



Re-ignite Your Passion for
Connecting with Youth

The Original Spark



Why did you become a Prevention Specialist?

Where are our Kids?

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Self-
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Challenges

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Support

The Need

- Teen Suicide
- ATOD (Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs)
- Gangs, Violence & Crime
- Teen Pregnancy
- Generational Poverty
- Generational Addiction
- Generational Incarceration
- Truancy & Dropping Out



Understanding What's Going On Tuning In

I asked the kids

Our younger kids have dreams

A new generation – Millennials



What is your experience of
Millennials or as a
Millennial?

Tuning In

5000 Hours by the Age of 21

Technology has created actual physical changes in the way their brains work, revealed by functional MRIs.

Tuning In

Millennials: Kids born after 1982

Raised with technologies

- Want to find their own answers
- Non-linear thinking
- Want a menu of choices
- Relationships are #1 not \$
- Experiences
- Expect change
- Looking for a winnable game in life & school
- 24 x 7 lifestyle
- Express their own identity
- Want a voice



We need to listen!

Tuning In

There are variations based on:

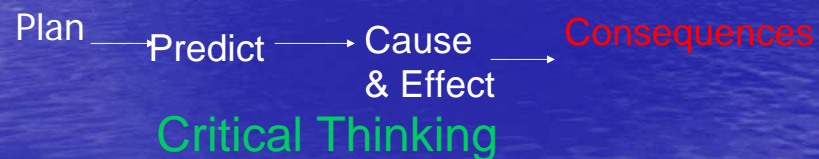
- Generation who raised them – different parenting styles.
- Regional
- Gender
- Race
- Culture
- Economic



Generational Poverty

Work of Dr. Ruby K. Payne

- Survival
- Sensory and instinctive
- Reactive in the moment
- To succeed in a middle class world
 - You have to be very verbal
 - You have to be able to work with abstractions



What puts out the fire?



How can You Re-ignite
Your Passion?



The Importance of Dreams

"A nation without a vision perishes."

(Proverbs 29:18)

We believe that a child without a vision perishes.

Without a vision there is no direction.

Without a direction the consequence of our choices are not clear

Directionless often leads to hopelessness and poor choices in friends and behavior.



What about Your Dreams!

The Importance of Positive Youth Development

Envision Your Future

- Socratic – question driven
- Starts with what is right about the youth.

INTRINSIC MOTIVATION

1. Discovery of personal strengths/assets
2. By clarifying their dreams
3. Creating individual blueprints to live their dreams
4. Identify the resources and support to live the dream
5. Experiencing & layering successes



There are many programs that provide good information to our kids, but they do not change behavior. Envision Your Future gets kids to make positive choices. I am recommending Envision Your Future to our State Prevention Specialists, youth at-risk programs, schools and juvenile justice system.

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Envision Your Future

Envision Your Future is an evidenced-based New Mexico Prevention Network endorsed curriculum

- Sponsored by SAMHSA
- Trained 22 Prevention Specialists as Certified Facilitators
- Schools, juvenile justice & gangs
- 2-day experiential training
- Next training, Nov. 14 & 15 in Santa Fe

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Connecting with today's kids
because their future matters!

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