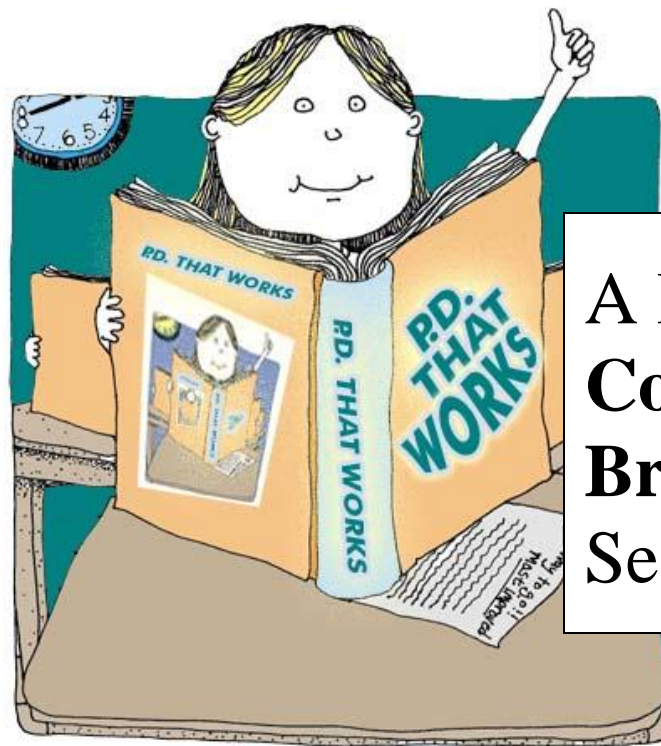


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A Proposal for  
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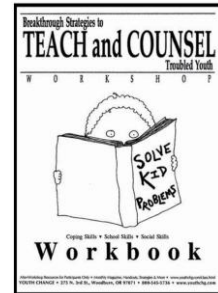
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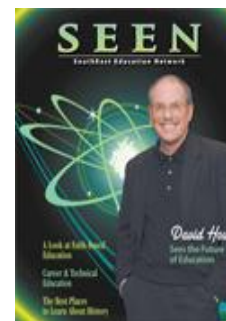
# INTRODUCTION

For over 20 years, Youth Change Workshops has been one of the nation's leading providers of teacher professional development and conference breakout sessions. Youth Change is known for creating and advocating the use of innovative, updated classroom management methods to help troubled, problem, and challenged students to succeed in school, in the community, and at home.



Even newly minted teachers often feel that their training has prepared them to work with Beaver Cleaver in the 1950s, yet they humorously report seeing Beavis and Butthead showing up in their classrooms each day. Studies show many teachers lose a whopping 22 minutes of instruction time each hour to address classroom management problems. All that college training on content is wasted when classroom management takes center stage, and academic instruction takes a back seat. Youth Change Workshops can show your conference participants ready-to-use, one-of-a-kind, problem-stopping methods that can make working with difficult students less difficult.

Youth Change Workshops has provided lively, results-oriented training to countless schools, districts, conferences, institutes, universities, and agencies throughout North America, and annually trains thousands of teachers, special educators, principals, guidance counselors, and school social workers. Youth Change is approved to offer very affordable college credit for courses, and is also an approved clock hour provider in most states. Youth Change publishes surprisingly different books, ebooks, and posters, all designed to grab students' attention and change problem behaviors for the better.



Our posters have been featured in many movies and TV shows including the hit movie, Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Our methods have been featured in countless publications including the Orlando Sentinel and the Portland Oregonian, and we provide a regular, featured column for SEEN Magazine, a prominent print magazine for teachers in the southern U.S.

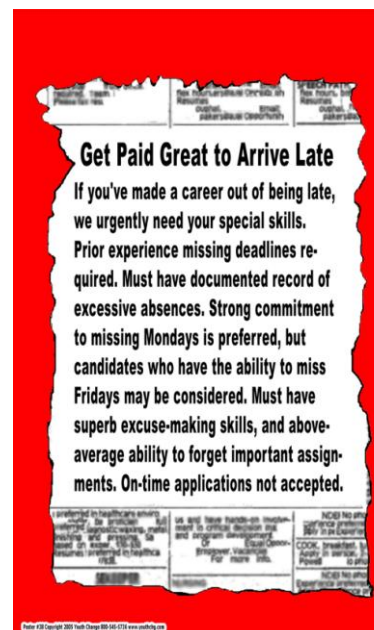
# INNOVATIVE PROBLEM-STOPPING CONFERENCE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## OVERVIEW

If your teachers have classroom management problems, Youth Change has their solutions. Youth Change has dozens of classroom management workshops to power your conference breakout sessions-- all designed to help teachers discover that working with difficult students doesn't have to be so difficult. Your members will bring their worst class management concerns to the breakout, and will receive dozens of practical, problem-stopping, ready-to-use interventions on the spot.

All Youth Change professional development courses deliver the best answers for the worst student problems, and show your teachers exactly how to create a positive, safe, productive learning environment-- even for classrooms that have had significant, "unfixable," or chronic classroom management problems.

Youth Change is known for having standing-room-only at many conference breakout sessions. Listed below are the courses that are historically so popular that they over-fill at



live events, and draw so much attention that we often encounter angry fire marshals upset over teachers sitting on the floor or standing in the doorway so they can be part of the workshop even without a seat. All the courses shown below can be offered in one hour, or can be expanded or sequenced to offer \$43 college credit and free clock hours. All courses include an electronic workbook of lesson plans and worksheets, and are extremely visual, with colorful, engaging strategies offered throughout the training sessions.

## MOST POPULAR SEMINAR TOPICS

### **Breakout Workshop #1**

#### Control the Uncontrollable Student

If your teachers work with some youngsters that are so out-of-control that nothing seems to rein them in, then this workshop has the solutions they've been looking for. If your teachers have tried nearly every method they know, but some out-of-control youngsters continue to be completely unmanageable, this session will show your participants exactly 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 conventional methods that never are able to make the situation better for very long. One-size-fits-all interventions fit no one. This workshop gives interventions that are not one-size-fits-all, but have been especially designed to fit the most unmanageable children and youth.



Unmanageable youngsters pose a safety concern, and interfere with staff's ability to do their jobs. 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. This seminar lets teachers and other education professionals stop guessing and struggling to figure out how to get unmanageable youngsters back in control.

This workshop has powerful solutions-- solutions that can finally restore order to any group or classroom-- even after long-term behavior problems and disruption have occurred. Participants will leave this workshop with the best tools that exist to control uncontrollable children and adolescents from Pre-K through Grade 12. Participants will leave this workshop with the ready-to-use, more powerful tools they need to manage unmanageable students, and they will finally feel well-equipped to reduce the disruptions, defiance, disrespect, verbal abuse, conflict, aggressiveness, and acting-out behaviors that until now have been so resistant to improvement.

## Workshop #2

### Maximum-Strength Motivation-Makers

Most teachers are never offered practical training classes that explain exactly how to motivate the most unmotivated, apathetic students— until now. Dynamic, exciting, hard-to-resist methods do exist to motivate even the 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 will change all that.



This seminar will arm your participants with brand new, attention-grabbing, irresistible interventions, designed to transform even their most seriously unmotivated, absent, bored, and apathetic students from Pre-K through Grade 12. So much of what happens at school tracks back to motivation— or the lack of. By improving motivation, teachers begin to improve everything else that happens at school. If your teachers truly want to enhance classroom management, build academic performance, reduce truancy and tardiness, improve demeanor and attitude, then they need to be present for this seminar, and prepared to be “wowed” by the

unexpected, cutting-edge, creative methods they'll learn to motivate children and teens to become prepared, motivated, interested students.

### **Workshop #3**

## **School Skills Training 101:**

### **Transform Kids Into Prepared, Motivated Students**

At most schools, there's no class called School Skills 101, but many teachers wish there was. Most schools have no game plan to train kids to become prepared, motivated, skilled students. In most elementary, middle, and high schools, there is no formal plan to ensure that every youngster possesses the skills needed to function successfully in the school environment. That means that 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, your participants will have the opportunity to see a groundbreaking Pre-K to Grade 12 School Skills Training Curriculum that shows 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 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.

## Workshop #4

### Wonderful Ways to Turnaround Students Who Refuse to Work

Should I push them? Should I back off? Working with work refusers is a guessing game for many educators. Even though teacher training rarely offers innovative, creative, forward-thinking methods for work refusers, more effective methods do exist that can help right away-- and that's exactly what this workshop delivers. This seminar shows participants exactly what to do-- and what not to do— to help work refusers succeed in school. This course also explains what makes these youngsters tick, and how to use that information to guide decisions about what to do each day. Participants will discover what is the right goal each day for each student who refuses to work in school. Teachers can help work refusers become more successful in school if they stop using yesterday's methods with today's students. This workshop has those updated methods, and these tools are ready to be used right away, so your participants can have a better chance of reversing the work refusal right away.



## Workshop #5

### The More You Learn, The More You Earn

Power up students and detour dropouts with the unusual, compelling methods included in this information-packed workshop. Participants will learn a vast array of innovative methods that powerfully convince students of the value of school. Grads earn \$329,000 more per lifetime than dropouts. This workshop gives participants an arsenal of tools that show the monetary value of education, along with interventions that convey how desperately we all need education to make it through the day. Pictured at left is an intervention that even puts the classroom doors to work motivating students. The door hanger “markets” the value of school. A teacher may think that a student is staring aimlessly, but the child may be thinking about the message hanging on the



door. By the end of this workshop, participants will have dozens of methods that convince even the most discouraged, apathetic, disinterested or bored student that they can't even make it through the morning without education.

## Workshop #6

### The Best Negativity and Apathy-Busters

Negative attitudes and apathy may be commonplace among students, 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 (such as the one pictured to the right) that are designed to work when conventional approaches fail. Your educators will discover lively, varied methods that were created to overcome the defiance, disinterest, and resistance that many youngsters evidence. Participants will even be offered 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 this workshop offers.

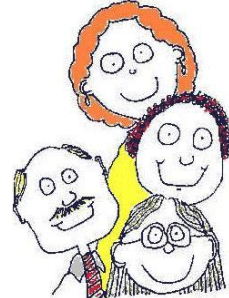


## SEMINAR RESULTS

For over two decades, Youth Change Workshops has provided workshops that offer methods to reduce violence, withdrawal, family problems, depression, ADD, ADHD, school failure, work refusal and apathy. Participants crisscross the U.S., sit for hours in Los Angeles traffic, fly in from Japan and Australia, crash full sessions, and brave winter snow storms to attend this class-- and actually still say "It was worth the trip!" Don't take our word for our results. Listen to

our participants. Full, signed letters are available for your review. Here are some typical reactions to Youth Change's workshops:

"Four years ago I took a group of teachers to your workshop. It changed my life. I gained a new understanding of the students I work with and now share your strategies as part of my new teacher training each year. Your workshop ranks as my number one ever in all my years of education." Kristie McCuston, Vice Principal, Garland, TX



"Can't wait to share your ideas with our staff. I loved the way you tailored the interventions to the type of student. It was refreshing to finally attend a workshop where the presenter actually presented and didn't fill the workshop with 'touchy feely' activities with little relevance." Sally McAfee, Coordinator of Alternative Education, Corvallis, OR

"I attended a workshop several years ago...5, 6 or 7 years...I don't quite remember. But I remember the impact that workshop made on me like it was yesterday. I remember you handing out little strips of paper, giving each workshop participant about 15 pieces of paper, with a wide range of problems young people face every day. Some were simply life situations, grandmother's death, argument with best friend. But some were so horrific...being molested, being hungry with no food in the future, being beaten. I realized that day that I never know what a student may be facing every day. So thank you again for that lesson that I have kept with me every day in working with my students." Cathy Harper, Mother Lode Job Training, Sonora, CA.

"Your workshop presentation played a significant role in better equipping staff for the challenges and privilege of working with these children." Jinna Risdal, Washington Primary Intervention Conference

"Incredibly useful. Inspiring." Caryn Curry, Counselor, Lincoln School, E. Chicago, IN

"Absolutely phenomenal! A Great deal of useful information." Jami Giamusso, Washington Learning Disability Association

"Just a fabulous, life changing two days."

Bernadette Ostrozovich, Outreach Instructor, Indianapolis, IN

"Most interesting, useful workshop I've ever been to."

Phyllis Eccles, Special Ed Teacher, Hillsboro Elementary School, Hillsboro, TX

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS

### About Youth Change Workshops

Youth Change Workshops has long been one of the nation's leading providers of professional development training for educators. Learn more about us on our website, [www.youthchg.com](http://www.youthchg.com). We are located at 275 North Third Street, Woodburn, Oregon 97071. Reach us toll-free at 1.800.545.5736. Our fax is 1.503.982.7910. Email our Director, Ruth Herman Wells, M.S. at [dwells@youthchg.com](mailto:dwells@youthchg.com).

For more than two decades, our workshop participants have rated our sessions as over 9 on a scale of 1 to 10.

Youth Change is represented by two speaker bureaus. Please call us at 1.800.545.5736 for contact information.

### About the Instructor

The Director and Founder of Youth Change Workshops is veteran instructor, Ruth Herman Wells, M.S. Ruth is the author of dozens of books, ebooks, audio books,



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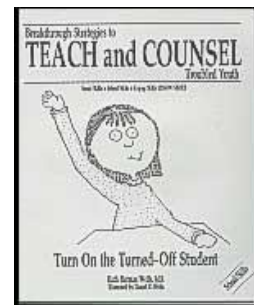
**Ruth Wells' SpeakerRank**

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- 6th in Oregon Speakers
- 6th in Portland, Oregon Speakers
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- 8th in Education Administration Speakers

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videos, and articles on helping students to succeed in school and life. She has written four popular books for Pro Ed Publishers, one of the world's largest publishers of books for challenged and special needs students. She writes a regular column for SEEN Magazine, and has appeared in the Child Welfare Report, The Corrections Compendium, and countless other publications. Ruth has trained staff in every imaginable setting from elementary schools to high schools, from Job Corps to mental health hospitals, from correctional programs to adult schools, from Pre-K programs to colleges. Ruth has trained staff from the Florida Keys to the Arctic Circle. People routinely travel from as far away as Australia, Japan and the United Kingdom to learn from Ruth how to better reach and teach their students. Ruth delivers concrete, practical, cutting-edge learning interventions everywhere she goes, and she can deliver immediate, measurable results for your participants too.

Ruth has managed and founded several types of school and mental health settings including sheltered school programs, independent living sites, correctional units, residential care, and day treatment. Ruth's lively, hard-to-resist presentation style will encourage your participants to speak out and get involved in the presentation. Your conference participants will name the problem areas they see in their classes, then Ruth will deliver some of the most innovative, effective methods that exist.



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