

“Do You Think You Know What Alternative Strategies Are?”

A Message For Family Services Staff

This doesn't get too complicated when translating my parenting message into some advice for Family Services staff. I pretty much want you to do the same thing the parents are doing.

I want you to view any dilemma you are having with your clients and staff as an opportunity for you to use “[alternative strategies](#)” as I mentioned in the parenting newsletter.

As counsellors and therapists and social workers you are exposed to all sorts of **conventional** practices, a **manual** for how to run your clients, and a whole list of **ridiculous practices** and theories past down from education boards that are the result of some “**tree hugging weenie**” with a research degree, trying not to be opinionated here.

What happens to family service workers is they get caught up in a culture of thinking at work, a **culture of thinking** that the establishment amongst the social program part of government has the answers for troubled people's behaviour and learning. That is hard for a worker to go against and a worker must remember that for **2500 years** people have well understood how to teach and motivate people, both young and old, troubled or not. These principles are taught in basic forms through motivational speakers and books, you can look to former military geniuses for inspiration, Hollywood movies of inspirational teachers, and even our parent's generation when teachers and authorities were allowed to kick some ass once in awhile.

In an ironic twist I would say that “[alternative strategies](#)” in the family services world would involve “**very old**” strategies as well as some modern day ones the government won't let you teach.

A good example of this are 12 step groups which have far surpassed any clinical effort to treat addictions whatsoever. Motivational speaker and books about human success principles all have excellent strategies that you can use in conjunction with your professional training. **Read more below** ↓↓↓

Call to Action- If you still have a problem with some clients or staff or would like to improve your ability to impact someone please read below.

1. Stop trying to be an expert on your own problems. You don't know jack.....! If you did, you wouldn't have your problem.
2. Stop trying new therapies. That is not your problem.
3. Start with "knowledge and perspective". Find someone else to help you look at the problem through different eyes, and acquire some different knowledge. It should be completely different knowledge, ideas and perspectives you could not imagine. Find a new "big picture".
4. Then have someone else help you with your attitude. Personal growth seminars, motivational speakers, life coaches, inspirational movies are really good at this.
5. Then try some different therapies. Get curious, become Sherlock Holmes and discover all that is out there. Get on Google and look up www.landmarkeducation.com and you will find a program called the "landmark forum" and if you take it, you will be affect people in ways you cannot previously imagine.
6. For a comprehensive attack plan, call me. I am unmatched at helping people find logical ways to approach the situation.

Want to talk further and shake up your clients and staff a little? Call me for a [strategy session](#). I would be happy to give a speech that your clients will never forget.

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