



Reclaiming Youth International

Equipping Adults to Work With Today's Youth

Beyond Reforming to Transforming

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More and more of us throughout the world are realizing how important it is to go beyond reforming education today and are beginning to talk about educational transformation. Educational transformation is what young people need from their schooling to be fully prepared to meet the opportunities and challenges of the 21st century. A US poll of registered voters released by the Partnership for 21st Century Skills (www.21stcenturyskills.org) in 2007 reported that 66% felt that students needed a broader range of skills than just the basics of reading, writing and math. 80% said that the skills that students need today to be prepared for the jobs of the 21st century are very different from what was needed 20 years ago. How can schools prepare young people to live healthy, engaged lives as active citizens in a democracy which honors diversity and helps young people have all of the skills they require to tackle the tough questions of life with deep meaning and purpose?

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Commitment Through the Hard Times

Bessel van der Kolk, M.D., arguably the leading authority in the world on trauma and traumatic stress in children, was a recent Op-Ed contributor in the New York Times (May 10, 2011). During his forty years



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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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has contributed to understanding of post traumatic stress in Vietnam War veterans and later in children. His work through the National Center for PTSD led to the creation of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, which has been in operation for the past decade. His reason for writing in the Times was to express his concerns for pending budget cuts of 70% for the Network. The result of those cuts will be a reduction of research and the development of treatment services. Thousands of children and families will be affected by these cuts.

Of course, we are all hearing about and experiencing cuts in funding and services in public and private domains throughout the country. While consulting with a provider in California this week I learned that

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Dr. Steve Van Bockern to Receive 2011 Spirit of Crazy Horse Award



Reclaiming Youth International is pleased to announce that co-founder Steve Van Bockern will receive the esteemed Spirit of Crazy Horse Award at the 2011 Reclaiming Youth Black Hills Conference (June 25-28).

The Reclaiming Youth team has been working hard preparing for this special annual conference and the trainings offered during the week prior to the conference to provide opportunities for professional growth and renewal. The values of the Circle of Courage will be highlighted by keynote and workshop presenters offering current perspectives on resilience research and effective practices. Breakout session topics will include these six areas of emphasis: Education, Family & Community, PPC & Group Process, Social & Emotional, Supervision & Leadership, and Voices of Youth.

Space in all events is limited, and pre-registration is required. For registration details, visit our website (www.reclaiming.com). We hope to see you there!

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