

Larry Lawton – The Reality Check Program

A stocky, muscular man with a shaved head, tattoos covering his body and dark goatee; he is not their Father, Mother, Teacher, Counselor, or the Police; he is an ex-con with a passion for helping teens and young adults. Larry Lawton spent 11 years in some of the toughest federal prisons in the country. He was convicted of racketeering in connection with jewelry robberies. Upon his release from prison, he founded the **Reality Check Program**.

Born and raised in the Bronx and Brooklyn NY, Lawrence spent six years in the Coast Guard before making some bad choices which led

him to associations with organized crime. While in prison Lawton saw inmates stabbed and friends die. He saw young men raped and turned out as prostitutes for other inmates. Lawton was stabbed and stabbed others. He studied to be a paralegal and became a gang mediator; he somehow kept his sanity by helping other inmates.

Since his release from Federal prison in 2007, he has worked with teens and young adults. He now tells kids how he lost time, his family, friends and his freedom; and that it just wasn't worth it. Lawton changes the way kids think. It's all about choices, and Lawton's passion makes him a leader in the field.

Mr. Lawton's **Reality Check Program** consists of four parts: Decision-making, What prison is REALLY like, Crimes and Punishment, (what you will lose) and Avoiding and Dissolving Bad Associations. The program is available for groups, organizations, schools and corporations as well as private individual one on one sessions. Additionally, consulting and guidance is available from Lawton and the Reality Check Program for kids and families with a legal/crisis problem situation. Lawton's programs have been recommended by police chiefs, sheriffs, judges, prosecutors, State Attorneys and families with at risk teens.

Lawrence Lawton has appeared on TV, radio, been written about in newspapers and has brought the most entertaining, inspirational, motivational and informative stories to audiences throughout the United States. In particular, Larry has a unique way of speaking to teens and young adults; they listen to his message as he speaks their language with facts, truth and no sugarcoating. Mr. Lawton is also available for speaking engagements for law enforcement events, community events, church events and corporate conferences.

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