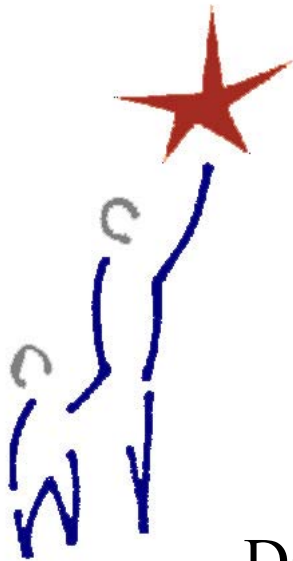


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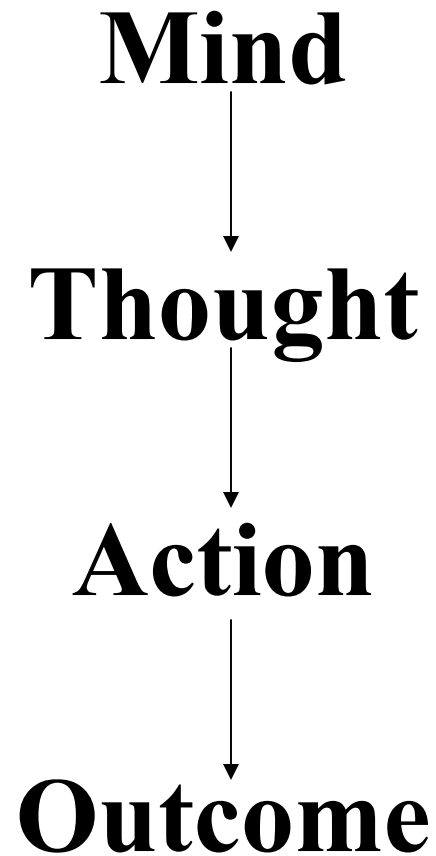
“Unlocking the Unlimited Potential of Our Youth”



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★ **What You Put In the Top
Is What You Get Out in the Bottom**





Trauma-Based Intervention

- **So many of the young people who exhibit behavior that is deemed delinquent have experienced trauma in their lives.**
- **There is an old saying that “*hurt people, hurt people.*”**





The Principles of Positive Youth Development

Positive Youth Development:

An approach that builds on youth's strengths and assets rather than focus on their deficits.





The Mentoring Spirit

- **No matter what you can offer someone, if you have not established a good rapport with the youth, your work with them will not be effective.**
- **Anyone who does this work, must see and understand all people – regardless of their current circumstances – as beings of *unlimited potential* and *innate greatness*.**
- **If there is not a personal passion held by the outreach worker/mentor/case manager (change agent), then the work will not be potent or effective enough**



The Mentoring Spirit

"Young People Don't Care About How Much You Know, Until They Know How Much You Care."



Understanding Cultural Competency

One of the most important aspects of working with youth is understanding them.

- *Race*
- *Ethnicity*
- *Hip-Hop*

