

The PersonBrain™ Model

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Harbour Towers Hotel & Suites

Victoria, British Columbia, Canada



Using Neuroscience to Connect with Children and Youth

Designed specifically for those who work with children and youth, The PersonBrain™ Model provides a high quality, multi-theoretical training approach that combines neuroscience with positive and practical mental health interventions. Drawing on social, emotional, ecological and neuro-relational sciences, this innovative model incorporates promising approaches that will transform how adults work with children and youth forever!

Combining the neurosciences with mental health strategies is only natural and makes perfect sense. After all, we are our life experiences and our brains absorb these experiences and responds to the environment in some way, either positively or negatively. In order to change lives, we must change the brain. In fact, successful therapy occurs when you change the brain for the better!

Understanding the Brain Empowers Adults with Critical Skills

When caring adults understand the design and function of the brain, behavior is easier to understand and treat with positive strategies. When adults fail to understand the reactions produced by the brain, they often become frustrated and feel unable to work with challenging scenarios. When this happens, children are left without the support and guidance they need. They are essentially left untreated.

Treatment must first begin with brain-based understanding of the nature of behavior and this understanding is essential to transforming children and youth to their fullest potential.

As people and their brains are constantly connecting to the ecology around them, trained adults must shape the people and events within the ecology to meet the needs of the brain. We become critical elements of change in the life of the child or youth. The role of the helping adult is critical and with PersonBrain™ knowledge, adults will have the skills necessary to feel confident and effective with challenging youth.

This model explores practical ways adults can shape experience by shaping the ecology and naturally increase therapeutic success for children and youth experiencing problems:

- Aggression
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Autism
- Defiance
- Trauma
- Anger
- Attachment
- Social Skills

The PersonBrain™ Model is comprehensive and innovative. Participants will be exposed to practical knowledge and strategies steeped in neuroscience that will improve the lives of children and youth. Participants will explore concepts and applications that will enhance their professional skills and provide tools necessary for successful intervention. Techniques from The PersonBrain™ Model are being utilized around the world to transform child and youth care work.

Who Should Attend:

Psychologists, social workers, educators, child and youth care workers, administrators, juvenile justice workers, police officers, foster parents, and others who work directly with children and youth.

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

About the Trainer

Dr. Paul Baker, a developmental neuropsychologist, is the regional program director of NorthStar Educational and Therapeutic Services, Canton, Georgia; past president of the Georgia Psychoeducational Network/ Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Supports (GNETS); and is founder and president of Compassion Associates International, LLC. Dr. Baker is the author of the *PersonBrain® Model: Helping Youth in Crisis*. His experience in merging brain-based science with strength-based psychological treatment has been instrumental in changing mental health and educational programs across the United States, Canada, and internationally. He has made contributions to major journals and well-known publications in working with children and youth. Dr. Baker's dynamic approach to professional development engages participants across a wide variety of cultures and encourages them to work with troubled children in more innovative and brain-friendly ways. In addition, Paul serves as a senior trainer for the Response Ability Pathways (RAP) and Life Space Crisis Intervention (LSCI) models.



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 after February 1, 2010 on the Reclaiming Youth website. Payment for graduate credit is made payable to **Reclaiming Youth** and given to the instructor at the training. College credit is offered through Reclaiming Youth and Augustana College in the U.S.

Training Site and Accommodations

Harbour Towers Hotel & Suites (Phone #800-663-5896) www.harbourtowers.com
345 Quebec Street, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada V8V 1W4

Room Rates: \$99-\$124 (CAD) Hotel deadline for group rate: March 16, 2010

Harbour Towers Hotel & Suites is a 12 story, 4 Star, 3 Diamond rated hotel conveniently located in Victoria's downtown Inner Harbour area, just steps away from shopping, the Provincial Legislative Buildings, The Royal BC Museum & IMAX Theatre, art galleries, whale and marine life adventure tours, horse-drawn carriages and dozens of world-class restaurants.

Travel Arrangements

All participants are responsible for their own transportation. Taxi service is available throughout the city. Shuttle service is also available from the Victoria Airport to the hotel via ~~the~~ Airport Shuttle. The cost is approximately \$20 CAD (one way). Estimated travel time is approximately 45 minutes.

Registration Fee (includes two-day workshop and lunches)

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

Deadline: Registrations accepted through **April 5th**. registrations are subject to space availability*

**Limited to first 40 paid registrants*

Daily Schedule 8:30 AM . 4:30 PM

To Register / Contact Us:

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