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for Some of Youth Change's Most Popular Breakout Workshops

Workshops can be created for nearly any school, social, emotional or behavior topic, and customized to fit nearly any time frame. Call Youth Change at 503.982.4220 to book your event now.

The Best Negativity and Apathy Busters

Negative attitudes and apathy may be commonplace, but staff training seldom includes extensive, practical preparation to stop and manage these concerns. Powerful, effective interventions do exist to prevent or modify the negative attitudes and rampant apathy, and these must-have methods are packed into this workshop. Participants will learn unexpected, compelling interventions that are designed to work when conventional approaches fail, and will discover lively, varied methods that were created to overcome the defiance, disinterest, and resistance that many youngsters evidence. Participants will learn specific, ready-to-use strategies to address common attitude problems like "I don't need this place because I'm going to be a...pro basketball player...famous rap star...marry a wealthy man...go on welfare...be an actress...deal drugs" Working with negative and apathetic youth and children doesn't have to be so difficult with the innovative, problem-stopping tricks, tools, tips and techniques that you will be able to use right away to begin to turnaround your most uninvolved and disinterested youngsters right away.

Control the Uncontrollable Child

If you work with some youngsters that are so out-of-control that nothing seems to rein them in, then this workshop has the solutions you've been looking for. If you have tried nearly every method you know, but some of your out-of-control youngsters continue to be completely unmanageable, this session will show you how to turn that around. This workshop explains why "nothing seems to work" with unmanageable students, and shows you what to do instead of continuing to rely on methods that never are able to make the situation better for very long. One-size-fits-all interventions fit no one. This workshop gives you interventions that are not one-

size-fits-all, but have been especially designed to fit your most unmanageable children and youth. Unmanageable youngsters pose a safety concern, and interfere with your ability to do your job. It doesn't have to be like that. Tools do exist to systematically improve the conduct of the most misbehaved children and youth, yet many youth professionals have not been offered this training as part of their education. Stop guessing and struggling to figure out how to get unmanageable youngsters back in control. This workshop has your solutions, solutions honed with youngsters just like yours, solutions that can finally restore order to your group or classroom— even after long-term behavior problems and disruption have occurred. You will leave this workshop with the best tools that exist to control uncontrollable children and adolescents. You will leave this workshop with the ready-to-use, more powerful tools you need to manage unmanageable students. You will leave this workshop well-equipped to reduce the disruptions, defiance, disrespect, verbal abuse, conflict, aggressiveness, and acting-out behavior that until now have been so resistant to improvement.

Maximum-Strength Motivation-Makers

You probably never took a class that explained exactly how to motivate the most unmotivated, apathetic students— until now. Dynamic, exciting, hard-to-resist methods do exist to motivate even your most resolutely apathetic, unmotivated, bored, disinterested students. In fact, surprising, potent interventions exist even to turnaround students who are completely certain that they will never need school because they are going to be rap stars, sports stars, go on welfare, marry a wealthy man, deal drugs, or have their family take care of them. Most schools do not have a formal curriculum or any plan whatsoever to help youngsters to learn to care about school and education. Consequently, many students act like no one has ever helped them discover the value of school and education. This seminar can change all that. This seminar will arm you with attention-grabbing, irresistible interventions, designed to transform even your most resolutely unmotivated, absent, bored, and apathetic students. So much of what happens at school tracks back to motivation— or the lack of. By improving motivation, you begin to improve everything else that happens at school. If you truly want to enhance classroom management, build academic performance, reduce truancy and tardiness, improve demeanor and attitude, then be in the room for this seminar, and be prepared to be “wowed” by the unexpected, cutting-edge, creative methods you will learn to motivate children and teens to become prepared, motivated, interested students.

How to Transform Kids into Students

At your school, do you have a class called School Skills 101? Does your school have a game plan to train kids to become prepared, motivated, skilled students? If your school is like most schools, the answer is “no”-- there is no formal plan to ensure that every youngster possesses the skills needed to function successfully in the school environment. That means that at your site School Skills are expected but never systematically and formally taught. Can you imagine if no plan existed to teach academics yet kids were expected to have those academic skills? That is what we do when we expect children to have School Skills but we have no curriculum and no lessons to provide that training. In this workshop, you will have the opportunity to see a Pre-K to Grade 12 School Skills Training Curriculum that shows you how and when to teach School Skills like attendance, punctuality, motivation, attitude, homework management, teacher interaction skills, how to use the bathroom, how to ride the bus, how to walk through the hallways, and how to participate in a class discussion. Classroom management doesn't have to be such a struggle if you train kids to become skilled students. This workshop shows you how to transform unskilled, unmotivated children and adolescents into prepared, motivated students who have been carefully taught how to perform all the School Skills they need to succeed in school.