

INCREASING PERFORMANCE THROUGH STRONGER CONNECTIONS

PRESENTED BY:



The Concept:

Connecting and building relationships within a school and classroom is vital if true potential is to be realized. Having taught on both coasts (she really isn't on the run), Tara brings a unique approach to helping both veteran and new teachers understand and embrace the value of developing relationships with students and using humor as an incredible tool for teaching and learning.

Tara Brown, an award winning professional educator/coach, author, and relationship specialist, uses her experiences and talents to deliver a dynamic presentation that will educate, motivate and inspire your organization to make powerful changes to maximize student achievement.

What They're Saying About Tara

"I would highly recommend Tara Brown as a presenter and mentor... dynamic, energetic, humorous and displayed a keen sensitivity to adolescent issues."

*Melinda Carver
Mentoring Program Coordinator
Davidson County School District*

"Tara is on an educational mission to improve schools and with her humor, individual passion and drive...she is making a real difference."

*Tom Vasser
Exemplary Educator
Tennessee Dept. of Education*

"There is a reason young people gravitate towards Tara. She knows how to create and maintain an environment that is respectful, rewarding, and relevant. Most importantly, young people know that she cares."

*Hal Cato
President & CEO
Oasis Center*

"Tara Brown's skills and leadership in the classroom are magical. She is able to create an environment where students not only show up in body, but they show up in spirit as well - fully present, fully engaged...Her humor and compassion set students free to be themselves...when it comes to developing student-teacher relationships and actively engaging youth...Tara keeps it real, makes it relevant and gets it done."

*Susan Ragsdale
YMCA Center for Asset Development*



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ABOUT TARA



Tara's 20-plus year career has taken her coast to coast from rural schools in Florida to gang territory in Long Beach, Calif., and to one of Tennessee's largest High Schools representing students from over 35 countries. Tara is recognized as a specialist in connecting with youth and building relationships with students and staff. Her career has impacted mainstream, at risk teens and nontraditional leaders by empowering them with leadership and life skills and guiding them toward the life they envisioned.

She received the Pioneer Award and Teacher of the Year award in 2006 for her work in piloting the Leadership Development program at Antioch High School. Her passion continues to drive her to work with teachers across the nation to better equip them with the ability to connect and have meaningful relationships with their students, in order that more relevant learning can take place.

Presentation Topics

INCREASING CLASSROOM PERFORMANCE THROUGH STRONGER CONNECTIONS

In this content rich workshop, participants will learn:

- How and why stronger student-teacher connections increase classroom performance.
- The importance of humor/laughter on learning and the classroom environment.
- The 4 questions all students want answered.
- Proven strategies for connecting with students.

YOU ARE THE CEO OF YOUR CLASSROOM

Educators are Leaders...or they better be. Participants will be presented with proven strategies of successful CEO's and how to best apply those in the classroom. Leadership styles, unspoken messages being relayed and strategies to increase motivation, achievement and engagement will all be discussed.

IT'S A MARATHON...NOT A SPRINT: *BALANCING YOUR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LIFE*

With over 20 years experience as both a Certified Massage Therapist and educator, Tara has experienced the fatigue, stress, and frustration from both sides of the equation. Topics such as stress and its impact, stress signals, nutrition, etc., will help participants learn how to be in top form in order to navigate the challenges and demands that educators experience throughout the year.

Results from the Workshops include:

- Improved student engagement
- Stronger individual commitment to lead, motivate and inspire
- Reduced discipline issues/referrals
- Stronger understanding of the power and positive impact of solid teacher-student connections

Additional Program Options

Programs can be shaped to meet the needs of your staff with a combination of topics. Tara and her team work closely with each organization to identify the pressing needs and challenges and are then able to construct a program to address the issues. Consulting, One on One Coaching and New Teacher training services are also available.