

# NAYEN Conference 2011

**“They’re back early. What went wrong?”**

**How to Handle Early Returns**

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**An early return is always the worst solution!**

**Be always focused to the student!**

**Keep them busy!**



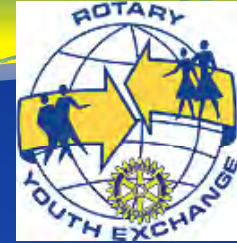
# Topics



1. What are the reasons for an early return?
2. How can we avoid an early return?
3. What is to do by the host district before and after an early return has determined?
4. What is to do by the sponsoring district after student's return?



## What are the reasons for an early return?



- Homesickness
- No integration/adaptation
- Illness
- Breaking rules (4 D's)
- Bad behavior (missing school, lying, travelling without permission, etc.)



# How can we avoid an early return?

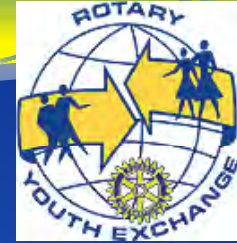


## Preventive measures by Sponsoring District:

- Careful selection
  - Physical and mental strong person
  - Right attitudes (open-minded; willing to cut the relations to home, friends; willing to keep the rules, etc.)
- Good briefing and training
  - Rules
  - Expectations
- Language knowledge
- Information about the host country



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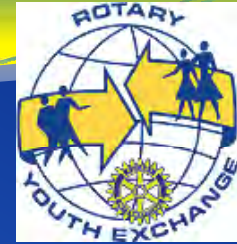


## Preventive measures by Host District:

- Carefully selected, well briefed and trained Host Families
- Well briefed and trained Host Clubs (YEO and Counselor)
- Orientation (Welcome) Meeting
- Follow-up Meeting after 8 – 10 weeks with the students
- Intermediate talk after 4-5 months (student, Host Families, Counselor, Chair or District Inbound Counselor)
- Written Reports



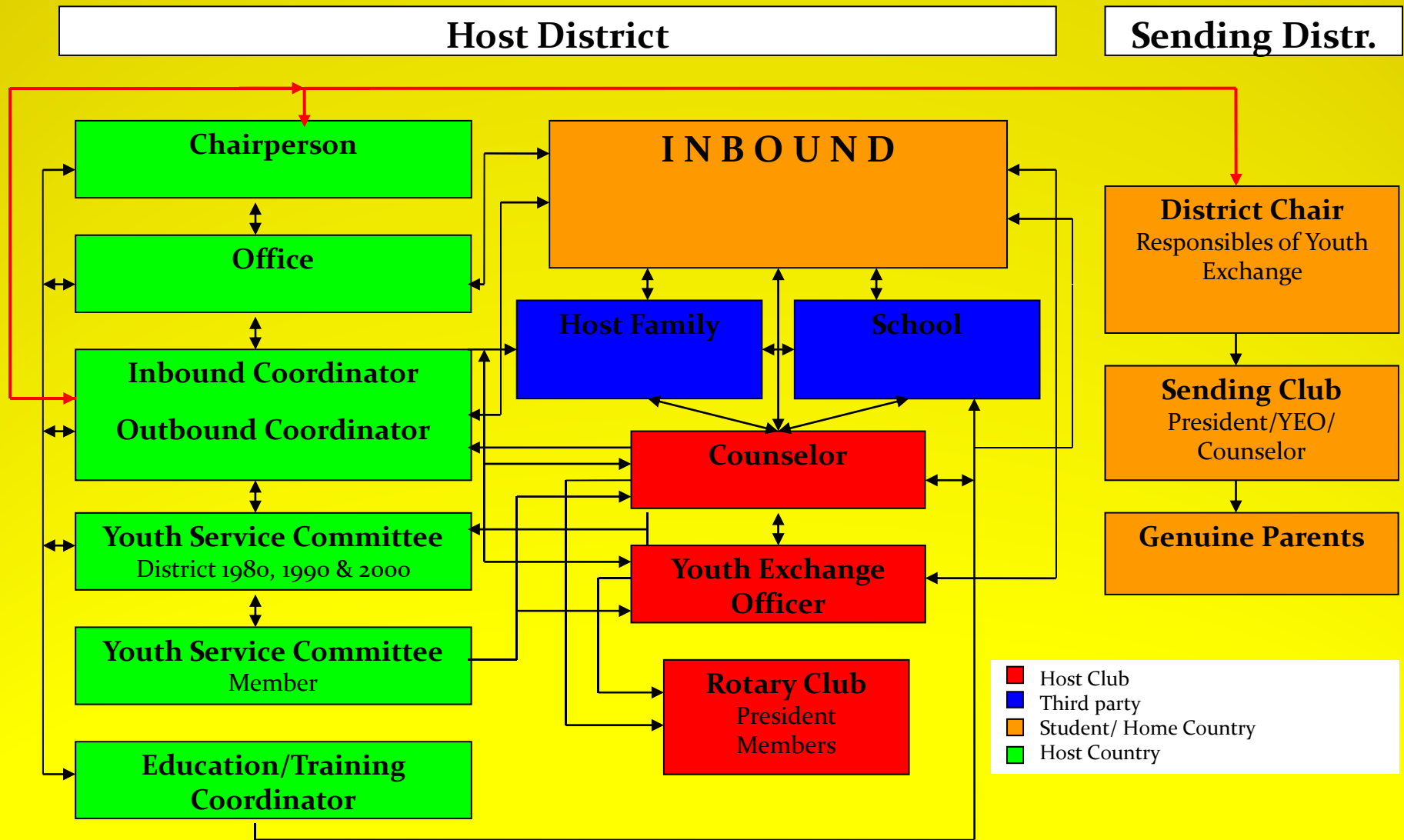
## What is to do before and after an early return has determined?



by the host district:

- Solve the problems where occur!
- Keep calm!
- Talk, talk, talk! Good communication to all involved is required.
- Sort out the things by single talks with the student, host parents and counselor
- Inform the sponsoring district at the earliest possible point
- Involve the sponsoring district in the process
- Give the student the time to say good bye to his/her classmates, friends, host families
- Go along with the student very closely all the time
- Don't forget to inform RI within 72 hours about this early return

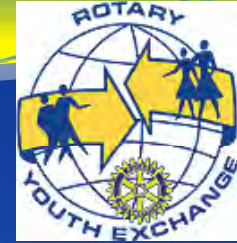
# Net of Connections







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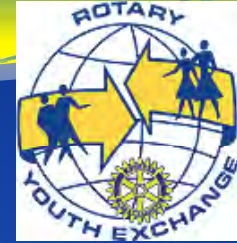


by the sponsoring district:

- Inform the sponsoring club and the genuine parents and tell them that they should not talk to host parents or host district directly
- Keep them informed about all the steps
- Prepare the return (book the flight, maybe organize a psychological support, inform the school)
- Brief the parents, prepare them to the new situation



## What is to do by the sponsoring district after student's return?



- Give the student a warm welcome!
- Don't overwhelm him/her with critics!
- Don't give him/her the feeling of failure!
- Organize a debriefing as soon as possible after return
  - A single talk to the student first and then together with the parents and sponsoring club
- Let him/her talk about his/her experience in the sponsoring club
- Involve him/her in the briefing and training of the new outbound students
- Contact him/her once a week until you feel he/she is fine and well integrated again



**This process needs a lot of time.**

**Take the time you need!**

**Don't rush the things!**