The Developmental Audit® offers a fresh alternative to traditional deficit-based assessment. Professionals will learn how to engage the young person as a primary data source and full participant in this reflective and restorative process. The Audit teaches practitioners how to involve young persons who are in conflict to join in the process of solving problems and finding solutions, and is particularly relevant where youth are at risk for removal from school or placement in restrictive settings.

All children need opportunities for belonging, mastery, independence and generosity, components of the Circle of Courage® resilience model. When these growth needs are blocked, the youth is at risk. By addressing these universal needs, a young person is able to take pathways to responsibility.

Traditional assessments diagnose pathology and assign labels for disorders. But deficit-based approaches offer scant information about the function (purpose) of behavior or the interventions that might product growth and change.

The Developmental 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. Most importantly, the Audit views the youth as a primary data source and fully engages the individual in this reflective and restorative process. The completed Audit provides evidence-based hypotheses about the meaning of behavior and a roadmap to restorative goals and positive growth.

Audits can be as expansive or simple as time and circumstances allow. When used in life-altering proceedings, such as transfer of juvenile offenders to adult court, a very extensive Audit may be required. On the other hand, time efficient methods are particularly helpful in school settings or where limited assessment resources are available. The Audit can be used as a stand-alone assessment or in conjunction with other diagnostic and assessment tools.

The Developmental Audit® process was field tested by Reclaiming Youth International with grant support from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. Audits were implemented in school settings in Michigan and South Dakota, in residential settings in Michigan, Illinois, South Africa, and Australia, and in justice settings in South Dakota. The Audit was featured in a CBS 60 Minutes II segment on CBS titled “Three Year Nightmare.”

The evidence base for this strength-based approach to assessment and treatment was funded through grant support from the Starr Commonwealth to the Circle of Courage Institute and is summarized in the book Deep Brain Learning: Pathways to Potential with Challenging Youth. An earlier publication describing the Audit was the book Troubled Children and Youth by Larry Brendtro and Mary Shahbazian published by Research Press in 2004.
About the Trainer

**Dr. Larry Brendtro** is founder of the Circle of Courage Institute, Dean of the Starr Commonwealth Institute for Training, and former president of Starr Commonwealth serving troubled youth in Michigan and Ohio. He has broad experience as a youth worker, educator, administrator, researcher, and author. He holds a Ph.D. in Education and Psychology from the University of Michigan, is a licensed psychologist, and has taught in the area of behavior disorders at the University of Illinois, The Ohio State University, and Augustana College. Dr. Brendtro is editor of the journal *Reclaiming Children and Youth* and with colleagues has authored twelve books and 200 articles on challenging youth. His most recent book is *Deep Brain Learning: Pathways to Potential with Challenging Youth*. He serves on the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, chaired by the U.S. Attorney General, and has trained youth professionals worldwide.

Daily Schedule

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

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. A course syllabus will be available on the Reclaiming Youth website (www.reclaiming.com). There is a $300 (USD) tuition fee in addition to the training registration fee (for 3 credits). Payment for college credit is made to *Reclaiming Youth* and given to the instructor onsite at the training. College credit is offered through Reclaiming Youth and Augustana College, a fully accredited, 4-year university located in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, USA.

Workshop Site and Accommodations

**Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn**, 505 N. Fifth Street, Rapid City, SD 57701  
Phone: (605) 348-4000  
Website: rushmoreplaza.com  
Group: Reclaiming Youth  
Group Code: RYI  
Room Rate: $110+tax (US Funds)  
Deadline for hotel rate: May 20, 2014

Located in the heart of Rapid City, the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn is ideally situated close to downtown shopping, restaurants, parks, and walking trails. Rapid City offers visitors all the amenities of a mid-sized city, and its central Black Hills location makes sight-seeing excursions in any direction easy and enjoyable.

Registration Fees (includes two-day workshop, training materials and lunches) **All fees are listed in US Funds.**

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all events. *This includes Purchase Orders.*

- Standard Fee: $395 per person
- Group Discount Rate: $375 per person (for groups of 5 or more; must be submitted together and pre-paid)
- Early Bird Discount Rate: $385 per person (payment must be received by April 1, 2014)

**Note:** Registrations will be accepted based on space availability.

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