



## **The Developmental Audit®**

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### **The Developmental Audit®: *Strategies for Strength-Based Assessment***

The Developmental Audit® was cited as a comprehensive tool for identifying a youth's problems, significant life events, supports and strengths, private logic and coping strategies, and goals for growth in the areas of belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity in the *Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry* by Drs. Joe L. Martindale and Guy K. Palmes.

#### **Positive alternatives for dealing with challenging children and youth**

The Audit goes beyond deficit-based assessment to address these two crucial questions:

1. How did this young person come to this point in his or her life?
2. Where should we go from here to foster positive learning and growth?

The young person becomes a primary data source and full participant in this reflective and restorative process. The Audit is particularly relevant for young persons whose chronic or serious problems put them at risk for placement in restrictive settings. It engages young persons in conflict into the process of solving problems and finding solutions.

The Developmental Audit® offers schools a fresh alternative to traditional deficit-based assessment, encouraging instead a format for functional assessment and positive behavior intervention plans. Courts and treatment programs also use the Audit to develop restorative interventions.

The 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. The completed Audit provides evidence-based hypotheses about the meaning of behavior and a roadmap to restorative goals and positive growth.

Participants in this workshop will learn the following strategies:

- Connect with guarded youth and enlist them as partners in planning.
- Conduct an ecological scan of family, school, peer group, and community bonds.
- Identify how the youth copes with challenge in resilient and self-defeating ways.
- Address problems by developing positive external supports and inner strengths.
- Meet Circle of Courage needs of Belonging, Mastery, Independence, and Generosity.

The Audit is particularly relevant to professionals from the following sectors:

- Education, special education, alternative settings
- Child welfare, foster care, residential treatment
- Juvenile justice, corrections, law enforcement
- Psychology, social work, counseling, therapy
- Wrap around, youth development, family advocacy
- Research, universities, professional staff development

## About the Trainer



**Mark Freado** is a trainer and consultant with Cal Farley's and Vice President of Reclaiming Youth International. His 30-year professional career encompasses contributions to the mental health field, public education, social services, program development, leadership, consultation, and training. He is a master trainer of Life Space Crisis Intervention (LSCI), a senior trainer of Response Ability Pathways (RAP) and a certified trainer of Situational Leadership II with the Ken Blanchard Company. Freado has worked with private providers and public agencies throughout the United States as well as Canada and Europe, delivering consulting and training services. He specializes in program development, leadership skills and interventions for at-risk and disadvantaged children, adolescents and their families.

## Optional College Credit

Participants can enroll for three semester hours of graduate workshop college credit in either Psychology or Special Education. Cost of this optional college credit is \$300 US Funds. Registration forms and course syllabus will be available at the training. Payment for college credit is made payable to **Reclaiming Youth** and given to the instructor at the training. College credit is offered through a collaborative program between Augustana College & Reclaiming Youth.

## Training Site and Accommodations

**Holiday Inn Express (Downtown)** (Phone #615-244-0150) Website: [www.hiexndt.com](http://www.hiexndt.com)  
920 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee 37203

Room Rate: \$120 + tax (single/double) Hotel deadline for group rate: September 9, 2009  
Parking Fee: \$10 per night (special rate for RYI guests only)

Conveniently located just 8 miles from Nashville International Airport, the Holiday Inn Express Nashville-Downtown is the largest Holiday Inn Express in the world! It is centrally located to Music Row and the Downtown Entertainment District - including the Ryman Auditorium, Country Music Hall of Fame, Legends Corner, and the famous Wildhorse Saloon.

Guests will enjoy the complimentary Express Start Breakfast each morning, a state-of-the-art fitness center and hotel gift shop. Amenities include complimentary wireless high speed Internet access, 32+plasma TV, microwave, fridge, coffee maker, ironing board and hair dryer in every room. A complimentary shuttle is available to local attractions within a 2-mile radius.

**Daily Schedule:** 8:30 a.m. . 4:30 p.m. (Lunch included)

## Travel Arrangements

All participants are responsible for their own transportation. Taxi service is available throughout the city. Shuttle service is also available from the Nashville Airport to the hotel via the ~~%~~airport Shuttle+. The cost is approximately \$12 one way. Estimated travel time is approximately 15 minutes.

**Registration Fee** (includes three-day workshop, training materials, and lunches)

**\$375** (U.S. Funds) Pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

**Deadline to register:** **September 14<sup>th</sup>** (Subject to space availability\*) \*Limited to 40 participants

### **To Register / Contact Us:**

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