

Response Ability Pathways™ (RAP)

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Harbour Towers Hotel & Suites

Victoria, British Columbia, Canada



*"To meet life's challenges, all children need adults and peers who **respond** to their needs rather than **react** to problem behavior."*

--Dr. Larry Brendtro, co-author RAP training

RAP™ offers “essential training” for dealing with challenging children and youth.

Response Ability Pathways . or simply RAP . provides essential strength-based strategies for all who deal with young persons in family, school, or community. Children and youth need supportive persons who respond to their needs rather than react to their problems. RAP provides these response-abilities which enable one to guide young persons on pathways to responsibility.

RAP™ applies Circle of Courage principles to meet growth needs of all young persons.

The goal is to provide children with opportunities to develop belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity. RAP methods are grounded in research evidence on resilience, brain science, and positive youth development. This training translates leading-edge research into practical methods for building strength of character in all youth, even those presenting difficult behavior problems.

RAP™ provides a powerful alternative to both punitive and permissive approaches.

Instead of reactive, coercive interactions, young persons are enlisted as responsible agents in positive change. RAP deals with problems by focusing on strengths and solutions. Brief teaching moments+instill positive behaviors and values. Rather than enforcing obedience, RAP sets high expectations for youth to take responsibility and show respect for themselves and others.

RAP™ taps and develops the innate strength and resilience of young persons.

The course focuses on three interventions: Connect, Clarify, and Restore. These are the normal abilities+ of the resilient human brain: we are endowed with the ability to connect to others for support, clarify challenging problems, and restore harmony.

RAP™ concepts and “abilities” are applicable in virtually any setting:

This training is widely applicable since it is based on a universal design.+

- ~ Content is intuitive, jargon free, and understandable.
- ~ Strategies are safe, practical, and easily implemented.
- ~ Goals target universal growth needs of children and youth.
- ~ Values are universal across diverse cultures and societies.

RAP™ is useful for all who are concerned with youth, whether professionals or lay persons.

This course is well-received by educators, counselors, social workers, psychologists, youth workers, and staff in treatment and juvenile justice settings. Training also can include parents, foster parents, mentors, and mature youth who are peer helpers. Graduate and undergraduate course credit is available.

RAP™ is highly experiential and provides practical skills for building courageous kids.

Basic RAP principles are presented in creative formats, and the course is enlivened by engaging videos and small-group role plays. Participants develop abilities to disengage from adversarial encounters, connect with adult-wary youngsters, restore bonds of respect, and create climates where all young persons can flourish.

Daily Schedule 8:30 AM . 4:30 PM

About the Trainer



Steve Van Bockern is a professor of education at Augustana College and Dean of the Reclaiming Youth Institute, which conducts research on strength-based prevention and intervention. Drawing on experience as a public school principal and teacher at the elementary and secondary levels, Dr. VanBockern consults with numerous schools and alternative education programs throughout North America. He has directed grants for the National Science Foundation and the Kellogg Foundation and has developed programs for talented students. Dr. VanBockern currently serves as Dean and co-founder of Reclaiming Youth International and is a senior trainer for Life Space Crisis Intervention (LSCI) and Response Ability Pathways (RAP).

Optional College Credit

Participants can enroll for undergraduate or graduate workshop college credit in either Psychology or Special Education. Cost of this optional college credit is \$300 US Funds. The course syllabus will be available on our website. Payment for college credit is made payable to **Reclaiming Youth** and registrations are given to the instructor at the training. College credit is offered through Augustana College & Reclaiming Youth.

Training Site and Accommodations

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

Standard Room Rates: \$99-\$119 (CAD)

Group Name: RECLAIMING YOUTH

Hotel deadline for group rate: March 20, 2012

Harbour Towers Hotel & Suites is a 12 story, 4 Star, 3 Diamond hotel 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 45 minutes.

Registration Fee (includes two-day workshop, training materials, and lunches) **All fees listed in U.S. Funds.**

\$395 (standard), **\$385** (early bird) or **\$375** (groups of 5 or more, submitted together and pre-paid)

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all events.

This includes Purchase Orders.

Deadline: Registrations will be accepted based on space availability / Limit 30.

Registrations and payments can be submitted in the following ways:

- **ONLINE** at www.reclaiming.com
- **FAX** to 1-605-647-5212 (Attn: Seminar Registration)
- **MAIL** to Reclaiming Youth International (see address below)

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