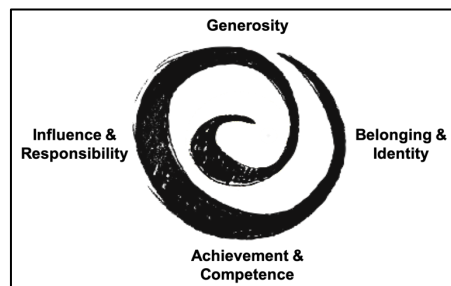


Response Ability Pathways (RAP)

RAP is based on the Circle of Courage, a model of youth development grounded in research evidence on resilience, brain science, and positive psychology. RAP is an application of the principles of belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity to support the development of young people. In Aotearoa, New Zealand the Circle of Courage has been re-imagined as the **Circle of Mana**. Dr. Martin Brokenleg (a Lakota elder and co-founder of the original Circle of Courage) comments:

Mana is the right term to use as I reflect on the outcomes of the Circle of Courage in Hawaii and Aotearoa. As Indigenous populations continue to decolonize around the Pacific and the world, we know from history that true and sound ideas carry on and transform in new settings. Thank you to the Praxis community for your work and dedication to The Circle. I hope it emerges as a new fern that brings life and nourishment to the people of Aotearoa.



RAP provides a powerful alternative approach by focusing on the mana of a young person, and enlisting them as responsible agents in positive change. Rather than enforcing obedience, RAP sets high expectations for youth to take responsibility and show respect for themselves and others.

RAP is useful for all who are concerned with children and youth, whether as professionals or family members. This course is well-received by educators, counselors, social workers, psychologists, and youth workers. Training also can include parents, foster parents, mentors, and mature youth who are peer helpers. Participants develop abilities to disengage from adversarial encounters, connect with adult-wary youngsters, restore bonds of respect, and create climates where all young persons can flourish.

Facilitator: Lloyd Martin is the co-director of Praxis; a network of practitioners and educators in youth development that operates throughout New Zealand. For over 20 years Lloyd and his partner Anthea shared their home in Porirua (NZ) with local young people and worked in their community as youth workers, teachers (in mainstream and alternative settings) and in outdoors education. Lloyd has written several books about youth work in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

The workshop is taught over two seven hour days, resource materials and lunches are included in the cost. Training leads to RAP certification.

Costs:

Standard price: \$250 (waged), \$150 unwaged and volunteers