



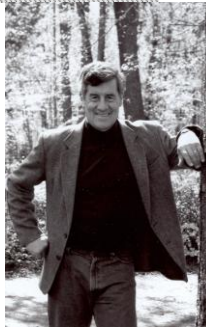
Calling and Career: The Difference

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I have long been deeply moved and inspired by those doing the brutally tough work of trying to prevent crime, of intervening after a crime has been committed, of trying to keep kids back from the edge, trying to prevent kids on the street from penetrating more deeply into one of our "systems"—mental health, child welfare or juvenile justice.

What is it that keeps an officer returning to the mean streets after a partner has been shot? What is it that keeps a minister's arms around yet another sobbing mother whose son has been killed? What is it that keeps social workers returning to grim tenements, streetworkers to mean streets, child abuse prevention workers to scenes of family abuse and violence? How do mentors and youth workers come back again and again, trying to forge relationships with kids wary and frightened of relationships that in the past have always hurt? How do policy makers decide to expend precious political capital and energy trying to stop crime and to build vital communities?

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Our Reclaiming Youth International Seminar in Las Vegas, January 24-26, 2011 was enjoyed by many. Deep Brain Learning, Developmental

Audit and Response Ability Pathways, led by trainers Mark Freado and Steve Van Bockern were conducted in the beautiful Mirage Hotel. The weather cooperated and we enjoyed the company of those from many parts of the United States and Canada. We hope the skills and ideas offered in Vegas will be shared with many!

Pictured above: Las Vegas RAP Training Group, January 2011
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If You Can't Sent Them Home....Then What?



Submitted by: Steve Van Bockern, Dean of RYI

An alternative school for emotionally troubled middle and high school students is frustrated with those who aren't engaged and motivated. Three or four students seem to be demanding and getting all the attention from a committed and hard working staff. Those students who want to work seem to suffer at the expense of the few. Staff have considered sending students home even though they know home isn't the best place for the students.

They asked for my thoughts and suggestions.

I think every place (even the good places) that I have visited has a "line in the sand" when it comes to determining whether or not to send a student home. The line, in the healthy places has to do with safety. If a student creates a real threat or actually acts out to hurt others, exclusion has to be considered. Even then, sending a student home who is angry demands that supports are in place when she gets there.

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Onsite Trainings: A Fresh Approach to Staff Development

Submitted by: Cindy Crabtree, Seminar & Training Coordinator

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Poopey-Head Principal

Submitted by: Steve Van Bockern, Dean of RYI



One of my student teachers explained that the principal in her elementary school was in heated battle with a five-year-old kindergarten student. She told me that the little boy was struggling. "He swears, he calls me names and he hits me."

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