Notes about this document: this was prepared to summarize the WWASP Alleged Crime Report published by the International Survivors Action Committee in 2004. The intended audience is other survivors of Spring Ridge Academy, so SRA is more prominent in this summary than it was in the original document. If you have the time and interest, I recommend reading the entire report. If not, I've prepared this summary so that you can be in the loop. If you would like more details, I've uploaded the original report in full to our shared Google Drive folder.

The first two sections are the most important to read and understand (approximately the first 7 pages). If you have questions about either of these sections, **please ask me.**

Additionally, because this summary was prepared with survivors in mind, specific descriptions of child abuse have been redacted. We all know what kinds of horrors existed within these facilities and none of us need convincing of their evils.

Because this document is from 2004, certain events and programs are referred to in present tense. Many of these programs have closed since this report was published and many of the individuals named are now dead. Please use this as a historical reference, not a source for current information.

Corporate Layering

WWASPs and WWASP-affiliated companies are owned by a collection of "umbrella corporations". These are companies that only exist for the purpose of owning other companies. They do not provide any goods or services.

The purpose of these umbrella corporations is to **hide the identities of the individual people who own the businesses** that do provide goods and services. This practice also shields the individual people who own the businesses from potentially facing criminal or civil charges associated with business operations.

J. Ralph Atkin is an attorney who personally set up many of the LLCs affiliated with WWASP. His son, Joe Atkin was director of Academy at Dundee Ranch (a WWASP facility in Costa Rica). Joe reportedly explained his father's business strategies to a friend and former colleague who spoke under condition of anonymity:

> *"Additionally, throughout my three-year friendship with Atkin's son, Joseph Atkin, Joseph Atkin frequently referred to off-shore accounts that Ralph Atkin had set up for his clients. He told me that one of the purposes of the accounts, and the legal structure of the corporations being held by WWASP was so that no one could hold the company legally liable for problems that might occur in*

their facility. Joseph Atkin explained to me that typically the programs were owned by another company outside the country, which was owned by another company in another country, which was owned by another company in Scotland or somewhere else in the British Isles.
Academia Rancho Dundee, The Costa Rican Corporation under which the Academy at Dundee Ranch operated was owned by Panamanian Foundation which was set up by J Ralph Atkin sometime during the summer of 2002."

In addition to setting up LLCs for ownership of their businesses, WWASP-affiliated individuals registered many LLCs for **fake businesses** near the same time that they registered LLCs for the real businesses. These fake-business LLCs frequently had names that had no affiliation with anything related to behavioral health, schools, or the TTI. Examples include pool cleaners, cafes, construction companies, and other businesses that would definitely have a physical location if they were real. The purpose of creating these fake-business LLCs was apparently to **overwhelm anyone who might be reviewing applications for the real businesses**. A single application filed alone might get more time and attention than many applications that are all submitted at the same time.

WWASP-affiliated LLCs are easily identifiable because they share addresses, co-owners, and/or naming conventions.

Spring Ridge Academy was used as an example in this report.

"Spring Ridge Academy incorporated on 7/15/1996. The following corporations were created either on the same day or within a VERY short time frame of Spring Ridge Academy:

07/15/1996 Laurie Orton Appraisals (Same Day as Spring Ridge Academy)

07/15/1996 Shuman Floor Company (Same Day as Spring Ridge Academy)

07/19/1996 JWY Investments (Four Days after Spring Ridge Academy)

08/8/1996 Wilkey Holdings (Within Thirty Days of Spring Ridge Academy)

08/9/1996 SGI Tours (Within Thirty Days of Spring Ridge Academy)

08/13/1996 CanyonLand (Within Thirty Days of Spring Ridge Academy)

08/19/1996 SGI Enterprises (Within Thirty Four Days of Spring Ridge Academy)

Conclusions:

All companies created within those 34 days following the incorporation of Spring Ridge Academy are, by our standards, affiliated with WWASP."

These LLCs are going to be instrumental to our research because they connect Spring Ridge Academy directly to WWASP. We will likely uncover more connections of this nature as we continue to dig into more LLCs that are associated with more programs.

There are several fake addresses commonly used by WWASP-affiliated LLCs. The text explores some of them in detail in the following passage:

Many individuals or corporations have listed SLC, Utah as an address even though SLC is not a city in Utah (We believe it to mean Salt Lake City).

Many of the same individuals list Bloomington Hills, Utah as an address. Bloomington Hills is not a city in Utah, however. It is a subdivision - the same one J. Ralph Atkin, Narvin Lichfield, and David Wilkey reside in, as well as several other WWASP-affiliated persons.

J. Ralph Atkin lives on Del Mar Drive. There are at least SEVEN individuals/families that live either on Del Mar Drive or one block over and are listed in these corporations. Two individuals literally live across the street and next to J. Ralph Atkin.

Many businesses APPEAR to have no true existence. Pool cleaning companies, computer businesses, etc. list the 1240 E. 100 S. Suite 10 address as a main corporate address.

This address is the office of J. Ralph Atkin. It is difficult to imagine that such businesses would not list their true primary location ANYWHERE on the corporate records.

Many corporations list 390 Swaps Drive but it does not exist. All of the homes on Swaps Drive have 4 digit numbers. However, Swaps Drive is literally around the corner from Del Mar Drive and the home of J. Ralph Atkin, whose house number is in fact 390.

For many of the addresses for the corporations, the city does not exist, however the zip code is correct. We believe it is possible for mail to be delivered to the corporation, but it is difficult for a person to locate the physical address for the corporation.

1240 E. 100 S. St. George, Utah

Over 940 corporations list 1240 E. 100 S. as an address (The suite number varies).

Suites 9 and 10 are the suite numbers most often used by WWASP.

J. Ralph Atkin, P.C., currently occupies Suites 9 and 10.

In the year 2001, this property was appraised at approximately $76,000 and noted as being a vacant lot however; there are 26 buildings on this property.

175 W 900 S Suite 15

We have included this address in this section because many corporations and/or individuals connected to WWASP use this address.

This address CURRENTLY is occupied by UFit Fitness Center. According to employees, UFit has been in that location seven to eight years.

The following individuals or corporations list 175 W. 900 S. Suite 15 as an address:

Wilkey Group

Ron Ellison

Lauri Orton

Spacemakers

H & Y

Shuman Floor

J. Ralph Atkin – lists this address on the corporate records for Harry Hill - one year AFTER Ufit occupied the location.

Parkside Phase IV- The date here is 1/9/1997 - this is AFTER Ufit occupied the location.

Hurricane Hills Ranch - 3/13/1997 - this is AFTER Ufit occupied the location.

Harry Hill – 4/28/1997 - this is at least one year AFTER Ufit occupied the location.

SGI Investments, LLC

Wilkey Properties, LLC - 3/31/1997 - this is at least one year AFTER Ufit occupied this location.

David Wilkey – uses this address AFTER Ufit occupied the location.

Troon Park Holdings, LLC – 3/21/1997 - this is at least one year AFTER Ufit occupied the location.

321 N Mall Drive:

These businesses are physically located at this address.

Note the Congressman's office and Utah Department of Health.

All others are linked to WWASP.

This is not a full list of companies at this address.

Also, note the Utah Foster Care Foundation, which moved from the former location of Teen Help to this new location as well.

Congressman Jim Matheson

I.S.A.T. Center

Utah Foster Care Foundation

Counseling Services

BMF Investments

Bekki Patton DDS

Utah State Department of Health

Parent Help – This is WWASP

Family Help Resource Center owned by John Bundy

With These Hands

WWASP – Teen Help - National Contract Services are all at this address and listed in the phone book with the same phone number.

Aliases, Rebrands, and Misleading Names

You may have noticed that there are MANY variations online of the names of major WWASP-affiliated individuals and organizations. It is easy to assume that these are all accidental typos and spelling errors, but they were actually **intentionally created to confuse us and make it harder to keep track of them.** Some of the changes are very discreet (ie mispelled by one letter, adding additional spaces, slightly different wording in business names) while others are more obvious (eg Virgil Miller Newton going by Miller Newton and then going by Father Cassian Newton). The alternate spellings are reflected across legal documents, news articles, and databases. **Do not correct mispellings in your notes. Add alternate spellings to the list of aliases.** Some of the aliases are really funny, for example, Nar**b**in Lichfield instead of Narvin Litchfield. I personally encourage you to make fun of them with other survivors if you want to blow off some steam.

Here is another excerpt from the WWASP crime report with more examples:

> *In many cases, the names of the corporations are changed slightly in spelling only. That it is to say, "You" corporation will be dissolved and then reincorporated as "Yu" corporation. This prevents the state corporate record database from attaching a history to the new corporation.*

Example:

Teen Help, Inc has been renamed many times to Teens in Crisis 2001, Teen Help LLC 1997, Teen Assist, Teen Watch USA.

In some cases, it is simply a change in spelling of the name of the corporation. This was the case with Adolecent Services (no "s") and Adolescent Services. This pattern repeats itself in the names of the schools and the billing companies as well.

K & J incorporated (with a space) and K&J without a space.

R & B Management and R & B Management, LLC.

Resource Realization is in Texas but Resource Realizations (with an "s") is listed in Arizona with the same officers.

In some cases, WWASP set up **fraudulent businesses with similar names to legitimate organizations** so that they could confuse parents and other stakeholders. In some cases, they would use the name of the **legitimate business** in their marketing materials, giving them plausible deniability that it was just a simple error because the names are so similar. For example, claiming to be accredited by the (legitimate) "Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges" when they were actually "accredited" by the "Northwest Association of Schools **and of Colleges and Universities**"**.** Here is more information from the text:

The Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, located in the State of Washington, is recognized by the United States Department of Education and ONLY accredits colleges, universities, and other facilities providing continuing education to high school graduates.

The Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges is one of six similar regional associations in the United States which accredits schools and colleges. The Northwest region includes Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. Control of the Association is vested in its institutional members who meet annually in convention to transact the business of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

The Northwest Association of Schools and of Colleges and Universities, located in Boise, Idaho and run by David Steadman, IS NOT recognized by the United States Department of Education and accredits many types of educational facilities, including elementary schools and overseas facilities.

What We Do
The Commission on Schools accredits distance education, elementary, foreign nation, high, K-12, middle, postsecondary nondegree granting, special purpose, supplementary education, and trans-regional schools.
Our Region
The Commission on Schools accredits schools in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah, , and Washington. Schools in foreign nations that enjoy accreditation include: Mexico and Jamaica and Western Samoa.

THIS organization is currently accrediting WWASP facilities. According to its website, the organization is also changing its name to "Northwest Association of Accredited Schools."

Both "Northwest Associations" fell under the umbrella of the Northwest Commission on Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

However, the Northwest Commission on Schools, Colleges, and Universities is defunct as of September 2003.

ISAC investigators contacted the Northwest Association located in Washington (the one that DOES NOT accredit WWASP facilities).

Their representative could not comment on the reasons for the dissolution of the Northwest Commission, however she did make it very clear that this organization is NO LONGER affiliated with David Steadman's Northwest Association (the one that DOES accredit WWASP facilities).

David Steadman's Northwest Association operates as an independent, member-based organization. It is not a state or governmental agency.

Schools are granted membership in the organization following the submission of a $100 application fee and the completion of an onsite visit by an "outside team of peers."

Membership is renewed annually through voluntary self-regulation and "periodic, self-evaluation."

Representatives visit the member schools just once every 6 years.

According to the stated policy of David Steadman's Northwest Association, member schools must "Be approved, accredited, licensed, or recognized by the legally constituted educational agency it its state or by a federal government agency."

To the best of our knowledge, NONE of the WWASP affiliated schools located in the United States are approved, accredited, licensed or recognized by the Department of Education in ANY state.

According to a former WWASP employee, Joe Atkin, former Director of Academy at Dundee Ranch, reportedly said representatives of WWASP affiliated schools try to attend every meeting of David Steadman's Northwest Association because "that way, we get what we want."

According to the website for David Steadman's Northwest Association, Academy at Ivy Ridge, Casa by the Sea, Cross Creek Academy, Carolina Springs Academy, Midwest Academy, Spring Creek Lodge, and Tranquility Bay are all member schools, or candidates for membership.

Academy at Dundee Ranch was also a member school at the time the facility closed.

Bell(e) Academy in California, owned by former WWASP President Karr Farnsworth, was listed as a candidate for membership at the time the facility closed.
When Bell(e) Academy was listed, the phone number shown was identical to the phone number shown for Casa by the Sea. This phone number reaches the office of Casa by the Sea in Ensenada, Mexico.

On the current list of member schools, the location for Casa by the Sea is listed as Chula Vista, California, even though the school is physically located in Ensenada, Mexico.

David Steadman's Northwest Association also accredits other controversial facilities, including Cinnamon Hills, Provo Canyon, Diamond Ranch, and Turn About Ranch.

Outdated and Abusive Treatment Methods

SRA and other WWASP affiliated programs use what's referred to as the Straight Incorporated Children's Cultic Modality. A major element of SICC is secrecy, ie "What you see and hear here, stays here".

Using children/teens in "staff" roles is unique to SICC. Obviously teens were explicitly used as "staff" for trainings/seminars. Another example is higher phase students being required to monitor, correct, and report on lower-phase students (**essentially functioning as junior staff**).

The original WWASP facilities did not include therapy as a standard part of their program. Therapy was provided at the parents' request through a WWASP-owned counseling center. For example, Academy at Ivy Ridge students could obtain weekly therapy sessions from "Pathways Lifecounseling Center" for $100/hr. (Note: Pathways Lifecounseling Center did not have a business license.)

In this passage, an anonymous staff member from Spring Creek Lodge Academy admits in interview that their paycheck was cut for trying to report child abuse

ISAC: Did you ever witness any abuse there?

Staff: Yes, I did, and I tried to report it, well later I tried to report it but I got my paycheck cut.

ISAC: What did you report and to whom did you try to report it to?

Staff: That biker guy, I saw him [redacted description of child abuse]*. I tried to report it to the Department of Health.*

ISAC: What happened when you reported it?

Staff: Nothing, I think they called the facility and that's why I got in trouble and I know they are going to fire me soon. I am scared but I can't do this anymore anyway. It's wrong.

In the United States, laws are very specific regarding the use of restraints in ANY form and facilities must follow specific

guidelines. For example, only a physician may order restraints. Once ordered, restraints may only be administered for fifteen minutes in most circumstances.

The United States is one of ONLY two governments in the world that has NOT signed the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Unethical Aggressive Marketing

Telemarketers were encouraged to enroll (and re-enroll) teens with no regard for the appropriateness of the placement or the wellbeing of any child involved. They received incentives for high enrollment, including cash bonuses and gift certificates to Outback Steak House, Red Lobster, and Chili's (rewards for weekly sales contests).

> *A document obtained by ISAC is titled "ADP Selling Skills – Handling Objections, Stalls and Delays." The document appears to be a handout from a course in marketing skills.*
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> *A document obtained by ISAC states:*
> *"Look at the list of students that have just gone home, and put on your calendar to call their parents that you worked with in 60 days. If things are going well, talk to them about doing referrals. If not so well, talk to them about readmitting."*

Part of their sales tactics included pressuring parents to **fraudulently obtain loans from the US Department of Education**. Because the main WWASP facilities did not provide an accredited academic program, **education loans for WWASP school attendance were never legal.** As we all know, Spring Ridge Academy did have real academic accreditation, so this portion does not apply to us specifically. However, it is something to keep in mind as we continue to advocate for our survivor siblings from other programs.

> *Educational loan applications for the following banking institutions are attached to the Majestic Ranch Academy enrollment agreement:*
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> *Key Banks Achiever Loan*
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> *Bank of America's Prepgate Loan*
>
> *Sally Mae Foundation private and federal loans*

On the Key Bank and Sally Mae Financial Corporation loan applications, the answer to the question of "School to be paid" was pre-stamped and reads "Browning Academy."

Investigative Notes: The child was enrolled in Majestic Ranch Academy, not Browning Academy.
Browning Academy does not physically exist. One address used by Browning Academy is actually Cross Creek Manor; a second address does not exist.

WWASP marketers also encouraged parents to fraudulently apply for federal financial aid that is explicitly **only for college tuition (eg Stafford Loan, Pell Grant).** In many cases, WWASP marketers faxed these fraudulent loan applications directly from Teen Help offices on behalf of the parents.

Employees at Teen Help and other WWASP marketing organizations were instructed to pressure parents to agree to pay for 12 months upfront (often through the use of fraudulent educational loans) in exchange for discounted tuition. WWASP marketers called parents who had **not** requested or otherwise expressed interest in WWASP services. The WWASP marketing strategy was apparently to approach struggling families and catch them offguard, pressuring them into making impulsive longterm decisions while they were desperate and emotional, rather than making careful, educated decisions.

WWASP marketers were instructed that they would be **immediately fired** if they said anything bad about any WWASP program. They were also instructed to rat out their colleagues to management if they heard them say anything bad about a WWASP program.

The contracts that WWASP marketers pressured parents into had serious consequences if parents tried to dissolve them. One of these penalties is described in the enrollment agreement for Tranquility Bay:

From Section 35: EARLY ENROLLMENT TERMINATION: Liquidation Provision. The Program/School recognizes and affirms that since Sponsors maintain all parental authority and responsibility, Sponsors can remove the student at will. However, this Agree is for a twelve (12) month minimum Enrollment Period, the sponsors agree to give the School/Program sixty (60) days written notice prior to the actual withdrawal or to pay to the School/Program an amount equal to sixty (60) days payment. The payment of sixty days is considered by the parties to this Agreement as a reasonable pre-estimate of the probable losses

which would be sustained by the school/Program in the even of a withdrawal of their student prior to the end of the period.

This section requires parents to wait 60 days before withdrawing their children, or face a financial penalty equal to 60 days enrollment (roughly $5,000). Parents should not be required to pay a fee in order to regain physical custody of their own children.

The fact that the removal of children is considered a financial "loss" by Tranquility Bay is of great concern to ISAC.

Whistleblowers and Witness Intimidation

WWASP-affiliated individuals have a track record of harassment towards whistleblowers. Here is one example:

Marie Peart was employed by WWASP as a marketer for approximately six years. Ms. Peart worked on the premises of Cross Creek, where Teen Help was located, and admits that she unlawfully housed children in the basement of her home.

Blaire Peart, her husband (now divorced), worked at Cross Creek where he witnessed [redacted description of extreme child abuse]. The child was fourteen years old.

Dan Peart and other relatives own and operate Majestic Ranch Academy in Randolph, Utah.

As soon as Ms. Peart's name appeared on a witness list for the case of WWASP vs. Pure, Scheff, Berryman, et al. WWASP created an internet web link to a ten-year-old news article in which Ms. Peart was mentioned in a retail fraud matter.

Shortly thereafter, Robert Lichfield offered Ms. Peart a job, after having previously fired her.

WWASP then removed Ms. Peart from the web link. However, when Ms. Peart provided a Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury in another pending SLAPP action, Ms. Peart's web link almost immediately reappeared.

WWASP attempted to have the affidavit stricken from the SLAPP action, but the judge denied the motion.

WWASP-affiliated individuals have given similar treatment to other advocates against child abuse. We need to be careful regarding how much information we share about ourselves as we move forward. Everyone can make their own decisions about anonymity based on their personal comfort levels, but this information is worth noting.

> *The following is included because we believe and it is our opinion that it is relevant to this report. These investigation are still continuing and we have NO proof that WWASP was involved in ANY way in the actions below, however, we find the time frame disturbing.*
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> *In May 2003, ISAC Corporation began its investigation into WWASP. At that time, we added WWASP, an each affiliated facility, to our online investigative list.*
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> *At that time, the names of persons involved with ISAC were also listed on the website.*
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> *In June 2003, someone broke into the home of ISAC's Director of Investigations.*
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> *The person stole nothing but two compact discs labeled "WWASP Information" yet left behind cash, gold jewelry, and video and computer equipment.*
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> *A police report was filed and the names of those involved with ISAC were removed from the website.*
>
> *During the summer of 2003, ISAC Corporation had to replace their locked postal mailbox three times because of damage that occurred as a result of attempted break-ins.*
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> *Due to the situation, our local mail carrier felt compelled to ask, "What have you got in there?" None of the attempts to break into the mailbox was successful.*

WWASP-affiliated individuals even go so far as to target children in their intimidation efforts:

> *ISAC has received reports that attorneys for WWASP have sent letters to underage former students instead of their parents.*

Miscellaneous Notes and Excerpts Connecting Programs and Staff

Note: Read this part if you think this kind of stuff is interesting or you're involved in research in this specific area. It doesn't explain any new concepts, mostly just provides extra details about what's already been described. If you want to skip it, you'll have still gotten the most important parts of the report from the previous sections.

"If the student is found to be disruptive to the positive environment at Academy at Ivy Ridge, Sponsors agree that the student will be immediately expelled and transported by independent transport company, ASIT or any other person or company chosen by the Sponsors, to Tranquility Bay or Dundee Ranch which ARE behavior modification programs." Dina Dalton, Academy at Ivy Ridge

The logo for Guiding Light Family Services is a lighthouse, which is identical to the logo for SAFE, Inc.
SAFE, Inc. was modeled after Straight, Inc., home of the SICC treatment modality.

Patricia Litchfield (Bob Lichfield's wife) secretary Teen Help Inc

Narvin Lichfield, is registered agent and president of Adolescent Services, Inc. (ASI), another of the umbrella corporations. He's also one of the three trustees, along with another Lichfield named Cameron, of the At Risk Teen (ART) Foundation, a nonprofit corporation set up last year to raise scholarships for the behavior modification programs.

> *ISAC investigators visited the following web link: http://www.familyhelpcenter.org/index.php?pgid=schools&schoolID=11*
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> *Note the number "11" at the end of the link. When it is replaced with any number 1-11, you will arrive at the page of a different "school" which is exactly how the new Tranquility Bay page is set up.*
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> *We viewed the actual site for each school and they appear to us to be WWASP-affiliated schools. We do not believe that some of these facilities exist at all. Below is a list of "schools" 1- 11 and what we found. We did not include these in the data matrix due to time constraints.*
>
> *Sunrise Girls Home – Located in Hurricane, Utah. Corporate documents show an "unknown address." This "school" is also accredited by Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and*

Universities, which accredits the WWASP "schools." From the description, it appears to be Cross Creek Manor.

Lotts Legacy Boarding School – Located in Escalante, Utah. There is no corporation with this name listed in Utah. The description is VERY similar to a WWASP program. The website for this school says, "Coming soon."

Who Am I Discovery – located in Nephi, Utah. Registered as a corporation in the state of Utah under the name "Who Am I."

Integrity House for Teenage Girls – located in Cedar City, Utah. We found no corporate record however we did find a website at http://www.teenprogram.info/schools/view/446

John Bundy of Parent Help owns this website. John Bundy's office is located at the same address as most of the WWASP Corporate Offices. John Bundy is a known affiliate of WWASP.

Note on the web link "446"- again you can change that number and find OVER 300 schools listed. ISAC has not checked this list of schools due to time constraints.

Integrity House For Teenage Boys – Located in Marysvale, Utah The description is very similar to that of a WWASP program. The corporate papers list a physical address of "unknown" however, the one and only officer is listed at the same address as "Who Am I" listed above.

It was incorporated less than a week after Teen Placement services. The webpage can be found here - http://www.integrityhousertc.com/boys/staff.htm
The staff is - Daniel Taylor who received his Bachelors of Science Degree from Southern Utah University in Sociology/Child Psychology. Daniel has worked with youth for the past 9 years in settings ranging from in-patient acute care to Therapeutic Foster care. Daniel has experience with children with development delays, as well as conduct disorders.

Liahona Academy – Located in Leeds, Utah. The description is similar to a WWASP program. The corporate filing places the address of this academy in Hurricane, Utah. The directions to the program appear to directions to Cross Creek Academy. The head schoolmaster is Brad Christensen (Family name from Skywest,

Northwest Association of Schools, Universities, and Programs as well as WWASP). St. George addresses matched those used by WWASP.

Brent Facer is the general partner of the other limited partnership that owns Teen Help and is a trustee of the nonprofit WWASP. He was vice president of Teen Help Inc. before it was dissolved.

www.Mytroubledteen.com

ISAC investigator called concerning Red Fern Ranch. The individual on the phone stated that approximately ten years ago his son went to a facility in Samoa, which we believe was affiliated with WWASP. He offered transport to Utah in a private plane and was familiar with Majestic Ranch. He also indicated that the corporation was called "Caring for Youth" however, there is no "Caring for Youth" registered in the State of Utah. He mentioned a new facility in Samoa called "Coral Reef Academy" as well as "Top Flight Academy" in Utah.

Investigator Note: In March 1998, Brightway Adolescent Hospital closed under allegations of abuse. Brightway was WWASP's "assessment facility." ***While Brightway was operating, every child that was eventually placed at Paradise Cove was initially housed at Brightway.***

In a document dated June 1998 the Department of State reports visiting a facility called New Hope Academy, located near Paradise Cove. The document states:

"The development of New Hope Academy is being developed by Dan Werield, a resident of Utah who was formally a partner in a Better Way."

Genesis-By-The-Sea in Santa Rita, Baja, Mexico - associated with Victory Christian Academy, Florida and Robert Land Academy, Canada.

Miscellaneous Other Notes

CS Landre Foundation assists in obtaining financing for WWASPS
Lance Landre (president), Lynne Pretzfield, Jerri Grossman

Recommended lenders on wwasp website: Sallie Mae Funding (Browning Academy school number 3871), Key Bank - Achiever Loan (Browning Academy school number 3948), Teri Loans (advised to use real school name, no number needed), prepGATE

WWASP employees were offered free services of attorney J Ralph Atkin to set up offshore bank accounts (30% salary increase, no US income taxes)

In several enrollment agreements, parents stated that their child was currently on probation. In some cases, judges suspended sentencing due to the fact that the child had enrolled in the program.

What exactly were the judges told about the program? Were they told it was a treatment center, school, behavior modification program, or drug program?

In one case, ISAC has evidence showing that information presented to the judge described a WWASP facility as a "treatment center" with a 100% success rate.

A document dated April 2002 details a visit to Tranquility Bay by United States Marines as a part of "career day." The document states:

"The Marines response was shock and dismay at children being sent away by parents to this remote corner of the island. One Marine said, 'I know kids get in trouble, but what could any child possibly do to deserve this?'

"Ionie Ramsay Nelson presented a report in which she chided the director for failing to volunteer information to the police on improper or unlawful conduct by the center staff. The report lists several disturbing incidents, including an alleged [redacted] *case that took place in 1999, dismissal of an employee who attempted to sell drugs on the compound, and dismissal of a male employee earlier this year for attempting to* [redacted] *with a female student."*

Investigative Note: At the time, Ionie Ramsay Nelson was the Superintendent of Police.

Steve Cartisiano

This weirdo had his own section of the WWASP Alleged Crimes Report so he gets his own section here. He's dead now. It's interesting stuff but not super important for our current purposes. It does provide a lot of information about the history of wilderness programs though. This section includes elements of all the other sections: financial fraud, corporate layering, aliases, child abuse, whistleblowers, etc.

Steve Cartisiano (onwer Intermountain Wilderness Association, Challenger Foundation, Chilanko Lodge)

(div of corporate directors) has partial ownership in "dixie consulting", "Yamagata Associates", "InfoWest", "Premier Education Planning"

Div of Corporate Directors address is identical to address listed for:

Intermountain Wilderness Association
Dixie Consulting
K & J (owned by Ken Kay)
Airfax
Info West
Premier Educational Planning

Div of corporate director listed as partial owner in Challenger Foundation creation in 1988, Div of Corporate Director was not formed until 1994

Div of Corporate Directors listed as partial owner in Intermountain Wilderness Corporation (1990) but Div of Corporate Directors was not incorporated until 1994

The following corporations are currently listed to Stephen Cartisano:

American Association of Consumer Advocates – Active (There is a website for an organization with the exact same name located in Texas - http://www.flash.aaca-usa.com/LearnMore-About.htm)
The Right Place Foundation – located in Oklahoma.
Excalibur Films, LTD – located in California.
Investigative Note: This corporation uses the same address as the CS Landre Foundation which provides funding to parents who enroll their children in WWASP facilities.
Nobel Quest Inc. – located in Las Vegas, Nevada
Excalibur Expeditions, Inc – located in Florida
Steven Allen Productions, Inc – located in Utah

An individual named Jay Kirch owns a vehicle registered to Cartisano's address. The vehicle is secured through First Security Bank in Boise, Idaho.
Investigative Note: ***Boise, Idaho is also the location of David Steadman, Northwest Association of Schools and of Colleges and Universities.***
Mark Lichfield also has a vehicle financed through First Security Bank in Boise, Idaho.
Karr Farnsworth has had three vehicles financed by First Security Bank in Boise, Idaho.
Robert Lichfield has a vehicle financed through Wells Fargo Bank in Boise, Idaho as well as Windy Winder, thought to be a relative of Wayne Winder, Director of Majestic Ranch Academy.

BYU Professor Larry Dean Olsen started Anasazi foundation
Steve Cartisano attended BYU and dropped out but was inspired by Olsen

Investigator Note: When Cartisano was charged with the death of the child, a WWASP corporation had partial ownership of Challenger.
Cartisano was subsequently banned from operating any child treatment program in Utah and later in Hawaii, where another version of Challenger faltered in 1990. He later orchestrated similar programs in Costa Rica, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. None were ever licensed; each left behind a trail of angry parents and unpaid bills.
Cartisano's latest venture was working as a supervisor of a dormitory for American Indian students on a reservation in Oklahoma. But late last year, when a Bureau of Indian Affairs officer read a magazine article about wilderness therapy that featured Cartisano's history and photograph, Cartisano was fired. His philosophy has continued to flourish, however. Two former employees who testified against him in return for immunity from prosecution went on to found an outdoor survival school. Decrying Cartisano's allegedly abusive ways, Bill Henry and Lance Jaggar were licensed by Utah officials and began operating a teen wilderness program in 1992. Called North Star Expeditions, it's the same outfit that is now accused of negligence in the death of Aaron Bacon.
Investigator Note: North Star Expeditions is partially owned by Div of Corporate Directors, a WWASP-affiliated corporation.
North Star Expeditions was formed in 1990 – not 1992 – and lists Div Of Corporate Director as a partial owner despite the fact that Div Of Corporate Directors was not formed until 1994.

North Star Expeditions lists an address that is used by the following WWASP corporations: Yamagata Enterprises, Marlar Corporation, Mountain Roads Auto Body and Paint as shown in the Corporate Data Matrix.

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[Cartisano] was hired by several Utah businessmen in 1998 to help start the New Hope Academy. In the two weeks Cartisano ran New Hope, company officials allege he wrote $23,000 in bad checks and ran up a $10,000 cellular phone bill. In 1999, New Hope closed its doors, reportedly stranding five youths in the South Pacific island nation, located 2,300 miles south of Hawaii".(Source: Rick Ross)

Cartisano - Challenger Foundation, Challenger in Hawaii, HealthCare America in the Carribean, American Heritage Center (headquartered in NY), Chilanko Lodge (Canada, fell apart before fruition) [co-owner Mark Sudweeks

Co-owner/CEO Mekeli Ieremia (BYU alum) - New Hope Academy, Aloha Youth Academy

Aloha Youth Academy - director Jeff Pluemacher

Alerted by [former staff/whistleblower Justin] Kaahanui's phone call, parents for two of Aloha Youth's clients came to retrieve their children. One parent, Gladys Erwin of Aliso Viejo, Calif., said ***she put her 15-year-old son in the program in July because the family court in her state required some type of placement.***
"There were beautiful brochures," she said. "Everything seemed to be in order." Erwin left her son with Aloha Youth for six weeks, and now plans to sue.
"I'm glad that he's home," she said. "It was a very bad experience."

> ***Erwin may have been attracted by more than the brochure. Family Court is investigating whether Aloha Youth sent her confidential court records to make her mistakenly believe the program was endorsed by the court.***
> ***In fact, said Family Court director Kenneth K.M. Ling, the court decided it would not send youths to the program since it lacked state licensing, and because its services and facilities were "seriously lacking."***
> *"As a state we need to be aware of programs before we embrace them," Ling said.*
> *The brochure is misleading. It incorrectly states that Aloha Youth is a fully accredited private school, and that it has nonprofit status.*

Aloha Youth Academy used accredited BYU correspondence courses (allegedly)

> *Aloha Youth has its supporters. Marialaina Vanderwerf of Kaneohe placed her 12-year-old son there for 26 days after hearing about it through a* ***Department of Education counselor****. When insurance didn't pay and no government funds were available, Aloha Youth absorbed the cost of keeping her son.*

> *One Hawaii child's stay at Aloha Youth* ***was paid for with state funds****. The child fell under the so-called Felix consent decree that requires improvements to educational services for special-needs children. Health Department spokesman Patrick Johnson said a team of teachers, parents and department officials recommended the child temporarily be placed with Aloha Youth because there was no other facility available, although some objected*

> *[US Consulate] also reported the former partners of New Hope Academy included Norm Cluff of Orem, Utah, Utah businessman Dan Wakefield and Mekeli Ieremia, a popular former Brigham Young University football player.*

Pluemacher stated plans to open Hawaii Pacific Youth Center

> *Although the programme's Web page lists a Mesa, Ariz, mailing address, Mesa city officials say they have no record of a business license for the academy, or Pacific Coast Foundation, a so-called "outdoor intervention referral service" using the same phone number as Pacific Coast Academy (PCA).*