

RECONNECTING WITH THE DISCONNECTED

Sponsor: Recker's Outreach LLC
Date: Monday/Wednesday/Thursday
Time: 6-8pm/420-620pm/6-8pm
Facilitator: Samantha Recker

Program Overview:

Welcome to the Reconnecting with the Disconnected program. This 8-week course is designed to build essential social-emotional skills (SEL) and foster positive community engagement. Our curriculum is structured in two distinct phases to first build a foundation with the student and then integrate the family into the learning process.

Attendance Policy - IMPORTANT:

Week Program Agenda

Weeks 1-4: Program sessions are for students only.

Weeks 5-8: Attendance by at least one parent or legal guardian is mandatory for all sessions. The participant must attend these sessions *with* their guardian. Failure to meet this requirement may affect program completion.

Minimum of 5 hours of community engagement EVERY WEEKEND!

Phase 1: Student-Focused Foundation (Weeks 1-4)

(Attendance: Student Only)

Week	Topic	Key Focus Areas
Week 1	Introduction & Self-Awareness	Introductions, icebreakers, and learning to identify and understand one's own emotions.
Week 2	Self-Management	Developing skills for managing emotions and handling stress in healthy and constructive ways.
Week 3	Responsible Decision-Making	Practicing effective problem-solving techniques and learning to manage and control impulses.

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Week
4

Relationship
Skills

Building foundational skills in effective communication and positive social engagement with peers.

Phase 2: Parent/Guardian with Child(ren) - Family Integration

(Attendance: Student and Parent/Legal Guardian - MANDATORY)

This phase bridges the gap between the student's learning and family life. Each week, students will share exercises from the first four weeks, and families will work together on new activities designed to strengthen communication and understanding.

Week	Topic	Key Focus Areas
Week 5	Family Introductions, Self-Awareness & Self-Management	Re-introductions with family, exploring core values and honesty, and a "Family Financial Reality" exercise to align perspectives on household responsibilities.
Week 6	Social Awareness & Responsible Decision-Making	Practicing gratitude, setting healthy boundaries, and planning goals. An empathy-building exercise ("The 5 Complaints") will help families understand each other's perspectives.
Week 7	Relationship Skills & Program Reflection	Focusing on accountability through apology and truth-telling. Students will share their speech. Session concludes with logistical planning for graduation.
Week 8	Graduation & Community Celebration	A potluck-style event to celebrate the hard work and growth of all participants and their families. Students will share their reflective essays on the program. This is a time to honor commitment and look toward the future.

**Reconnecting with the Disconnected
Participant Intake Form**

Our Mission: To empower and guide youth through social-emotional learning and community engagement.

Confidentiality Notice: All information provided on this form will be kept confidential and used solely for the purposes of program administration, safety, and support for the participant.

Section 1: Participant Information

Full Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Current Age	
Home Address	
Participant's Phone	
Participant's Email	
School	
Current Grade Level	
How did you hear about our program?	

Section 2: Parent / Legal Guardian Information

Guardian Full Name		
Relationship to Participant		
Primary Phone		
Email Address		

Section 3: Emergency Contact Information

Please provide the contact information for two individuals we can reach in an emergency if a parent/guardian is unavailable.

Emergency Contact Name		
Relationship		
Contact Number		

Section 4: Medical Information (Confidential)

This information is critical for ensuring the participant's safety during all program activities.

Does the participant have any allergies (food, medication, environmental, etc.)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe and specify the reaction and any necessary treatment (e.g., EpiPen):

Is the participant currently taking any medications?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please list the medication and purpose:

Please list any medical, physical, or behavioral conditions we should be aware of (e.g., asthma, diabetes, ADHD, etc.):

Physician's Name:

Physician's Phone:

Insurance Provider & Policy #:

Consent for Emergency Medical Treatment:

In the event of a medical emergency, I, the undersigned parent/guardian, hereby authorize Reconnecting with the Disconnected staff or volunteers to secure emergency medical treatment for the participant. I agree to be financially responsible for all costs incurred.

Section 5: Release of Information (Confidential)

To provide comprehensive support for the participant, it is often beneficial for Reconnecting with the Disconnected to collaborate with the participant's school or other relevant support systems.

I, the undersigned parent/guardian, hereby authorize Reconnecting with the Disconnected to:

- SHARE information regarding the participant's attendance, participation, and general progress in the program with their school (e.g., school counselors, teachers, administrators) or referring agency.
- RECEIVE information from the participant's school or referring agency regarding their academic performance, behavior, and attendance to better support their development.

This release of information is valid for the duration of the participant's enrollment in the program. I understand I have the right to revoke this authorization at any time by providing a written request to Reconnecting with the Disconnected.

Section 6: Program Fees and Policies

Enrollment Fee:

A one-time, non-refundable enrollment fee of \$50 is required upon acceptance into the program. This fee helps cover the costs of program materials, supplies, and administrative expenses for the 8-week session.

Late Pick-Up Policy:

Parents are required to pick up their child at the end of the event. If a parent/legal guardian is more than 10 minutes past the completion of any program event there will be a \$10.00 late pick-up fee. An additional \$1.00 will be added for every minute after the first ten minutes. If a parent/legal guardian has incurred **THREE** late pick-up fees, they will be required to stay on premises with the student for the duration of the program.

Termination Policy:

Enrollment in this program is a commitment. The non-refundable enrollment fee will not be returned if the participant voluntarily withdraws from the program after it has started. Furthermore, if a participant is dismissed from the program due to violations of the Code of Conduct, the enrollment fee will be forfeited. In addition, a \$120.00 charge will be invoiced if there is no call/no show. After the third no call/no show a termination fee of \$250.00 will be invoiced.

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment and Signature

By signing below, I certify that all information provided on this form is accurate and complete. I confirm that I have read, understood, and agree with the following:

- The Consent for Emergency Medical Treatment (Section 4).
- The Release of Information authorization (Section 5).
- The Program Fees and Policies (Section 6).

I understand that this Intake Form, along with the Participant and Parent/Guardian Agreement, constitutes a full enrollment agreement.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Waiver and Release of Liability

Participant Waiver of Liability and Photo Release

Organization: Reconnecting with the Disconnected

Event Name: SEL training in classroom environment and Community Cleanups

Event Date(s): 8-week program

Event Location(s): Varies

In consideration for being permitted to participate as a volunteer/participant in the programs described above (the "Program"), organized by Reconnecting with the Disconnected, a non-profit organization, I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge and agree to the following terms:

1. **Assumption of Risk:** I understand that participation in the Program involves inherent risks associated with both classroom activities and outdoor community cleanups. These risks may include, but are not limited to:

* **For Community Cleanups:** Contact with debris, sharp objects, hazardous materials, insects, and plants; risks associated with working outdoors, such as exposure to weather and sun; risk of slips, trips, and falls; and the risk of injury from tools and equipment.

* **For All Activities:** General risks of injury, illness, damage, or loss to my person or property that might result from my participation in the Program.

I voluntarily assume all such risks.

2. **Release and Waiver of Liability:** On behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, I hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless Reconnecting with the Disconnected, its directors, officers, agents, employees, volunteers, and any affiliated or sponsoring organizations (collectively, the "Released Parties") from any and all claims, liabilities, demands, and causes of action of any kind, whether known or unknown, arising from any loss, damage, injury, or death that may be sustained by me while participating in the Program.

3. **Release from Negligence: I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY INCLUDES, AND I AM EXPRESSLY RELEASING, ANY CLAIMS ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE, INCLUDING GROSS NEGLIGENCE, OF THE RELEASED PARTIES. THIS RELEASE IS INTENDED TO BE AS BROAD AND INCLUSIVE AS PERMITTED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.**

4. **Transportation: I ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT RECONNECTING WITH THE DISCONNECTED BEARS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY TRANSPORTATION TO OR FROM ANY PROGRAM LOCATIONS. I AM SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING MY OWN TRANSPORTATION, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE RELEASED PARTIES ARE NOT LIABLE FOR ANY ACCIDENTS, INJURIES, OR DAMAGES THAT MAY OCCUR DURING MY TRAVEL TO OR FROM PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.**

Waiver of Liability for Program-Provided Transportation

In the event that Reconnecting with the Disconnected (the "Organization") provides transportation for my child to or from program activities in a vehicle owned, leased, or operated by an employee or volunteer, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

- 1. Voluntary Participation & Assumption of Risk:** I understand that this transportation is provided as a convenience, and my decision to allow my child to participate is voluntary. I acknowledge that transportation by motor vehicle carries inherent risks, including the risk of accident, personal injury, disability, death, and property loss. I voluntarily assume all such risks on behalf of my child.
- 2. Release of Liability:** In consideration for the transportation provided, on behalf of myself, my child, my heirs, and my assigns, I hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue the Organization, its directors, officers, employees, and any volunteer drivers (collectively, the "Released Parties") from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by my child while participating in, or traveling to or from, any program-related transportation.
- 3. SPECIFIC RELEASE FOR NEGLIGENCE: I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY IS INTENDED TO BE AS BROAD AND INCLUSIVE AS PERMITTED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THAT I AM RELEASING, DISCHARGING, AND WAIVING ANY CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE RELEASED PARTIES ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO THE NEGLIGENCE, INCLUDING GROSS NEGLIGENCE, OF THE RELEASED PARTIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED.**
- 5. Health and Safety:** I certify that I am physically and mentally fit to participate in the Program and have not been advised otherwise by a qualified medical professional. I agree to comply with all safety instructions and rules provided by the program organizers. I authorize the Released Parties to seek emergency medical treatment for me in the event of injury or illness, and I agree to be financially responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such treatment.
- 6. Photographic Release:** I grant Reconnecting with the Disconnected the right to take photographs and videos of me in connection with the Program. I authorize the organization to use and publish the same in print and/or electronically, with or without my name, for any lawful purpose, such as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

I have read this document in its entirety. I fully understand its terms and agree to be bound by them. I understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue, and I sign this waiver freely and voluntarily.

Participant's Signature: _____

Participant's Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

For Participants Under 18 Years of Age:

I, _____ the parent or legal guardian of the minor named above, have read this waiver and release form and agree to its terms on behalf of the minor. I hereby give my consent for the minor to participate in the Program and agree to hold the Released Parties harmless from any claims arising from the minor's participation.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

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Participant Code of Conduct

The following Code of Conduct has been established to ensure a safe, respectful, and productive environment for all participants, staff, and volunteers. Adherence to these rules is mandatory for participation in the program.

1. Zero-Tolerance Policy

- Reconnecting with the Disconnected has a strict zero-tolerance policy for certain behaviors to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone in the program. Any participant found in violation of this policy will be subject to immediate dismissal from the program without refund. The following are strictly prohibited at any program session or event:

Weapons: Possession of any item that can be used as a weapon.

Drugs and Alcohol: Possession, use, or being under the influence of any illegal drugs, alcohol, or unauthorized substances.

Violence and Threats: Any act of violence, threats of violence, or fighting.

Bullying and Harassment: Severe or persistent bullying, harassment, or intimidation.

2. Safety and Security

- Follow all safety instructions provided by program staff, especially during community engagements.
- Report any unsafe conditions or behaviors to program staff immediately.
- Do not leave the designated program area without permission from a staff member.

Subject to Search: To ensure a safe and drug-free environment, please be advised that by participating in this program, the participant agrees that their personal belongings (such as bags, backpacks, and pockets) may be subject to search at any time by program staff if there is reasonable suspicion of a policy violation. Refusal to comply with a search request will be considered a serious violation of the Code of Conduct and may result in immediate dismissal from the program.

3. Respect

- Treat all participants, staff, volunteers, and community members with respect, courtesy, and consideration.
- Use appropriate language. Profanity, offensive jokes, or derogatory comments will not be tolerated.
- Respect the personal property of others and the facilities where program activities are held.

4. Participation and Commitment

- Attend all scheduled sessions and activities on time. If you must be absent, notify the program coordinator in advance.
- Engage positively and constructively in all classroom discussions and group activities.
- Complete all assigned tasks and responsibilities to the best of your ability.
- Cell phones and other electronic devices must be put away during instructional periods unless otherwise permitted by staff.
- Must have perfect attendance at their assigned school, no disciplinary actions, and strive to obtain a minimum of 70% grades in all classes.

5. Dress Code

- Participants are expected to dress in a manner that is appropriate, safe, and not disruptive to the learning environment.

General Rule: Clothing must be modest and suitable for both classroom settings and physical activities like community cleanups.

Prohibited Items: The following are not permitted:

- Clothing, jewelry, or accessories that display or promote illegal substances, alcohol, violence, profanity, or sexually suggestive content.
- Revealing clothing, such as low-cut tops, bare midriffs, or excessively short shorts/skirts. No holes allowed in clothing.
- Clothing, accessories, or colors that are known to be associated with gang affiliation.
- Pants must be worn around the hips. If pants sag, a belt **MUST** be worn to secure pants.
- For safety during cleanups, open-toed shoes (like sandals or flip-flops) are not allowed. **Closed-toe shoes are mandatory. No rings, bracelets, or hooped or dangling jewelry.**
- No make-up authorized.
- Hair must be always pulled back to ensure safety.

Enforcement: Program staff have the final say on the appropriateness of attire. A participant in violation of the dress code will be asked to change or cover the item. If this is not possible, a parent/guardian may be contacted to bring a change of clothes.

6. Community Representation

- Remember that you are a representative of Reconnecting with the Disconnected when participating in community events.
- Act in a responsible and courteous manner that reflects positively on the organization and your peers.

By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the above stated rules which could result in being sent home or released from the Reconnect with the Disconnected program at any time.

Signature of Student

Printed Name of Student

Signature of Parent

Printed Name of Parent

Reconnecting with the Disconnected Participant and Parent/Guardian Agreement

This agreement outlines the commitments and expectations for participants and their parents/guardians in the Reconnecting with the Disconnected program.

Participant's Commitment:

By signing below, I, the participant, agree to:

1. **Commitment to School Success:** I commit myself to strive to work at my full academic potential, attend all scheduled school days on time, and have no disciplinary actions at school.
2. **Program Compliance and Reporting:** I commit myself to meet all administrative and academic requirements of the program. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Submitting my **school attendance report weekly**.
 - Submitting my **grade/progress report** to program staff on the **1st, 4th, and 7th week** of the program.
 - Completing all assignments given to me by the program staff.
 - Immediately updating program staff of any change in my address, phone number, or other contact information.
3. **Adherence to Code of Conduct:** I commit myself to obey all rules and regulations of the Reconnecting with the Disconnected program, as detailed in the Participant Code of Conduct. I will arrive on time for all sessions and contact a program coordinator in advance if I must be absent.
4. **Active and Positive Participation:** I will engage respectfully in all activities and contribute to a safe and supportive environment for myself and my peers.
5. **Acknowledgment of Consequences:** I understand that failure to comply with this agreement—including all reporting requirements and the Code of Conduct—may result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the program without a refund of any fees.

Participant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Commitment:

By signing below, I, the parent/legal guardian, agree to:

1. **Support and Encourage:** I will support and encourage my child's participation and their adherence to the program's Code of Conduct and their personal commitment to school success.

Date: _____

2. **Communication:** I will maintain open communication with the program coordinators and inform them of any issues that may affect my child's participation.
3. **Acknowledge Program Policies:** I have read, understood, and agreed to all terms outlined in the Participant Code of Conduct, the Intake Form (including its fee policies and release clauses), and the separate Waiver of Liability and Photo Release form.
4. **Acknowledge Consequences:** I understand that my child's failure to comply with the program's rules may result in their dismissal from the program, and I agree to the fee and termination policies as outlined in the Intake Form.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____