

SCHOOLS THAT MATTER WORKSHOP

Many adults in school settings want to refocus their energy and efforts in ways that matter to all stakeholders including the students, the community and teachers. The race to the top of the academic mountain has done little to help our children feel competent, powerful and connected. Instead of seeing children as data points to be measured and sorted, Schools that Matter focus on the total well-being of the child *and* the adults who teach and care for children. Schools that Matter uses the model shared in *Reclaiming Youth at Risk: Futures of Promise*, by Brendtro, Brokenleg, & Van Bockern, (2019, 3rd edition), as the road map for building places where children and adults thrive!

In this day long workshop participants will:

- Examine a philosophical base that helps transform negative school cultures to positive learning environments.
- Examine new paradigms and alternatives in education.
- Examine both positive and problematic characteristics manifested by youth along with appropriate interventions to foster resilience and responsible behavior.
- Explore essential components or indicators of quality school programs for youth.
- identify trauma and trauma informed care within the context of schools and classrooms
- Learn how to respond rather than react to children's "bad" behavior.
- Define emotional intelligence and the importance of adults who constantly work on their own emotional intelligence.
- Understand best practice teaching that leads to social, emotional and academic growth



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