

Larry Robbin, Executive Director of Robbin and Associates, has over forty-five years of diverse experience related to working with at-risk youth. Larry has been a direct service provider, program manager, teacher, program designer, evaluator, trainer, consultant and keynote speaker in the youth services field. He is widely regarded as a national expert on working with at-risk youth in a variety of program settings. As a consultant Larry has designed more than fifty employment, education, training, arts, independent living and other types of youth programs. His models are used to serve virtually every type of at-risk youth including those that are gang involved, disabled, homeless, in and coming out of foster care, in school and out of school, immigrants and refugees, teen parents, youth with substance abuse problems and those in the juvenile justice system.

There are many examples of how his innovative approaches have led to success with youth development, education and employment. As a faculty member at the University of Wisconsin School of Education he played a leading role in the design of the first wave of successful community based schools that used innovative structures and curriculums to work with at-risk youth that had dropped out or been expelled from the public school system. The schools used youth values, culturally oriented approaches, innovative teaching methods, diversity techniques, family, community and business involvement to guide these youth to success. The team of educators that he led created over a dozen schools that had such outstanding results with this population that many school districts across the country changed their approaches to educating and engaging at-risk youth.

His work with the Genesis Alcohol and Drug program youth employment component and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections resulted the tripling of youth employment and job retention outcomes. At a community center Larry taught and helped to develop the very successful Camp of the Arts program which introduced gang oriented, homeless and foster at-risk youth to a variety of the visual and performing arts and used them in a therapeutic and employment oriented approach designed to help these young people cope successfully with the challenges they faced while conducting career exploration. He worked with the Corporation for Supportive Housing to help design strategies to help youth and their families move from being homeless into supportive housing. As a consultant to the San Francisco Council on Homelessness he helped many youth providers and family shelters become more effective working with youth that were homeless. Larry has provided management consulting services to many youth employment providers including the Youth Employment Partnership, San Francisco Mayor's Youth Employment and Education Program, Workability for Students with Disabilities, Better Chance School for Youth With Autism, Los Angeles School District, Urban League, Center for Employment Training, East Bay Conversation Corps, Treasure Island Job Corps, Marriott Bridges From School to Work, Work Transition Services, Milwaukee Teen Parent Program and many other organizations. He was also a consultant for the Department of Labor on the Federal Youth Employment Empowerment Project.

Larry has reached many at-risk youth practitioners through his public training presentations. He has trained over 100,000 people in workshops held in every state and he has presented at more than 500 conferences. He has conducted more training for the

National Association of Workforce Development Professionals, San Francisco Youth Employment Coalition and the California Workforce Association Youth Conference than any other presenter. In his career he has worked with over 1000 organizations. Larry has been a keynote speaker at many youth events including the National Youth Development Symposium which is the largest youth employment conference in the country. He has also given keynote speeches for the annual conference of Workability for Students with Disabilities, Alternative Youth Education Summit, the Youth Reentry Conference, Colorado State Youth Conference and many other events. Larry spends part of his time as a consultant in the private sector where he has developed many programs linking young people with barriers to employment to jobs in corporations and small businesses.

He contributes many hours of volunteer work in youth employment and his activities with the San Francisco Youth Employment Coalition earned him a proclamation from the Mayor of San Francisco. The Department of Housing and Urban Development gave him an award for his extensive work with youth that were homeless. His work has received international recognition and he was one of the first Americans invited to visit China to discuss workforce development and other topics. On a personal note Larry is the father of five children.

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