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[2009 Autumn Seminars ~ Nashville, Tennessee](#)

Registrations are now being accepted for the Nashville Seminars!



The 2009 Autumn Reclaiming Youth Seminars will take place amidst the stunning autumn colors in Nashville, Tennessee. Experience the sights and sounds of Nashville as we gather in this vibrant "Music City" - rich in southern comfort and cultural history. As with all Reclaiming Youth Seminars, this event will provide affirmation and introduce new skills for all adults who work with today's most challenging youth. Participants may attend the Reclaiming Youth Conference and/or one of three additional training workshops. The hands-on trainings and opportunities to visit with experts in the child and youth care industry will inspire and rejuvenate both new and experienced professionals in youth care and education. All sessions will reference the Circle of Courage model and are grounded in resilience research showing that inner strengths and external supports are essential for positive youth development.

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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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[2009 Black Hills Seminars Recap](#)

Thank you one and all!

Steve Van Bockern,
President



It was a pleasure for
Reclaiming Youth

International to welcome participants from all over North America and beyond to the 2009 Black Hills Seminars in western South Dakota. An undergraduate student of mine who confessed that he attended because “I needed the college credit” told me after several days at the seminars that this was the best thing that ever happened to him. He was charged up when he expressed to me his appreciation and amazement that he had the opportunity to rub elbows with such a diverse and inspirational group. Those are my thoughts, too!

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[Is the Circle of Courage a Gang?](#)

Scott Larson is the president and founder of Straight Ahead Ministries, an international faith-based organization working with juvenile offenders in more than 400 juvenile detention centers in 15 states and three countries. Scott has authored or co-authored 11 books on working effectively with troubled youth and has been a speaker to youth, parents, teachers, social workers and youth workers since 1983.

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This Guest Article comes to us from our Board Member from Germany, Beate Kreisle. Beate is the Executive Director of Jugend-Kolleg am See. This agency serves up to eight adolescent girls and boys in a co-educative group home setting. It was founded 1998 as the first one in Germany working with the model of Positive Peer Culture, originally developed by Henry H. Vorrath and Larry K. Brendtro.



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Franky D'Oosterlinck from Belgium contributes the following Guest Article. Franky joined the RYI Board in 2008. He serves as Pedagogical Director for the Orthopedagogical Observation & Treatment Centre and works as an Academic Consultant at the Dept. of Orthopedagogics at Ghent University.



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