

Curtis M. Wells

Motivational and Self-Potential

Programming for Youth and Adult Groups

Motivational Speaker/Trainer/Programmer

Leadership – Goal Setting – Student Success – Team Building – Character Education

Whether you are a youth services organization, community development organization, school or church group, I can help provide your organization with focus and motivation. With more than 20 years of experience in education and youth development, my presentation style thrives on audience participation and has proven effective with numerous clients including Head Start, Indianapolis Public Schools, Greater Clark County Schools, the New Hampshire Job Training Council, the Missouri Community Service Commission, Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service, Willie Bostick Institute, Oakland City University, Illinois Public Health Administration, Indianapolis Urban League and Manchester College, among others.

I have worked with groups of all sizes — ranging from fewer than 10 people to speaking engagements that included hundreds.

Speaking engagements, training sessions and programs are tailored to your organization's specific needs. There are many similarities between youth and adult learners from one place to the next, but not all organizations are the same. Some organizations may already have staff in place that can address some of the things that I can do. In those situations, we have the flexibility to focus on the things that I can provide that the full-time staff cannot. I see that flexibility as an *opportunity*, because it allows clients to meet a need that they might not be able to otherwise, without committing them to having me rehash something that one of their staff members may be addressing quite well.

Honors and Recognition

2015 Metroversity Outstanding Teacher Award of an Adult Learner Award Nominee

2014 Metroversity Outstanding Teacher Award of an Adult Learner Award Nominee

2013 Faculty Spotlight Recipient at Ivy Tech Community College

2005 Lilly Endowment's Journey Fellowship

1997 AmeriCorps Outstanding Leadership Award

1996 MLK Visionary Award

What they said about me...

“Curt’s work with our high school students to prepare them for college as first generation students was outstanding.”

Mark Russell, Director of Education, Indianapolis Urban League

“Curt ran a counseling program with my students for over a year. My students are At Risk middle school students who come from single parent households for the most part. They have difficulty trusting anyone given their life experiences. Yet, they look forward eagerly to Friday mornings when “Mr. Wells” comes. Through his work, using groups and games, he has built up an amazing amount of trust and participation between the students, themselves, and between them and him. As a result of his work my students have become much more adept at problem solving and handling tasks. Curt’s work was a valuable part of our middle school alternative program.”

Jon Train, Team Leader, Options Alternative Program

“Mr. Wells has worked with the students at Parkview Middle School for several years and has had a tremendous impact on our at-risk students here at Parkview. He worked hard to develop positive relationships with our students and has done a fantastic job of counseling the students in the areas of anger management, personal growth and goal setting. The students always looked forward to their sessions with Mr. Wells and benefited greatly from his wisdom and counseling experience.”

Mark Laughner, Principal, Parkview Middle School

“Your class was awesome Mr. Curt. I couldn’t have asked for a better teacher. At first when the semester started I had my doubts, but you helped me to get involved in the class and you made the experience fun. I looked forward to getting off of work and coming to your classroom, it was like a family environment. Thank you for being such a great teacher.”

Glen Colvin, College Freshman

“I sincerely want to thank you for making me get to know who I really am. When I made the decision to enroll into school it was based on pure frustration with work. I lacked drive, motivation, and self-worth. All I knew is that I wanted something better, but I didn't know how to obtain it. The class gave me tools to get further, but you brought a little something extra to it. During each session I was challenged to confront things about myself that I chose to ignore. After your class, I can vividly see my potential. I am making more positive choices in life. Your class has given me a chance to live life. I will no longer just exist anymore. I thank you with all of my heart. Thank you... Thank you... Thank you. I now have realistic goals.”

Sherrie Caldwell, College Freshman

“Students were spellbound and so was I. What an atmosphere you have created. Tremendous!”

Amy Stovall, Associate Professor, Ivy Tech Community College

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