needs, a young person is able to take pathways to responsibility.

Traditional assessments diagnose pathology and assign labels for disorders. But deficit-based approaches offer scant information about the function (purpose) of behavior or the interventions that might product growth and change.

The Developmental Audit® is grounded in resilience science, neuroscience, and ecological research on positive youth development. It triangulates real-world information from multiple data sources to provide the best understanding of a particular child in a particular setting at a particular stage of development. Most importantly, the Audit views the youth as a primary data source and fully engages the individual in this reflective and restorative process. The completed Audit provides evidence-based hypotheses about the meaning of behavior and a roadmap to restorative goals and positive growth.

Audits can be as expansive or simple as time and circumstances allow. When used in life-altering proceedings, such as transfer of juvenile offenders to adult court, a very extensive Audit may be required. On the other hand, time efficient methods are particularly helpful in school settings or where limited assessment resources are available. The Audit can be used as a stand-alone assessment or in conjunction with other diagnostic and assessment tools.

**Grounded in resilience
Proven by science**

The Developmental Audit® process was field tested by Reclaiming Youth International with grant support from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. Audits were implemented in school settings in Michigan and South Dakota, in residential settings in Michigan, Illinois, South Africa, and Australia, and in justice settings in South Dakota. The Audit was featured in a CBS 60 Minutes II segment on CBS titled "The Three Year Nightmare."

The evidence base for this strength-based approach to assessment and treatment was funded through grant support from the Starr Commonwealth to the Circle of Courage Institute and is summarized in the book *Deep Brain Learning: Pathways to Potential with Challenging Youth*. An earlier publication describing the Audit was the book *Troubled Children and Youth* by Larry Brendtro and Mary Shahbazian published by Research Press in 2004.

About the Trainer



Dr. Larry Brendtro is founder of the Circle of Courage Institute, Dean of the Starr Commonwealth Institute for Training, and former president of Starr Commonwealth serving troubled youth in Michigan and Ohio. He has broad experience as a youth worker, educator, administrator, researcher, and author. He holds a Ph.D. in Education and Psychology from the University of Michigan, is a licensed psychologist, and has taught in the area of behavior disorders at the University of Illinois, The Ohio State University, and Augustana College. Dr. Brendtro is editor of the journal *Reclaiming Children and Youth* and with colleagues has authored twelve books and 200 articles on challenging youth. His most recent book is *Deep Brain Learning: Pathways to Potential with Challenging Youth*. He serves on the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, chaired by the U.S. Attorney General, and has trained youth professionals worldwide.

Optional College Credit

Participants can enroll for graduate workshop college credit in either Psychology or Special Education. Registration forms will be provided at the training. Course syllabus will be available on the Reclaiming Youth website. Payment for college credit is payable to **Reclaiming Youth** and given to the instructor at the training. College credit is offered through Reclaiming Youth and Augustana College, a fully accredited, 4-year university located in Sioux Falls, SD, USA.

Training Site and Accommodations

Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn (Phone #605-348-4000)
505 N. Fifth Street, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701 USA

Website: www.rushmoreplaza.com
Group Code: RYI (online reservations)

Room Rate: \$106+tax (US Funds) (Group: Reclaiming Youth) Deadline for hotel rate: May 25, 2012

Located in the heart of Rapid City, the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn is ideally situated close to downtown shopping, restaurants, parks and walking trails. Rapid City offers visitors all the amenities of a mid-sized city, and its central Black Hills location makes sight-seeing excursions in any direction easy and enjoyable.

Travel Arrangements

Participants are responsible for their own transportation.

Rapid City is located in western South Dakota on Interstate 90. When traveling on I-90, take the Haines Avenue Exit (#58). Travel south on Haines Ave. (Haines becomes North 5th Street.) The Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn is located adjacent to the Rushmore Civic Center.

Rapid City Regional Airport (code: RAP) is serviced by several major airlines (Northwest, United, Delta, etc.) in addition to several smaller carriers. The Rapid City Regional Airport is approximately 20 minutes from the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn. Complimentary shuttle service is offered to guests staying at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn. There are also several car rental agencies available at the airport.

Daily Schedule 8:30 AM . 4:30 PM

Registration Fees (includes 2-day workshop, training materials, and lunches) **All fees listed in US Funds.**

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all events. This includes Purchase Orders.

Standard Fee: **\$395** per person

Early Bird Discount Rate: **385** per person (payment must be+ received by April 1, 2012)

Group Discount Rate: **\$375** per person (for groups of 5 or more; must be submitted together and pre-paid)

Note: Registrations will be accepted based on space availability / Limit 40 participants.

Registrations and payments can be submitted in the following ways:

- **ONLINE**
- **FAX**
- **MAIL**

To Register / Contact Us:

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