The Need

If you are a parent you probably share an almost universal desire to make family occasions special for your children. You also may have to overcome certain obstacles in creating your own special experiences with your children such as finances, distance from family members, and the special circumstances created by divorce, step-parenting, and blended families. Many parents work overtime only to find themselves frustrated by the experience and doubtful that the end result was particularly meaningful to their children.

The Best Audiences for this Workshop

All levels of staff with children

The Objectives of this Workshop

1. Identify the obstacles to successful family occasions
2. Recognize the importance of managing expectations and traditions with reality and what is practical
3. Learn the ingredients to planning successful family gatherings

The Workshop Agenda

I. The Family Occasion
   A. Expectations and traditions
   B. Over-extending resources
   C. Differing agendas
   D. A child’s perspective

II. Managing conflict
   A. Establishing ground rules and setting limits
   B. Each person has a voice

III. The Successful Event
   A. Establishing a healthy perspective
   B. Teaching values
   C. Expressing appreciation

IV. Ideas for families
   A. Incorporating humor
   B. Creating a shared and memorable experience