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This is a staff list for Hephzibah House in Winona Lake/Warsaw, IN
(we are working to acquire the complete records for ALL years)

THIS PROGRAM IS CLOSED.

We advise current and/or former staff to report any abuses you may have witnessed while working at Hephzibah House. For information on your rights and how to take action, visit www.heal-online.org/blowthewhistle.htm. If you were fired or forced to resign because you opposed any illegal and/or unethical practices at Hephzibah House, you have the right to take action.

If you were harmed (family or survivor) by Hephzibah House, please contact if you remember the long-term employees and from which years. This will help! Also, if you recognize any of these staff as having worked at another program, please send in any information about their past or present employment at other facilities and/or cults.

Please don't place your loved one in Hephzibah House and rescue them if they are there now.

Name	Unit/Position
Ron Williams	Founder

*(Hephzibah House, like many other programs in this industry, keeps a "tight lid" on any specific informa their staff, qualifications, and practices. Please contact us with the names of any staff of which you have knowledge or experience. Thank you for your help.)

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HEAL Celebrates Hephzibah Survivors on our History Page.

Residential Children's Programs Target Of Legislation--November 4th, 2008--Oct. 17, a group of former stude boarding school for girls stood outside the Kosciusko County Courthouse demonstrating against physical, mental abuse they allege they suffered.

With them stood several members of a local task force formed to pursue a change in state law to require accountability for residential programs for children. The local task force members are not the only ones lo a law change.

Congress also is eyeing a bill aimed at preventing child abuse in residential programs, public or private, r

The bill is called HR 6358. It passed the House of Representatives June 25 and is currently in the Senate. for more public accountability. If the bill is passed in its current form, the school that former students we demonstrating against, Hephzibah House, and similar organizations may fall under its jurisdiction. Hephz "private Christian boarding school for teenage girls," according to the school's Web site.

According to the bill, covered programs would include public or private organizations, which operate resic environments including boot camps, therapeutic boarding schools and behavior modification programs, w with a focus on serving children with emotional, behavioral or mental problems or disorders or problems substance abuse. The bill would not cover hospitals licensed by the state or foster family homes which ar regulated by the state and in which children are placed by the state.

The bill would prohibit disciplinary techniques or other practices that involve the withholding of essential clothing, shelter or medical care necessary to maintain physical health, mental health and general safety mechanical restraints and seclusion. The bill also would prohibit acts designed to humiliate, degrade or u child's self-respect. Residential facilities covered by the bill would be required to provide "reasonable acce and receiving phone calls with as much privacy as possible and shall have access to the appropriate state abuse reporting hotline number and the national hotline number."

The bill would establish penalties for facilities cited with violations, including fines. Enforcement measures established including unannounced inspections, licensing requirements and new databases.

HR 6358 passed through the House with a vote of 318 ayes to 103 nays, with 13 present not voting. Of t Indiana Representatives who voted on the bill, six voted for it and three against it. Local Dist. 3 Represer Souder voted against the bill.

"I believe these things should be worked through at the state and local level," said Souder. "I voted for th alternative both in committee and elsewhere that would increase state regulation."

Souder said the alternative proposal did not include increased federal oversight.

"Obviously, I believe there needs to be some additional controls, particularly for those who abuse kids, it' tragedy," he said. "We need also better enforcement. But, I do not favor the federal government taking o I believe can be regulated at the state and local level."

Souder said he could get behind increasing federal oversight if state regulations could not be stiffened or dealing with multiple states, but he said increasing federal regulations is a last resort. "I don't think we're Souder said.

Becky Moreno, victim's assistance advocate with the Warsaw Police Department, organized the local task change in Indiana law. Moreno said she supports HR 6358.

"I think this bill is an excellent step toward preventing child abuse and bringing about some accountabilit otherwise lacking," Moreno said. "Child abuse is a national problem. Anything that could be done to preve problem everywhere would be the best-case scenario."

The bill is currently under review in the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

For information on HR 6358, visit www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h110-6358 (Webmaster Note: See HEAL Statement Calling for Revision of HR 6358) For complete story, click here.

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We introduced you to these former students back in June. They were there at the school at different time similar allegations. They say they were severely beaten, strip searched, in some cases starved, and isola families.

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In another new development, the former Hephzibah students tell Fox 28 they have requested their medic from the school. While the school hasn't complied, yet, they are trying to see if there is a link between he many of them have experienced. "Girls that have had reproductive problems, female problems, children defects, difficulty conceiving. So, we're just finding compared to the general population, we have a much precentage of problems."

We placed calls to both Hephzibah House and their attorney, but they haven't returned our phone calls.

Fox 28 will continue to bring you the very latest. (Also see: http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/31185769 complete story, click here.

HEAL Kentucky Protested Hephzibah House in June of 2008.

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Staff Writer

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The school, which is affiliated with Believer's Baptist Church, will be discussed on reporter Anderson Cooper's popular news talk s Cooper 360" at 8 p.m., according to one woman interviewed for the story. A crew from the show interviewed former students on unorthodox discipline inside the not-for-profit school.

Hephzibah House founder and pastor Ron Williams was also interviewed for the story, the Times-Union has learned.

A call to Hephzibah House seeking comment was not returned.

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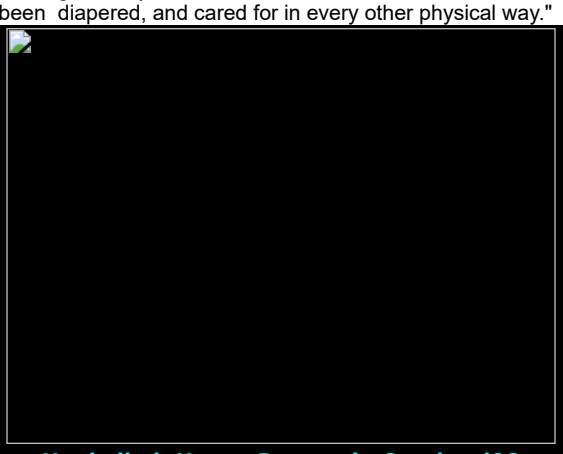
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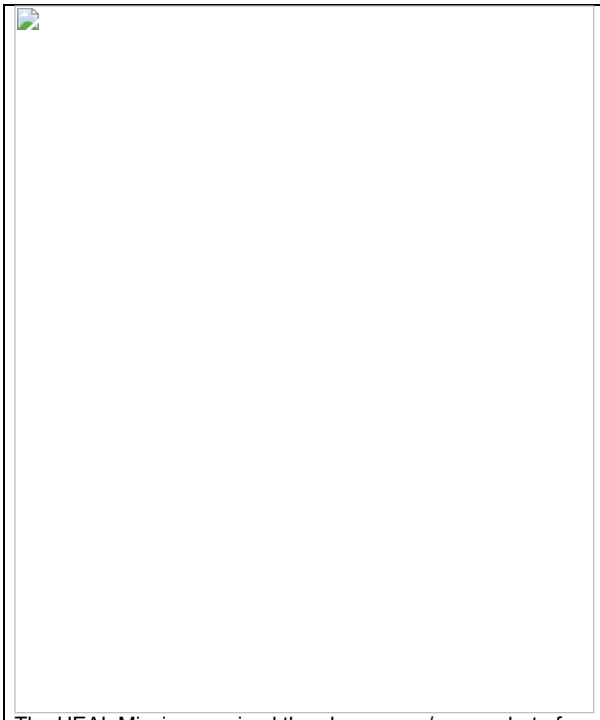
Ronald E. Williams is the director of Hephzibah House, here is an excerpt from Mr. William's article "The Correction and Children": " ...What is the reason for the pain? It delivers, in some mysterious way, the heart of that child from its rebellio and willfulness. The verb for "beat" that he uses in this verse is not a one-time action. The verb calls for ongoing activity Therefore a parent may not reasonably expect that one or two times of Biblically beating the child is going to deliver that for all of the rebellious heart with which he was born... Many parents in using the rod of correction on their child do so wit lack of vigor and often stop short of the child's will being completely broken. Manifestation of this error is illustrated in cou a child gets up from his session of correction still spouting rebellious words and giving willful looks at his discouraged pa has no one to blame but himself for this problem since he did not completely break the will of the child during the session child who is still willing to resist the authority of his parent after having received the rod of correction is still in need of mo rod... require sessions of correction lasting from one to two hours in length before the will would finally be broken! To igr clear reference to the child's salvation being related to his being disciplined is to ignore the very clear teaching of this pas Word of God. A parent must recognize and see clearly that Biblically beating his child sensitizes that child not only to the also to its ugliness. In addition, the child will see that the penalty must always be paid when we sin. The beating spoken passage is done often and consistently so that the child recognizes he will always pay a price... To put it another way, the not Biblically beat his child, in a loving and consistent way, in a very real sense predisposes that child for hell and even h in sending him there! This truth is precisely why the Lord says you "hate your child" if you do not chasten him betimes (P Interestingly, the world believes a parents hates his child if he does use the rod on him!...In short, a rod is an instrument be used in a session of correction so that it will not be broken. It also lends itself to inflicting pain... God makes the point bruised during one of these sessions of correction that a parent should not despair but realize that the blueness of that w away the evil heart of rebellion and willful stubbornness that reside in that depraved little body...When should a parent st of correction on a child that the Lord has brought into the family? There is no clear and specific answer to this very good However, it is my opinion that the correction of children should start as soon as the need for that correction is made man discerning parent who has been blessed with a little child in his home realizes that his initial impression of the sweetness innocence of the child is in reality an illusion. A child very quickly demonstrates his fallen, depraved nature and reveals h selfish little beast in manifold ways. As soon as the child begins to express his own self-will (and this occurs early in life) to receive correction. My wife and I have a general goal of making sure that each of our children has his will broken by th reaches the age of one year. To do this, a child must receive correction when he is a small infant. Every parent recognize will begins early as he has witnessed his child stiffen his back and boldly demonstrate his rebellion and self-will even tho been diapered, and cared for in every other physical way."



Hephzibah House Protest in October '08



Hephzibah House Protest in June '09



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