

The Seven Gateways*



PassageWorks™ Institute

PassageWorks Foundation Course

Practical tools and strategies for creating a relationship-centered classroom

When:

Feb.10-12, 2011

Friday 5pm-9pm

Saturday 9am - 6pm

Sunday 9am - 4pm

Where

Boulder Location-TBA

Fees:

\$450 (\$350 for early registration by January 6th, 2012 **Code: Earlybird**)

Credit:

One (1) graduate credit available through Colorado State University or 22 hours of continuing education credit.

Registration:

[Click here to register](#)

If you have any questions, contact, George Lopez at glopez@passageworks.org or call (303) 247-0156.

* Founder of PassageWorks
Rachael Kessler (1943-2010)
authored *The Soul of Education: Helping Students Find Connection, Compassion, and Character at School* (ASCD 2000)

In this highly experiential course, we will explore core practices and principles for supporting students' social, emotional, and academic development and sustaining ourselves as educators. Based on the model developed by the PassageWorks Institute and Rachael Kessler*, this course will offer classrooms strategies, theoretical frameworks, and opportunities to share with and learn from colleagues. The course will address:

- How to create a learning community where students can increase focus and motivation, develop empathy and compassion, and experience a sense of meaning and purpose
- The integration of focusing activities, communication skills, play, silence, expressive arts and community building into any classroom
- The theory and practice of social and emotional learning (SEL)
- How to welcome the inner life of students and teachers into school
- Stages of group development and methods appropriate to each grade level
- How to develop our own "teaching presence" (open heart, respectful discipline, being present, and emotional range) and reconnect with our "spark" for teaching

Facilitators:

Batya Greenwald - Batya became a teacher in Australia and recently earned an MA in Education from the University of Montana. She was the founding Director of the Boulder Jewish Day School and has taught for more than 10 years. She currently teaches Kindergarten at the Boulder Community School of Integrated Studies.

John McCluskey - John was an elementary and high school teacher for fourteen years. He is currently the Assistant Principal at the JeffCo Open School. John also works as a lead trainer with PassageWorks and the Center for Council Training. He consults with districts around the country on issues of youth development and social/emotional learning.

"Every single activity in the Soul of Education Course stretched me in ways both profound and fun."

— Teacher, Jefferson County Open School

