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### How Can We Help Boys Succeed in School?:

Is there a problem in our current public school education concerning boys? What are some of the big challenges that boys are facing in school today? Is there something that parents can do to help their struggling boys? David LePere, Executive Director of Cherokee Creek Boys School discussed what some of those challenges are and what parents and schools can do to help their boys that are in a - traditional education setting.

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### Revolutionizing Education: What A School Can Be:

Michelle Rose Gilman, the founder of Fusion Academy and Learning Centers, located throughout the United States, when posed with the question of what a school can be and what's become obsolete in public schooling?, answered "the number one thing kids are missing out of is the ability to be well rounded individuals and to have their creativity piqued to become entrepreneurs. We focus beyond academics and try to create a better human being who is socially and emotionally ready to enter the world. How can you be a successful adult when all your given is an academic education? Our schools follow the components of a therapeutic model and we build on the emotional side of the child with personal attention and love given to every student." Fusion Academy and Learning Centers offers students one to one individualized learning with a personalized curriculum.

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### Gangs and Adolescents at Risk:

Gabriel Rivera, a life coach in New York City, shared about his personal experiences as a former gang member in Southern California, why he initially joined a gang, what he thought he was getting from being a member in a gang and eventually, why he left. Gabriel also discussed how gangs are here to stay, what parents can do to help their children from getting involved in gangs and the warning signs to watch for.

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# NEW SURVEY FINDS MOMS ON FRONT LINES OF CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

By: Sylvan Learning Center

Most mothers identify with role of 'Chief Education Officer' according to a Sylvan Learning survey

A new Sylvan Learning survey, conducted online by Harris Interactive among 5,000 U.S. adults in December 2013, finds that nearly 9 in 10 mothers of school-aged children regard themselves as having principal responsibility for their child's academics. According to the survey, 88% of moms of children aged 6-17 actually see themselves in the role of "Chief Education Officer."

"Sylvan has long recognized that the best educational outcomes are the result of strong partnerships and cooperation between families and educators," said Jeffrey Cohen, Chief Executive Officer, Sylvan Learning. "Mothers have always been at the forefront of that relationship. But we are especially encouraged to see that they now realize that they must ramp up their game as 'Chief Education Officers' to ensure their children succeed when schools are under-resourced or children need supplementary learning support."

The survey indicates that most mothers also plan to increase the role they play in their children's academic lives. In fact, a majority (80%) of moms of school-aged children revealed that they plan to take a more active role in their students' education in the upcoming year.

"Most mothers today realize that students often may need more than schools can provide," said Cohen. "According to the survey, four in five moms-79%-agree that using outside academic resources to supplement in-school instruction helps ensure they are doing the best they can for their children."

To help moms become more effective Chief Education Officers, Sylvan Learning is offering five simple tips:

- Engage actively in your children's education. Do more than ask "How was school today?" Check homework daily, help set homework and study schedules, join the PTA and volunteer at school.
- Develop a relationship with your children's teachers.

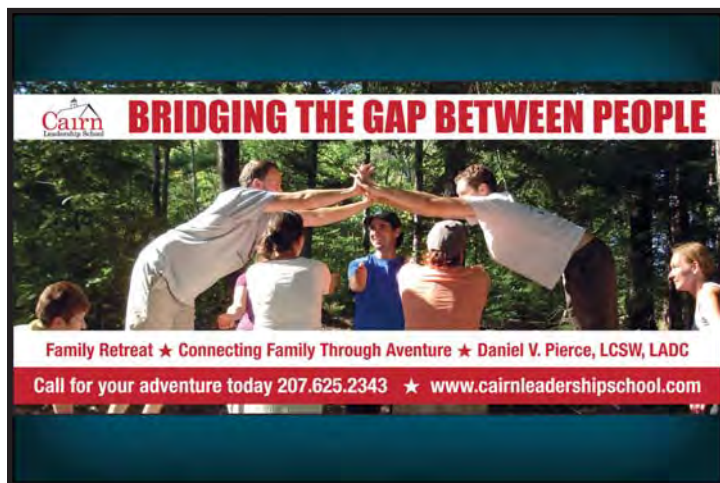
Communicate with them regularly. Learn how they prefer to communicate-email, phone or face-to-face. Listen to teachers' advice and counsel, and ask for suggestions on what other things you can do to help your children.

- Seek information and be a smart education consumer. Just as you would research medical treatment for your children or the proper sports equipment to succeed on the field, explore programs and services within and outside your children's school.
- Set a good example. Parents who read every day have children who read every day. Be an educational role model for your children.
- Motivate learning through encouragement and rewarding positive behavior. Nagging is a short-term solution. Inspiration will have a lifelong impact.

For additional tips and resources, contact your local Sylvan center at 1-800-31-SUCCESS or visit us on the web at [www.sylvanlearning.com](http://www.sylvanlearning.com).

**Survey Methodology:** The survey was conducted online within the United States by Harris Interactive on behalf of Sylvan Learning from Dec. 18-23, 2013 among 5,082 adults age 18 and older, of whom 471 are mothers of children age 6-17 living in their household. This online survey is not based on a probability sample, and therefore no estimate of theoretical sampling error can be calculated.

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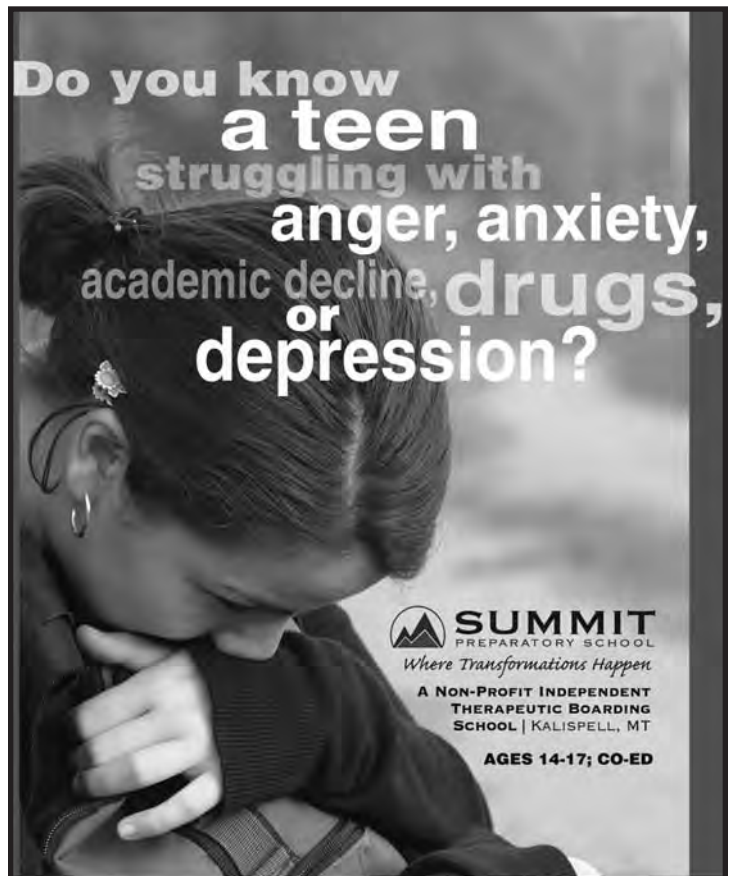
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It's easy to tell that a child needs tutoring when he or she continues to receive one poor report card after the next, but there are a number of other less obvious signs that parents shouldn't ignore. The tutoring experts at Huntington Learning Center say that parents can look for clues in a number of places. "Stressful study sessions and bad grades are the tangible evidence of a child's school struggles, but there are several other indicators to watch for," says Eileen Huntington, co-founder of Huntington Learning Center. "The sooner you recognize school problems, the faster you can help your child overcome any issues and boost his or her confidence."

Huntington shares these five warning signs that your child may need tutoring help - and questions to answer about your child's behavior:

- Difficulty getting started. Does your child seem unexcited and unmotivated about anything to do with

school-especially working on assignments? Does he or she put off homework time every night and frequently spin his or her wheels when working?

- Sloppy homework and overall disorganization. Is your child disorganized in most areas of his or her life? Does your child consistently hand in unfinished or messy homework? Does it seem that your child used to care about doing quality work and does not anymore?
- Personality change. Have you noticed a dramatic change in your child's disposition in recent months? Is your child more angry or volatile than ever before? Does he or she seem unhappy-about school and other areas of his or her life such as friends?
- Diminished self-esteem. Does your child get down on him or herself easily during homework? Is your child pessimistic about school, his or her abilities, and more? On a day to day basis, does your child appear frustrated with him or herself?



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"School can be a bumpy road for students who are struggling, so it is important to take action if you notice your child showing any of these signs," Huntington says. "Experience has showed us that early tutoring intervention is key to getting students back to where they need to be as quickly as possible."

**About Huntington:** Founded in 1977, Huntington is a pioneer and leader in the tutoring industry. For over 35 years, Huntington has provided quality instruction to hundreds of thousands of students. Huntington prides itself on being "Your Tutoring Solution" for students in all grades and subjects. They tutor in academic skills, such as reading, phonics, math and study skills; and in advanced math and science subjects ranging from algebra through calculus and general science through physics. They also prepare students for state and standardized entrance exams, such as high school entrance exams and the SAT and ACT and provide free school tutoring to eligible schools. For questions about how a customized tutoring program could help your child, please visit [huntingtonhelps.com](http://huntingtonhelps.com).

From a scientific perspective, people management isn't all that different from dealing with industrial waste. At the bottom, moral principle has little to do with it.

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The Right Step was founded in 1990 and is nationally accredited by the Joint Commission for National Quality Approval (JCAHO). We are also a member of the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP). In 1994 when George Joseph, CEO, joined the company it grew from one program to the largest private chemical dependency treatment provider in the Southwest. He has over 27 years of experience in the field of recovery and treatment. He is also involved on the local and state levels of counseling professional organizations and currently on the board of NAADAC. George was instrumental in helping start the

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Prakash Ellenhorn is a private Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) team, providing comprehensive, individualized and multidisciplinary psychiatric and psychosocial services. Prakash Ellenhorn was founded in 2005 by Ross Ellenhorn, LICSW, Ph.D., and Madhavi Prakash, M.D., Ph.D., who are the owners as well as the admission contacts for the program. Ed Levin, LICSW, Director of Business Development for the program, has twenty eight years of experience as a clinician and administrator and

working with this treatment model. PACT is the most widely tested model of psychiatric community care for persons with severe and persistent mental illness offering the coordinated services of psychiatrists, nurses, therapists, social workers, vocational counselors and personal trainers to people with severe and persistent mental illness. The program is endorsed by both the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and the National Institute of Mental Health as a "best practice" in community mental health.

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*[This information came from Prakash Ellenhorn website]*

## WESTBRIDGE COMMUNITY SERVICES

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WestBridge Community Services is a residential treatment center and service for individuals 18 years and older who suffer from mental illness such as thought, mood, anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorders co-occurring with substance abuse issues. The average length of stay for patients is one to six months, but varies by individual needs. The program operates two campuses.

Director of Residential Services, Eileen Fiori, LICSW, LADC, received her Master's degree in Social Work from Boston College and is licensed by the state of New Hampshire as an independent clinician. She has been working in the addictions field since 1986 and has worked in residential treatment programs as well as in independent practice. Mark Green, M.D. is the Medical Director for WestBridge. He received his degree from the University of London and completed his residency and fellowship at New York Presbyterian Hospital, Cornell Medical Center. He also teaches at Harvard Medical School and lectures on dual-diagnosis. WestBridge is accredited by CARF.

The facility provides treatment through Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment. Upon admission, a treatment team formulates a personalized Achievement Agenda to address both mental health and substance recovery goals. WestBridge provides education management services, money management, daily living task assistance, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, substance abuse counseling, and Family Education and Support. After completing a stay at WestBridge, each individual works with their treatment team to formulate a Transition Plan to follow up treatment.

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*[This information came from the WestBridge Community Services website.]*

My mother said I must always be intolerant of ignorance but understanding of illiteracy. That some people, unable to go to school, were more educated and more intelligent than college professors.

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is the Youth Program Director for BILY and has been with the program since the late 1980's. David has a B.A. in Psychology and has over 20 years experience working in a variety of healthcare settings providing substance abuse counseling, mental health counseling, mentoring, and teaching others about group facilitation.

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*[This information came from the Because I Love You website]*

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The programs Executive Director is Stacie McEntyre, MSW, LCSW, CEDS. She serves as Co-chair for the Certification Committee for the International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals. The Clinical Director Chase Bannister, MSW, MDiv, LCSW completed comprehensive training on the treatment of persons with eating disorders and pursued clinical interests in treating depression, anxiety, grief and loss, and the broad range of emotional, behavioral and interpersonal concerns that arise out of chronic illness and recovery. The rest of the clinical team consists of certified eating disorder specialists, master's and doctoral level psychotherapists, dietitians and a board-certified psychiatrist, each of whom work closely with a 24-hour nursing staff, internal medicine physician, residential patient assistants and full-time chef to ensure that clients receive the most comprehensive and effective treatment available for their eating disorders.

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*[This information came from the Carolina House website.]*

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## SEEN N HEARD...

**John Cohen Clinical Director of Pure Life Aspiro:** The Aspiro Group is excited to announce John Cohen, LPC, as the Clinical Director of Pure Life Aspiro! John's experience exceeds 25 years of providing assessment and therapeutic services to adolescents and their families in juvenile justice, psychiatric hospitals and wilderness therapy settings. 801-819-2353

**Boguslofski New Director of Alpine Academy:** The Alpine Academy team is happy to introduce Michele Boguslofski, who has joined the Alpine team as the new Director. Michele comes to Alpine by way of our parent company, Utah Youth Village, and has been vicariously part of the Alpine team through her involvement there. Michele's career in residential treatment began in 1987 as a Family Teacher along with her husband Jeff, our current Director of Residential Services. She has worked in residential treatment positions in New Hampshire, Vermont, Nebraska, and North Carolina, and has been certified in the Teaching-Family Model five times. Her administrative career began in 1993 where she has held positions as a Coordinator for Admissions and Aftercare, Consultation Coordinator, and Training Coordinator. 800-244-1113

**Jason Capel Joins Aspiro:** The Aspiro Group welcomes Jason L. Capel, LCSW, to the Aspiro Clinical Team! Jason has extensive experience and training in Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) and has developed adolescent DBT programs in residential treatment centers and wilderness therapy programs. He has specialized in the treatment of suicide, self-injurious behavior, trauma, eating disorders, mood disorders, and substance abuse using empirically supported therapies. 801-819-2353

**Farnsworth Joins InnerChange:** Janet Farnsworth, a residential treatment veteran with more than 25 years of experience serving struggling youth and families, will be joining InnerChange's executive team as the Vice President of Business Development. Janet has served in roles as diverse as being a weekend teaching parent, an agency advocate for all direct care staff, and a master trainer. She led the team which started a small residential program and then grew it exponentially in both size and quality. Janet is a promoter of industry-wide standards through research and best practice and is a powerful mentor for many women in the treatment profession.

**Active Recovery Network Joins NATSAP:** Active Recovery Network is proud to announce that it has joined NATSAP (the National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs) as a Young Adult Affiliate program. Active Recovery Network supports those recovering from addictive or dependent behaviors through aftercare and recovery coaching, mentoring, life skills training, community building and meaning-making. 303-775-7810

**Mental Health and Faith:** When people are in crisis, often the first place they go is to their place of worship. Faith communities are reaching out to those with a variety of needs and looking within for parishioners with a talent and passion for meeting those needs. Rose Hill recently participated in a conference, "Pathways to Promise: The Power of Faith Communities in Mental Health Recovery." The conference was hosted by The Interfaith Mental Health Coalition, a collection of mental health service providers, public officials, faith leaders and advocates in the Chicago area. The day was full of presentations that described ways that faith communities and people engaged in mental health recovery can work together to educate their communities about mental illness and equip them to develop supportive, caring responses. Speakers from various faith traditions shared their stories and personal experiences with mental illness and recovery. 248-634-5530

**Freedle And Slagle Presented At NATSAP:** Pacific Quest's Dr. Lorraine Freedle and Travis Slagle Presented at the recent NATSAP Conference in Henderson, NV. The presentation highlighted the benefits and implications of Horticultural Therapy as a growth-focused treatment model. Research studies suggest gardening provides cognitive, emotional, and physiological benefits that can lead to increased overall life satisfaction. In a recent interview, Horticultural Therapy Director, Travis Slagle commented, "Horticultural therapy offers experiential techniques that place the client in a care-giving role. By engaging individuals and families in the restorative process of cultivating beauty and health in one's environment, it becomes increasingly possible to internalize beauty and health in one's self." 808-345-4549

**New Survey Finds Moms on Front Lines of Children's Education:** A new Sylvan Learning survey, conducted online by Harris Interactive among 5,000 U.S. adults in December 2013, finds that nearly 9 in 10 mothers of school-aged children regard themselves as having principal responsibility for their child's academics. 571-235-7238

**Social Thinking Training Hosted By Cherry Gulch:** On March 7, 2014, Cherry Gulch will be hosting Dr. Pam Crooke from the Social Thinking group. This customized workshop blend is designed to help professionals gain a better understanding of the inner minds of individuals with social learning challenges. The Informal Social Thinking -Dynamic Assessment will be introduced as a guide for developing differentiated lessons for those individuals with social learning issues. In addition, participants will learn about START, Social Thinking- Assessment Response Training - which is a way in which Social Thinking can be blended into the RTI/PBIS model. 208-365-3437

**Allynwood Academy Welcomes England To The Team:** Allynwood Academy welcomes Jada England as the newest member to our expanding marketing team. In Jada's new role as an Enrollment Development professional she works closely with our families, mental health professionals and those in the recovery field in the Texas area to educate and build awareness of the Allynwood platforms and with the admissions process to our programs. 607-637-8265

**Aspiro Appoints Hillstead Clinical Director Smoot Assoc. Clinical Director:** The Aspiro Group is proud to announce the appointment of David Hillstead, Ph.D., LMFT, as Director of Clinical Services and Carl Smoot, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, as Associate Clinical Director! David brings more than 14 years of wilderness therapy experience to this new role as Director of Clinical Services. He will assure the highest quality of clinical service delivery and make sure our team is providing unmatched consultation, communication and follow up with parents and referring professionals. Dr. Smoot brings more than 15 years of professional clinical work to his role as Associate Clinical Director. He will continue to provide services as a primary therapist as well as program evaluation, assessment, research, and clinical consultations. 801-819-2353

**Preece To Leave Alpine Academy:** With heartfelt emotion, Nikki Preece announced her resignation from Alpine Academy. "It has been such an incredible privilege and honor to be a part of the development of Alpine Academy." Nikki accepted the position as the Executive Director of Fulshear Treatment to Transition, an immersive program that combines residential treatment and independent living transition opportunities for young adult women between the ages of 18 to 25, south of Houston, near Sugar Land, Texas. Alpine Academy: 800-244-1113 Fulshear Ranch Academy: 801-380-3223

**Brace Announces Retirement:** It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Tim Brace, Headmaster and founding member of the

Carlbrook School Board of Regents, will be retiring in June of this year. Tim and his wife Kathleen have played an instrumental role in the creation and development of Carlbrook School since 2001, and we have been truly honored to work with such talented, caring and inspirational individuals. 434-476-2406

**Expedition Therapy Announces Total Therapeutic Team Approach:**

Expedition Therapy proudly announces its Total Therapeutic Team Approach for treating young adults. "Our Total Therapeutic Team Approach continuously integrates our therapeutic strengths into the daily curriculum of Expedition Therapy students, during weekly expeditions and back at base camp." explained Ms. Beth Fogel.

484-619-0116

**Skyland Trail Welcomes Tipton To Board Of Directors:**

Skyland Trail, a nationally recognized nonprofit treatment organization for adults with mental illness, is pleased to announce Mark Tipton as a new member of the Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2014. Tipton is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Georgia Commerce Bank (GCB) and Georgia Commerce Bancshares, Inc. He serves on Tulane University's Associate Board and President's Council. In addition, he Chairs the Board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta, is a member of the Carter Center Board of Councilors, the Georgia Tennis Foundation Board and prior to being elected to the Board of Directors, Tipton served on the Skyland Trail Advisory Board in 2012. 404-315-8333

**Richardson Steps Down As Headmaster:**

Randy Richardson recently made the difficult decision to step down as Headmaster of Oliverian effective June 30, 2014. Randy has devoted five immensely productive years to the School, and has played a major role in its development into the self-sustaining, independent, and financially secure institution it is today. He has also been instrumental in helping to clarify Oliverian's vital mission, and in continually improving the quality of its programming and staff. 603-989-5100 ext. 7103

**Grover And Riggs Join Wingate Team:**

WinGate is pleased to announce the addition of Erin Grover and Paula Riggs to the team. Erin is a wonderful addition to an expanding group of highly professional clinicians at WinGate. She brings with her a vast background in wilderness therapy including her roles as a Field Staff, Field Director, and Assistant Operations Director over the past ten years. Paula has spent more than fifteen years working with at risk youth and families in multiple environments. She is an experienced Admissions Counselor and Director in therapeutic middle schools, high schools, as well as young adult treatment facilities and Outdoor Wilderness programs. 800-560-1599

**Chamber Music Concert at Copper Canyon Academy:**

For several years, CCA has had the honor of hosting chamber music concerts under the auspices of Chamber Music Sedona (CMS). CMS sponsors artists-in-residence concerts for youth in selected local schools. In January 2014 CMS returned, this time with five young musicians, all of whom were current or former members of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. The entire CCA community attended the concert. 877-617-1222

**Saving Teens Celebrates 10th Anniversary:**

Saving Teens in Crisis Collaboration celebrated its 10th anniversary serving teens struggling with substance abuse and emotional issues. Direct financial support accounts for only a fraction of the impact SavingTeens has in expanding access to quality treatment options for at-risk teens. The combination of pro-bono educational consulting, counselling services, and program discounts and scholarships has allowed SavingTeens to provide nearly \$750,000 in additional value to adolescents and their families. 978-852-2144

**Jimenez New Book Focuses On Teens Returning Home:**

Author and coach Ruben Jimenez (LCSW) has published a new book focused on helping parents with teens or young adults returning home from therapeutic treatment. The book is called *The Road Home: A Guide for Parents with Teens or Young Adults Returning from Treatment* and is available through the author's website [TheRoadHomeBook.com](http://TheRoadHomeBook.com) as well as Amazon.com. The first two chapters are available for free download on his website.

970-426-9227

**Pacific Quest Celebrates Ten Year Anniversary:**

Pacific Quest is celebrating its ten year anniversary as one of the premier Outdoor Therapy programs for adolescents and young adults. With its proprietary Sustainable Growth treatment model, Pacific Quest is forging a new direction for mental health services by integrating naturopathic medicine, horticultural therapy, rites-of-passage, and best practices in clinical psychology and family therapy.

210-315-1302

**Two New Therapists Join Allynwood Academy:**

We are pleased to announce that two new therapists have joined the therapeutic team at Allynwood. Samantha Cole, MSW, LICSW is a licensed clinical social worker that comes to Allynwood Academy with nearly 10 years of experience in the therapeutic boarding school setting, most recently at the Academy of Swift River. Danielle LeMoine, MHC, joined Allynwood Academy in December of 2013. Prior to becoming a mental health counselor, Danielle worked as a speech therapist for ten years in public school. 607-637-8265

**McLain Moves To Provo Canyon School:**

Over the years, I have had the privilege to be the Executive Director of both Northwest Academy and Boulder Creek Academy. During that time, with the support of a fantastic team, we experienced tremendous growth at both schools. I am proud of every staff member and team player on board, as each has made his or her own significant contributions to the overall growth and shared success. I am writing to share with you that Universal Health Services presented me with the opportunity to serve as CEO at Provo Canyon School, a facility recognized for its residential treatment and educational services. Bruce Wilson is the School Director for Northwest Academy and Lisa Hester at Boulder Creek Academy. 208-267-6691

**Gayle Jensen-Savoie Resigns:**

It is with mixed emotions that I am writing to advise you that I am resigning my position as Executive Director of Fulshear Treatment to Transition. I plan to continue my work with The Joint Commission. As you know, this work ensures all accredited treatment facilities provide the highest safety and quality for all clients.

**Echo Springs Looks Toward The Next Two Decades:**

Echo Spring Transition Study Center is launching its 21st year. As one of the oldest after-care programs in the nation, students have traveled from around the world to ignite change inside the little, red schoolhouse in the middle of the forest of Bonners Ferry, Idaho. 208-267-1111

**Andrew Powell Joins Elements Wilderness Program:**

Elements Wilderness Program is pleased to announce the arrival of Andrew Powell to our core management team. Andrew has filled a variety of roles in wilderness, starting as field staff and most recently serving as Executive Director at Outback. He came to wilderness from the field of international development, relocating to Utah after 4 years in El Salvador serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer and as Country Director of a Non-Governmental Organization called VisionSpring. 801-505-8481

**Pasadena Villa Facilities in Florida Accredited:**

Pasadena Villa is pleased to announce that all their facilities in the state of Florida are now proud to be Joint Commission Accredited! "In achieving Joint

Commission accreditation, Pasadena Villa Network of Services has demonstrated its commitment to the highest level of care for the people they serve. Behavioral Health accreditation is a voluntary process and I commend Pasadena Villa for successfully undertaking this challenge to elevate its standard of care and instill confidence in the community it serves." ~ Tracy Griffin Collander, LCSW, Executive Director, Behavioral Health Care Accreditation, The Joint Commission 407-982-0099

**Mary Ann Abate Brings 36 Years Of Experience To New Position:** Longtime behavioral health advocate Abate accepts policy watchdog role at Rosecrance. Abate became Vice President of Public Policy for Rosecrance. 815-387-5605

**Fruzzetti Receives International Research Award:** Congratulations to Alan E. Fruzzetti, Ph.D. for receiving the 2013 International Society for the Improvement and Teaching of Dialectical Behavior Therapy (ISITDBT) Outstanding Research Award in honor of his outstanding contributions to the field of Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT). The award recognizes the huge impact on DBT training and treatment development of Fruzzetti's groundbreaking research on validation and couples therapy as well as his collaborations on DBT for college students. 818-312-3089

**Vive Announces Internal Changes:** Vive Family Support Program Announces Some Exciting Internal Changes. Vive announces Janet Levitt's new position at Vive as Clinical Director, moving from her role as Clinical Supervisor to a new role as Clinical Director. They also announce Director of HR Kim St. John, Lydia Bishop at Director of Admissions and Andrew Larke's new location and title. Andrew Larke, an important member of Vive's Chicago team has moved to Vive's Boston team in addition to taking on a new national role. We are thrilled to announce that Andrew has become Vive's Director of Mentor Training. 800-261-0127

**Powell Steps Down:** Andrew Powell steps down from his position as Executive Director of Outback Therapeutic Expeditions. Rick Meeves stepped in as interim Executive Director while they search for Andrew's replacement. 800-817-1899

**Shadow Mountain Recovery Acquires The Freedom Center:** Shadow Mountain Recovery adds The Freedom Center to offer additional treatment alternatives and enhance their ability to individualize client's choices in one continuum of care in multiple locations. The Freedom Center, in business for over 14 years, is a premier intensive outpatient alcohol and drug addiction treatment center in Denver that approaches treatment from a health-minded, holistic view. The Freedom Center's Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) offers a practical, straightforward wellness model that works to achieve long term, successful recovery. 800-764-7250

**Baker Valley Treatment Center Now Accepting Referrals:** At the recent IECA conference in San Diego it was announced that Baker Valley Treatment Center (BVTC) would open early in 2014. A sister program to Mountain Valley Treatment Center and a member of the non-profit Family Support Collaborative, Baker Valley is designed to serve adolescent males, 15-18 years of age who are suffering from internalizing disorders such as mood, anxiety and depression coupled with substance abuse. 413-320-7425



**Hornbeck Visits Woodbury Reports:** Drew Hornbeck, Admission and Co-Founder of New Vision Wilderness recently stopped by Woodbury Reports for a visit with Lon Woodbury. 262-780-1780

**Tom Martin Joins Brightstone Transitions Team:** We are proud to announce the addition of Tom Martin, MBA to the Brightstone team. Tom will work with Brightstone Transitions as a Reentry Specialist helping to connect older adolescence and young adults returning to the Atlanta area from therapeutic placements and schools. 336-971-3434

**Jeff Johnson Joins Allynwood Team:** Allynwood Academy is pleased to announce that Mr. Jeff Johnson has joined the Allynwood team in the role of Enrollment

Development & Referral Relations. Working from his home office in Boise, Idaho, Jeff brings 25 years of admissions and marketing experience in several therapeutic schools and programs. Drawing on this experience and the mentorship he has received from many of the best leaders in our field, Jeff will be spreading the news about the unique enhancements to The Family School that as a result, is now Allynwood Academy. 607-637-8265

**Shelterwood Joins NATSAP:** Shelterwood announced they have joined NATSAP and 800-584-5005

**Expedition Therapy Joins NATSAP:** Expedition Therapy proudly announces its membership in NATSAP. 484-619-0116

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