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This is a staff list for Aspen Achievement Academy in Loa, UT
(This program is closed.)
(a.k.a. Aspen Education Group--Confirmedly Abusive and Associated with the CEDU Cult Model)
(we are working to acquire the complete records for ALL years)

We advise current and/or former staff to report any abuses you may have witnessed while working at Aspen Achievement Academy. 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 Aspen Achievement Academy, you have the right to take action.

If you were harmed (family or survivor) by Aspen Achievement Academy, please contact info@heal-online.org 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.

This program is closed.

Name	Unit/Position	Additional Information
Gil Hallows	Executive Director	Hallows has been at Aspen Achievement Academy since 1996. Gil assisted in the startups of A 1996. He has been involved in the Outdoor Behavioral Healthcare Industry Council (OBHIC) Programs (NATSAP). **Hallows is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional in**
Jennifer Batty	Office Manager	Batty has been with Aspen since 2003. HEAL chose not to do a background/licensure verifica licenses.
Mary Bruce	Admin Asst.	She is also the "student mail coordinator". Started with Aspen in 2000. **Bruce is not a license**
Millie Anderson	Resource Specialist	Anderson has been with Aspen Education Group since 1995. **Anderson is not a licensed mer**
Kori Brown	Admissions	Brown has been with Aspen since 1996. **Brown is not a licensed mental health nor medical**
Kirsten Bolt	Wilderness Therapist	Bolt has been with Aspen since 2004. Kirsten Leigh Bolt (may be a different person) earned h therapist since August, 2011 in UT. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Jacob Christenson	Therapist	As a student he interned at the Comprehensive Clinic at Brigham Young University. From ther year. He left Wasatch Mental Health to begin working for the Center for Family Preservation a person) earned his degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from BYU in 2003. This contradic UT is Jacob Dustin Christenson (may be a different person) and he has solely been licensed as https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Troy Faddis	Clinical Director	Troy is currently serving as a board member for the Utah Association for Marriage and Family September, 2003. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Julie Jeffery	Admin. Clinical Asst.	Jeffery came to Aspen in 2000. **Jeffery is not a licensed mental health nor medical professi**
Ken Murphy	Therapist	Began working at Aspen in 1993. Formerly with Aspen Youth Alternatives in UT and The Oal clinical mental health counselor in UT and has been since February, 2009. He earned his degr without any legitimate qualifications. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html. "The Justice Department announced today that the University of Phoenix has agreed to pay the Claims Act. This case began as a whistleblower action filed in the Eastern District of Californ United States and to share in any recovery. Whistleblowers Mary Hendow and Julie Behn, two while in violation of statutory and regulatory provisions prohibiting post-secondary schools fr students recruited. Though the United States did not intervene in this action, the Government p the-court briefs when the case was on appeal to the Ninth Circuit. The two whistleblowers will The University of Phoenix does not have the specialized accreditation necessary for degrees in nursing degrees.
Aaron Shaw	Therapist	Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Interpersonal Communication, University of South Florida Master of Arts (MA) in Mental Health and Rehabilitation Counseling, University of South Flo In progress: Doctorate (PhD) in Marriage and Family Therapy, Brigham Young University Notice all qualifications come from Florida and BYU. Both Florida and Utah colleges particip wilderness treatment models. HEAL requires the middle name of Aaron Shaw in order to verify his professional licensure.
Lucy Taylor	Supervisor	**Taylor no longer appears to be working for Aspen.** HEAL requires Taylor's full name (incl
Janette Hiskey	Financial Manager	Janette Hiskey has been the Financial Manager of Aspen Achievement Academy since Novem personnel are generally not expected to hold any professional licenses.
Larry Bray	Program Director	In May of 2004 I became the Academic Director at Aspen Ranch School in Loa, UT. I became **mental health nor medical professional. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.**
Clare Cady	Asst. Field Director	Has been with Aspen since 2006. **Cady is not a licensed mental health nor medical profess**
Brad Farmer	Field Director	Has been with Aspen since 2004. **Farmer is not a licensed mental health nor medical profe**
Stephen Marty	Asst. Field Director	He moved to Utah in fall of 1997 where he spent 3 years at Aspen Ranch. He has been with As **not a licensed mental health nor medical professional. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv**
Nate Anderson	Wilderness Field Instructor	Anderson formerly worked for an unnamed wilderness and an unnamed residential facility.* A **https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**

Adam Berk	Wilderness Field Instructor	Berk has been with Aspen since 2007. **Berk is not a licensed mental health nor medical pro**
Matt Bohrnsen	Wilderness Field Instructor	Bohrnsen's Aspen profile from their website stated: ***Relevant Training History:*** *Ex wilderness student (122 days) in the field as a student* ----- Or "From: "Matthew Bohr To: <inf Sent: Wednesc Subj This is my final request that you remove my name from you site... I have collected references, as you probably know you complaint with the WA bar was quickly shut down, you our libel, the 1 admenment is crap... I will not let this continue, and will file a major lawsuit, where yo to let you know, my attorney is no longer involved because of you bs complaint, i hope that ma to the feds, and this is internet libel. I know you are a pissed of child from a program Any contact can not come from you aren't a real lawyer, not the faker one you gave be M Internal V Matt Bohrnsen has been harassing HEAL and threatening to sue us if we don't remove his nam was listed in the parentcheckin public staff information. As a courtesy only, we removed the o month ago. Now, he is harassing us again. We've offered him every opportunity to submit a st us that he no longer works for and will never again work for fraudulent and abusive programs. typical character of people who engage in wrongdoing and we hope he will come to his senses in good faith and with the intention to protect children and families from fraud and abuse. **Bohrnsen is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional. Source: https://secure**
Tiana Brown	Wilderness Field Instructor	She has worked as a wilderness instructor for Summit Achievement in Maine, a wilderness pro **Brown is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional. Source: https://secure.ut**
Robert Donaldson	Wilderness Field Instructor	He has been with Aspen since 2001 and formerly worked at The Oakley School. **Donaldson i** **https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**
Emily Ferris	Wilderness Field Instructor	Formerly worked for: Assistant Crew Leader – Leadership Development Program, 13 weeks throughout WA, ID, and Breaking Down The Walls Leader Peace Jam Mentor **Ferris no longer appears to be working for Aspen. Ferris is not a licer**
Aaron Galvas	Wilderness Field Instructor	Galvas has been with Aspen since 2008. Went to college in Utah. **Galvas is not a licensed m**
Billy Giblin	Wilderness Field Instructor	He first came to work at Aspen Academy in August 1993. He worked there for two and a half for adjudicated youth, Aspen Youth Alternatives, in its startup year, and he worked for a short guide, and then he worked for the Outward Bound School, the Boulder Outdoor Survival Scho **working for Aspen. Giblin is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional. Sour**
Kai Girard	Wilderness Field Instructor	Formerly an instructor with Outward Bound. Started with Aspen in 2006. **Girard no longer** **Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**
Adrianne Herzog	Wilderness Field Instructor	Herzog has been at Aspen since March, 2009. **Herzog is not a licensed mental health nor m**
Zach Hessler	Wilderness Field Instructor	Hessler has been at Aspen since 2002. **Hessler is not a licensed mental health nor medical**
Jack Huther	Wilderness Field Instructor	Formerly worked for Youth Corps. Has worked at Aspen since 2007. **Huther is not a license**
Amanda Kays	Wilderness Field Instructor	Has worked at Aspen since 2007. **Kays no longer appears to be working for Aspen. Kays i** **https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**
Stephen Keavenly	Wilderness Field Instructor	Keavenly has worked at Aspen since 2006. **Keavenly is not a licensed mental health nor me**
Morgan Koenig	Wilderness Field Instructor	Koenig has been with Aspen since 2007. **Koenig is not a licensed mental health nor medica**
Julie Lachance	Wilderness Field Instructor	Formerly worked for New Horizons in Springfield, ME. Lachance has been with Aspen since **health nor medical professional. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**
Stephen Lamas	Wilderness Field Instructor	Lamas has been with Aspen since April, 2009. **Lamas is not a licensed mental health nor m**
Kate Magargal	Wilderness Field Instructor	Magargal has been with Aspen since April, 2009. **Magargal no longer appears to be workin** **https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**
Travis Manning	Wilderness Field Instructor	Training/background--National Outdoor Leadership School, NOLS Wilderness Instructor / Camp Counselor, SOAR L.L.C Manning has been with Aspen since 2007. **Manning is not a licensed mental health nor me**
Heather McCartin	Wilderness Field Instructor	Formerly of London, England (worked at some residential programs abroad, no specifics). **M** **https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**

Heather McMonagle	Wilderness Field Instructor	McMonagle has been with Aspen since 2006. **McMonagle is not a licensed mental health n**
Jason Pronovost	Wilderness Field Instructor	Outward Bound (1997) participant and formerly worked for Hurricane Island School. He has **Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**
Caitlin Riley	Wilderness Field Instructor	75 Day Leadership Course, National Outdoor Leadership School – New Zealand (NOLS) Has **no longer appears to be working for Aspen. Riley is not a licensed mental health nor me**
Greg Ryan	Wilderness Field Instructor	Ryan has been with Aspen since May, 2009. **Ryan no longer appears to be working for Asp https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**
Jason Schulz	Wilderness Field Instructor	Started at Aspen in 2008. **Schulz is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional.**
Lynsey Shelar	Wilderness Field Instructor	Co-Instructor for Himalaya Keti – Three Sisters Organization, Nepal – 2005 Shelar has been **mental health nor medical professional. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.**
Rob Trout Jr.	Wilderness Field Instructor	"Graduate" of Colorado Outward Bound School in Leadville, CO. He was employed by Camp since 2005. **Trout is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional. Source: https**
Grey Walter	Wilderness Field Instructor	Walter has been with Aspen since 2002. There is a Samuel Grey Walter (may be a different pe https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Bryan Wilkinson	Wilderness Field Instructor	Wilkinson has been with Aspen since 2008. **Wilkinson is not a licensed mental health nor n**
Scott Wiseman	Wilderness Field Instructor	He worked on animation projects for PBS Kids and the Disney Channel. Summer of 2008, he first learned of Aspen Achievement Academy from one of my instructors, a former field staff. **Wiseman is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional. Source: https://secure**
Kalon Wright	Wilderness Field Instructor	**Relevant Training History:** 21-day Leadership Course, Outward Bound West, 87-day Leadership Course, National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), That's it and not good enough... Wright has been with Aspen since 2008. **Wright is not a lice**
Colleen Chappell	Nurse	She started as the Nurse / RN for Aspen Ranch in 1996. She left Aspen Ranch after 2 years an the Medication Coordinator / RN in 2003. She is also a Weight Watchers Leader. Chappell is https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html
Sandy New	Medical Director	Sandy has been involved with Aspen Academy since 1992. **New is not a licensed mental hea**
Gay Brown	Operations Director	Started with Aspen in 1995 as a paid kidnapper/"escort." **Brown is not a licensed mental hea**
Roy Brown	Driver	"Escort"/Transportation. Has been with Aspen since 2000. **Brown is not a licensed mental h**
Corinne Jensen	Logistics	She is also known as "unit 8". She also works with Talmage Moosman on unit 6. **Jensen is n https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**
Randy Jenson	Food Services	Has worked for Aspen since 2003.* HEAL chose not to do a background/licensure verificatio
Jolene Johnson	Escort	Has worked for Aspen since 2007. **Johnson no longer appears to be working for Aspen.** H
Sharlene Menefee	Escort	Has worked for Aspen since 2003. **Menefee is not a licensed mental health nor medical pr**
Talmage Moosman	Logistics	Has worked at Aspen for over 10 years (since the late 1990s). **Moosman is not a licensed me**
Jerry Torgerson	Escort	He has been an escort for Aspen for about 3½ years. (their site report as of July 31st, 2009) **T medical professional. Source: https://secure.utah.gov/llv/search/index.html**
Matt Webster	Logistics Support	There is no further info.* **Webster is not a licensed mental health nor medical professiona**
Hansel Halverson	Therapist	Halverson also worked at SUWS of the Carolinas for several years and returned to Utah to wo Mental Health Counselor and has been only since May, 2010 in UT. Source: https://secure.uta
Stacy Hamilton	Therapist	Stacy Lynn Hamilton (may be a different person) is a licensed marriage and family therapist in
Kate Brown	Human Resources Mgr.	Brown also works for Passages. HEAL requires Brown's full name in order to perform a profe
Julia Fairchild	Field Instructor	**Fairchild is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional. Source: https://secure**
Jennifer Frye	Field Instructor	**Frye is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional. Source: https://secure.utah**
Cara Haaga	Field Instructor	**Haaga is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional. Source: https://secure.ut**
Nathan Martin	Field Instructor	**Martin is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional. Source: https://secure.u**
Rose Smith	Field Instructor	HEAL requires Smith's full name in order to verify whether or not Smith holds any profession
Eli Spikell	Field Instructor	**Spikell is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional. Source: https://secure.u**
Johanna Stangland	Field Instructor	**Stangland is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional. Source: https://secur**
Jared Wolcott	Field Instructor	**Wolcott is not a licensed mental health nor medical professional. Source: https://secure.u**
John Dupuy	Founder/Coordinator	Dupuy was with this program from 2000 through id=kuIDAAAAMBAJ&pg;=PA93&lpg;=PA93&dq;=%22john+dupuy%22+resume+backpack aUbuRKYnK0wHxrwE&ved;=0CCsQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q;=%22john%20dupuy%22%2

Joanna Bettman	Staff	Reportedly worked at this facility in 1994.
Shawn Olsen Hazboun	Field Instructor (2010)	Shawn is a woman.

*(Aspen Achievement Academy, like many other programs in this industry, keeps a "tight lid" on any specific information regarding firsthand knowledge or experience. Thank you for your help.)

Survivor Statement--M.S.

Survivor Statement--H.E.

To View Video Clips of Abuse at Aspen Achievement Academy, Click Here & Here.

Survivor Statement--Willow G.

Aspen Achievement Academy is an Aspen Education Group program. Thomas J. Croke, Educational Consultant, has denounced Asp

Aspen Achievement Academy uses controversial "Positive Control Systems" Methods based out of Utah.

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HEAL SPECIAL RE

ASPEN ACHIEVEMENT

ENROLLMENT AGREEMI

HEAL has found multiple problems with Aspen Achievement Academy's enrollment agreement including Aspen Achievement Academy is running a money-making scam on families in need of assistance. We will (AAA) enrollment agreement (as was downloaded from aspenacademy.com on September 19th, 2010 agreement in full throughout this review, and, we advise readers to scroll back and/or open the enrollme contextualization is preferred. This is an independent review and if you are in need of legal assistance or a

Enrollment Agreement (Page B)

"AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OR DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH INFORMATION"

"This form is a RELEASE OF INFORMATION FORM. Completion of this document authorizes the dis consistent with State and Federal law concerning the privacy of such information. Failure to provide all infc

HEAL's Questions/Concerns

Throughout much of the enrollment agreement, the impression is made that Aspen Achievement Acade "Outdoor Youth Treatment". The state of Utah has made recent changes to their laws, some of which seen laws state that programs lasting for more than one-month require an educational component and that th agreement AAA claims that a minimum stay of 35 days is required. This is beyond one month and by law State Board of Education. Of course, Utah is known for its lax laws in regards to programs and a lax enfor State Board of Education. However, AAA claims on their website (aspenacademy.com/acaunder.html on both misleading and deceptive marketing on the part of Aspen Achievement Academy.

Enrollment Agreement (Page C)

"Information disclosed pursuant to this authorization could be re-disclosed by the recipient and might no lor

"This form may not be used to release both psychotherapy notes and other types of health information...I form must be used to authorize release of any other health information."

"If authorization is for use or disclosure of PHI for research, including the creation and maintenance of a re language is sufficient."

HEAL's Questions/Concerns

Throughout much of the enrollment agreement, the impression is made that Aspen Achievement Acade Department of Health and is not regulated by the Utah Department of Health which is charged with enfo private records to AAA, you have likely already agreed to their disclosing that information to anyone t information is implied by the language of much of this contract, these brief passages disclose to you the Academy. These seeming contradictions suggest misleading and deceptive practices.

In the second segment above, AAA begins revealing the likelihood of your child being used in a research program involuntarily and is likely being denied anything in the form of legitimate informed consent, this is a

Enrollment Agreement (Page D)

"For the purpose of paying all or part of monies owing to ASPEN EDUCATION GROUP for services it has c

"Notwithstanding the above, undersigned's liability will not be reduced until ASPEN EDUCATION GROUP h patient's disability may be such that no benefit payments will be payable under the policy specified above."

"Such information may include psychiatric evaluations, diagnoses, history and physical examination re information."

"We will do our best to process the prescription and medical expenses under your insurance, but please doctors/clinics."

HEAL's Questions/Concerns

Aspen Achievement Academy implies it is providing clinical and/or professional mental and/or medical hea AAA is not licensed by the Utah Department of Health and is not a recognized mental or medical health pro

Also, information they claim to share includes "program notes" and "psychiatric evaluations". Previously separate consent. But, in this section again we see that such information is shared in seeming violation agreement itself.

Here we also see the inference that some insurance carriers do not recognize Aspen Achievement Acad means this program will likely cost you thousands of dollars. This may be acceptable to you, but, when y choosing against AAA.

Enrollment Agreement (Page E)

"There is just too much dust and wind and contact lenses increase the risk for an eye infection."

"If your child needs to have Epi-pens available for allergic reaction, please send two (2) in their prescription

"Please get any dental problems taken care of before your student is admitted to our program."

HEAL's Questions/Concerns

How much dust and wind will a child be exposed to at AAA? Are eye infections common? How often do ch

This page of the agreement states "Do not send over the counter medications. We will provide meds such that must be provided by the family. However, this is contradicted on page "F" as Epi-pens are clair subcontractors prescribe medications to children in their program? Will parents be consulted prior to the a what circumstances?

If a child needs oral care while in the program (i.e. broken tooth), will the program insure they see a dentist

Enrollment Agreement (Page F)

"We have the following over the counter medications available for your child while he/she is a student in o (Epi-Kit) for severe allergic reaction..."

In both pages "E" and "F" of the agreement, the children in the program are referred to as students, not accredited by the Utah State Board of Education.

Also, we see above that Epi-Kits are provided by AAA and therefore that statement seems to contradict the

Enrollment Agreement (Page G & H)

"POWER OF ATTORNEY"

"KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT, that I/we _____(the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and hereafter and operates the program known as Aspen Achievement Academy, that I/we are the true and lawful at execute this Power of Attorney for the purpose of providing custodial care, educational, therapeutic and cli as the "Program")."

"Without limiting or qualifying the general Power of Attorney granted and delegated by Sponsor to Aspen in

"To provide or obtain all medical, dental, psychiatric treatment and hospital care, and to authorize a physici

"To guide and discipline the Student as deemed necessary and reasonable by Aspen (but not to include ph

"To physically restrain the Student should he/she become a danger to himself/herself or to anyone else, as

"To allow the Student to participate in all activities that may risk physical injury or illness."

"To search the person and personal effects of the Student at any time as Aspen Education Group in its di be contraband or counterproductive to the Student's successful completion of the Program. The search of include a "strip search" of all or any portions of Student's body, including cavities in which contraband coulc

"To restrict the Student's access to telephone calls, visitors, and delivered materials."

"FamilyIQ' 4 CD series"

HEAL's Questions/Concerns

Many programs in the industry require a limited power of attorney. And, we remind parents that they c includes the right to be protected against unreasonable searches and seizures. For more information, se you need legal advice, consult an attorney.

In addition, in other areas of the contract (to be discussed below), AAA limits all liability for harms up to seems unconscionable that a program would demand such authority over a child while taking no respon bargain?

It is reasonable for the program to request the power to obtain medical care in the event it is required. statements are contradictory.

The use of physical restraint is a form of physical punishment as is using pressure points and other torture The program will argue that they have to get the kids from one destination to another for their own "safety the children in the program. This is not the intent of laws preventing or limiting the use of physical restr restraint. Any "threat" that involves a slow-down in the hike or delay in reaching destinations should be regulating the use of restraint. In addition, AAA does not limit the use of physical restraint to just the even pages of the contract. The claim that they don't use physical punishment and that they do use restraint deceptive practices.

It is a serious concern that the child's contact with the outside world is severely limited by the program. Wh access to a phone in the event of an emergency or even simply the need to talk to "Mom or Dad"? Feder their rights. These are all serious concerns.

FamilyIQ was created by Mark Hobbins, senior vice president and chief marketing officer of Aspen Educ "system" and the lack of reference on FamilyIQ to its Aspen Education Group connection really suggests Aspen Education Group has been facing extensive criticism for their practices. Children have died and b something that suggests Aspen should be avoided.

Enrollment Agreement (Pages I & J)

"Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), Aspen Education Group a your "protected health information" (referred to in this Notice as "PHI" or "health information")."

"In addition, these entities, sites, and locations may share health information with each other for treatment,

"RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASPEN EDUCATION GROUP AND ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES"

"Make sure that health information that identifies you is kept private (with certain exceptions)"

"Follow the terms of this Notice that are currently in effect"

"We may use or disclose your protected health information without your authorization as follows in relation of other health care organizations (as allowed by law) including providers and plans."

"We may use or disclose your protected health information without your authorization as follows in relatio and organizations that help us with our business activities. (Note: If we share your health information with o

"We may use or disclose your protected health information without your authorization for legal and/or g security--To the military (if you are a member of the armed forces), and to authorized federal officials for na

"We may also use or disclose your protected health information without your authorization in the followin ma use and disclose your name, the location at which you are receiving care, your general condition (e.g research purposes provided that certain steps are taken to protect your privacy. For example, a research p medication to those who received another, for the same condition..."

"USES AND DISCLOSURES OF YOUR PROTECTION HEALTH INFORMATION BY ASPEN THAT REQ sections above, we will use and disclose your health information only with your written authorization."

HEAL's Questions/Concerns

The above goes into additional information regarding to whom or with whom AAA can disclose or discus important to notice that the terms apply "that are currently in effect". This language implies that there m HIPAA compliant means nothing since HIPAA laws generally do not apply to entities that are not licensed provable and would arguably not be "in effect". It seems a shifty way to suggest confidentiality while avoid Utah.

The sixth segment above begs some questions be asked of AAA: "What do you mean by "support our b benefit to AAA or Aspen Education Group? If my child is included in a research study conducted by AAA, such a study?

Regarding the seventh segment, can families expect the same treatment of their privacy from other organi if enough independent organizations signed confidentiality or privacy agreements, could your private infor (i.e. an employer)

The eighth paragraph is a concern as many of the practices (i.e. forcing children to "wipe" with frozer Expeditions, another Aspen wilderness program) may be considered a form of torture. Does AAA run "i POWs? Is this a possible and/or probable explanation for this clause? Generally, schools and other institu needed, would not need to be disclosed in a contract. This is what leads us to believe that the research at

Is it appropriate to include so much personal information about participants in a facility directory? And, is it

HEAL did not include every instance in which AAA claims it can and/or will disclose your protected health i information.

Enrollment Agreement (Page L)

"This agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between Aspen Achievement Academy, LLC, a De program..."

"Assuming the Student is accepted into the Program, the term of this Agreement shall be _____Days, w Attorney in the form received and executed by Sponsor, temporary custody of the Student to Aspen for the by giving written notice to the other party...or until the Student attains the age of eighteen (18), unless the jurisdiction."

"The Student is accepted with the expectation that the Student will complete the entire Program. Unless and no cents ($465.00) per day, a non-refundable Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars ($2,400.00) enrolln

"At the time of admission, private pay sponsors shall pay the full initial amount of the student's scheduled s

"The program is not in a position to absorb delinquent insurance balances. The program reserves the righ contracted insurance provider must provide the program with pre-approval by the insurer at the time of ad the contracted insurance fails to pay within 60 days of submission of a claim, Sponsor shall pay the amou cost, including the enrollment fee, at the time of admission."

HEAL's Questions/Concerns

What does Aspen mean by "outdoor adolescent therapy program"? And, what school credits will be earne "alternative school" in its promotional materials? Why is no mention made of school or educational provisio

The issues with the Power of Attorney form were covered above. We included much of this section to sl some, if not most, insurance carriers won't cover Aspen Achievement Academy, this is a pretty steep pric This will be developed throughout this review.

Also, AAA mentions it accepts adjudicated youth and court-ordered youth. This suggests that they may be violations of children's rights by strip-searching them without probable cause is a serious concern.

Enrollment Agreement (Page M)

"Upon written approval by the program, the Sponsor of a student who is admitted within 48 hours of t agreement...If payment for the remainder of the agreed upon minimum length of stay has not been receive

"A cancellation received less than seven (7) days prior to the arrival date will result in a 50% refund."

"If Sponsor withdraws Student before expiration of the minimum period of enrollment without the recom minimum stay."

"In addition to the Program fee, Sponsor agrees to pay for the following expenses of the Student: transport period before commencement of the Program and/or after completion of the Program; all medical, dental, h items specified in the Student Clothing/Equipment List. Sponsors are also responsible for any additional location (i.e. airport, doctor's appointment or special event). Sponsors are responsible for the cost of any by a contracted psychologist."

"Sponsor agrees to accept full responsibility for (1) the repair, or replacement of any property damaged, de any third party, and (2) any personal injury to any Aspen personnel, other students or third parties caused, expenses, including legal fees."

"In the event the Student runs away from the Program, Aspen will make every reasonable effort to find the the expenses incurred by Aspen in finding and returning the Student will be made to the Sponsor who agre

"Aspen is not liable for any loss of or damage to any of the Student's property."

"Sponsor agrees and consents that Aspen's subcontracting certain services to be rendered under this Agre services, at no additional cost to Sponsor unless otherwise agreed to by both parties. Aspen is not respor from any liability arising from such services. All clinicians furnishing services to the Student, including any independent contractors with the client and are not employees of Aspen. The Student is under the care a clinician to obtain the Sponsor's informed consent, when required, for medical, surgical, or psychiatric tre Student under the general and special instructions of the clinician."

"ASSUMPTION OF RISKS; RELEASES AND INDEMNITIES. Sponsor acknowledges serious hazards an ranch, agricultural, and vocational activities, emotional and physical injuries, illness or death that may aris the elements, plants and animals, running away from the Program, "acts of God" (nature)...stress, invol

Program's field location(s)....Sponsor understands that accidents occur during such activities due to the n
are voluntarily participating in the Programs with knowledge of the dangers involved and agree to accept ar

"In consideration for being permitted to participate in the Programs, Sponsor agrees to not sue, to assum
predecessors, successors, officers, directors, trustees, insurers, employees, managers, agents, volunteers
related or affiliated business entities including, but not limited to, Aspen Achievement Academy, Aspen Ed
above persons and entities shall be referred to as the "Released Parties" hereafter) who, through negligen
under theories of contract or tort law." [This section ends on page "N" of the contract.]

HEAL's Questions/Concerns

If you change your mind about Aspen after already signing the agreement, you can get 50% of your mon
your child. But, if you remove your child from the program, you forfeit nearly $20,000. This agreement
circumstance in which parents would be less likely to make the wise choice of early termination of the agre

It is a concern that the "therapeutic" services of the program are optional and appear to come at an additio
will be charged additional fees for psychiatric and psychological testing and services. But, in the 8th segm
confusing language and contradictory.

The fifth segment is reasonable, or would be reasonable, if Aspen's program did not intentionally provo
reasonable for AAA to demand parents accept liability for their child's actions resulting in damage to peopl
and not provoking angry outbursts through humiliation or physical assault of the children. Since it has be
clause may raise concern for families. AAA should insure against such incidents through good business pr
or facility. It is wrong to solely place liability with the parents who are entrusting the supervision and car
incidents of this nature to insure that they are not being stuck with a bill that is not their own or their child's.

Even though Aspen demands full power of attorney and custody of your child, they do not accept any
Foundation at least assume 50% of the financial responsibility in such events. Anasazi is troublesome t
regards to such responsibility seems more appropriate or fair given the circumstances. And, Aspen's p
nothing but debt and heartache for families.

AAA is free to steal from your child as a result of the clause freeing them of liability for lost or damaged p
property at elderly-care facilities are equally as common. It is always a good idea to keep any items of pec

In addition, AAA demands control of what "independent contractors" will be utilized and granted the fees
provided by the contractors they deem "properly qualified". And, since they are asking you trust their juc
liable for faults found with their judgment in the event harm or other violations occur. But, they demand y
responsibility on the outside or "subcontracted" clinician for the supervision and care of your child which
likely give permission in your stead with your permission protecting everyone else from any liability for a
unconscionable contract with many unconscionable terms.

The above also states that risks of emotional (i.e. psychological) and physical harm are inherent to the pro
supplies and/or improper supplies for warmth/hydration/etc. is likely to result in physical harm and is
psychological and emotional harm should not be an inherent risk and stating that it is reveals the harmful n

Stating that the child is voluntarily participating in the program is an open lie and contradicted by the sectio
H. Again, we remind parents that they have the right to sign away their own rights, but, no
online.org/legalarguments.htm.

And, repeatedly stated is that the parents waive their rights to pursue legal action even in the event of s
harm in participating in the program.

Enrollment Agreement (Page N)

"Sponsor intends by this Waiver and Release to release, in advance, and to waive his or her rights and
damages for death, personal injury, or property damage which Sponsor may have, or which may hereaf
though that liability may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being
controlled by them or because of their possible liability without fault. Additionally, Sponsor covenants not t
or Student as a result of their participation in any aspect of the Programs...Released Parties shall be exem

"Sponsor acknowledges that Sponsor, and Sponsor alone, is solely responsible for Student's personal heal

"Sponsor understands that it is ultimately Sponsor's responsibility to provide payment to any hospital/emer
to Student as a result of injury/illness during the Programs."

"Sponsor agrees to indemnify the Released Parties from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, de known or unknown (the "Liabilities") arising out of or in connection with claims and/or actions relating to o arising out of the Minor's participation in the Program."

"Sponsor hereby authorizes Aspen personnel to search the person and personal effects of the Student at a discretion, require Student to remove all of his or her clothing and may search Student's entire person. authorized to confiscate any and all items deemed by Aspen to be contraband or counterproductive to confiscated by Aspen shall be left to the sole discretion of Aspen."

"Sponsor hereby authorizes Aspen personnel to physically restrain, control, and detain the Student by th including but not limited to escorting the Student to and from the Program's location, returning the Student the Student's own safety or the safety of others."

"Sponsor hereby authorizes Aspen to use data from the Student's records, tests and assessments for pur confidential and not used in any published materials."

HEAL's Questions/Concerns

HEAL thinks it is important for families to understand the indemnity clauses placing them in the position program. Many families have lost their children in programs similar to AAA and some of these deaths occ Oregon before it "voluntarily" suspended operations as the death(s) are investigated by authorities. These are responsible, how they will feel with nowhere to turn for justice. Be careful and always seriously consid you would like legal help, please consult an attorney.

Strip-searching without probable cause is a violation of the civil rights of the child. Assuming every child Searching children at "any time" suggests such searches are used as a form of humiliation as opposed to b

Using restraint to detain and control the child while in the program also shows that the program is not "vo physical force. Congress is working on legislation (HR 4247, the "Keeping All Students Safe Act of 2010") injury and death.

Again, AAA references the use of your child and/or your child's data in "ongoing research". What is this r information will be used? If not, why not? Informed consent to participate in any research includes knowi again suggests possible violations of the Nuremberg Code (International Human Rights Laws).

Enrollment Agreement (Pages O & P)

"In the event that Aspen elects to terminate the Student pursuant to the terms of this paragraph, Sponsor u

"Sponsor agrees to attend the seminar for parents and guardians of the students conducted by Aspen a throughout the Program, in order to maximize the benefits of the Program for the Student and the Sponsor.

"If an escort is required to bring the Student to Utah for the Program, Sponsor agrees that any escort or Aspen, is in all respects an independent contractor contracting directly with Sponsor. Sponsor agrees negligence or failure thereof."

"Sponsor warrants that the Student is presently covered, and will for the duration of the Program be cove any accident, injury or illness that the Student may suffer or incur during the Program. Whatever deduct Sponsor."

"Sponsor warrants that the Student is a minor, both by age and as a matter of law, that the Student does n state of residence permit Sponsor to place the Student in the Program without the Student's consent."

"In the event that either party is found in default or material breach of any specific promise, term, or conc jurisdiction, said party shall be liable to pay all reasonable attorneys' fee, court costs and other related rights hereunder in said arbitration and/or court proceeding(s). In addition, Sponsor agrees to compensat with those matters concerning which Sponsor has agreed to pay or indemnify Aspen herein."

"This Agreement, and all matters relating hereto, including any matter or dispute arising between the p enforced in according to the laws of the State of California; and the Parties consent and submit to th California...The parties acknowledged that this agreement constitutes a business transaction within the Sta

"The parties authorize the release of the Student's information via E-mail, Internet technology, voice mail no responsibility for the mis-transmission that could result in information becoming available to someone ot

HEAL's Questions/Concerns

And, of course, if for some reason Aspen terminates the agreement and/or you decide it was a bad dec him/her from the program, you lose all the money you paid to AAA. Now, if AAA isn't, which they don't app includes both physical abuse and humiliating verbal attacks, then you should be due a refund. The compa the contract may mean the difference between proving fraudulent inducement (i.e. misleading advertising (i.e. the terms of the enrollment agreement). If you pulled your child from the program and believe you are

HEAL recommends that parents ask what Aspen means by "full cooperation". If you witness abuse and try violation of the "full cooperation" clause? This is likely how AAA sees it. And, anyone who demands full c of that individual or family.

Aspen again refuses to take any responsibility for "independent contractors" to whom they refer or subjec can best govern the "treatment" of a child, they would be considered responsible, at least in part, for any benefit whether financial or promotional by referring and subcontracting with those to whom they refer? If s an illusory contract with contrary and unconscionable terms throughout. This is not the way honest people

In the fifth segment above, Aspen again reiterates how the program is not voluntary for the child. So, this in the program. This is clearly not the case.

The sixth segment above seems more a tool of intimidation to frighten you from pursuing legal action by h claims. This seems unconscionable.

Also, why are disputes regarding a program in Utah being limited to California? Since AAA chooses to cor able to be sued from the home-state of their dissatisfied clients. If they do not wish to assume the risk of other states.

And, we see AAA again stating they accept no responsibility for violations of your confidentiality or privacy.

Enrollment Agreement (Pages R-T)

"PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING/Optional"

"Behavioral: Screen for substance abuse...Screen for risk of self-harm, aggression, and treatment compliа illegal, or violate the rights of others or major social values."

"Aspen Education Group has my permission to release information to any professional who is working with

"Hartman Color Code"

"The University of Rhode Island Change Assessment (URICA)"

"Information about how to prepare for a successful transition following your child's wilderness experience w support."

"I understand that the information to be released or disclosed may include those relating to sexually tran authorize the release or disclosure of this information after having specifically considering and expressly wa

HEAL's Questions/Concerns

Our concern with the discussion on "behavioral" screening is that these "screenings" take place when a those doing the screening. Therefore, someone exhibiting "shyness" may be confused or subjectively de screener. Also, does AAA consider homosexuality a violation of "major social values"? If so, this would be

What does Aspen mean by "professional"? Would they include staff that do not hold a professional deg programs not working directly with your child?

Parents have the right to waive their own rights, but, not the rights of their minor children. This would argu children. For more information, see www.heal-online.org/legalarguments.htm. This appears to be an illega apply and a requirement showing that even if they do, you waive those rights by signing the "consent" form

How common is it for children to be referred to long-term care facilities following this wilderness program? after being in one of your programs? What is the longest period a child has spent in Aspen programs and/c

HEAL asks many of the above questions because it is not infrequently reported that children entering a pr until reaching adulthood. Often the younger children's parents believed the program to be a summer sch parent into further "treatment" options as long as the financing is available. It is our concern that pro imprisonment of children in other programs.

URICA is run by the Cancer Prevention Research Center. It is highly likely that the requirements of URICA child's participation in these "screenings" are involuntary, they will likely not lead to legitimate findings o Using the questionnaire provided for free on a college website is not the same as being trained in that fie claimed "expert analytic tools" by amateurs or alleged frauds like Aspen.

Enrollment Agreement (Pages U-X)

"Attached, please find Form ICPC-100A and 100B (the Interstate Compact Placement Request Form). T child is coming into their state as a temporary resident. It, in turn, notifies your home state that your chil should your child ever be in need of government services, the receiving state (Utah) is agreeing to provide

"Type of Care Requested:...Residential Treatment Center"

HEAL's Questions/Concerns

HEAL does not believe that Aspen Achievement Academy qualifies as a Residential Treatment Center ac "Residential Treatment Center" in relation to Interstate Compact Placement Request forms:

"Residential Treatment Center: a group care facility which provides a specific treatment program outsid retarded or mentally ill; e.g., a residential program for the treatment of alcohol/drug abuse. The receiving (Taken from ocfs.state.ny.us on September 20th, 2010)

So, based on the above, this contradicts the statements made by Aspen Achievement Academy that Utah form. This is a blatantly false statement as Utah has made no such agreement and/or no such agreement is not obligated to supervise this type of placement" openly contradicts the statement made by Aspen tha statements, deception, and more await those looking to do business with Aspen Achievement Academy.

HEAL sincerely and heartily suggests you do not place your child in Aspen Achievement Academy and resc

Officials step up search for dead teenager's friend: ... Ramsey and her mother appeared on a Dr. Phil show about runaways. It aired C Academy for Wilderness Therapy, which apparently didn't work." A news release from the Aspen Education Group's Web site talks rebellious teen who's angry and bucking the system, and bucking controls, the truth is, you're really in a lot of pain," Dr. Phil McGra past. She did not know whether there was any criminal connection, and the Galveston County sheriff's deputy in charge of the case c said. "If they have a killer on the loose (volunteers) just want to make sure their kids are accounted for." "Obviously Kimberlee is e phone," Gibson said. Ramsey was wearing blue jeans, a blue football jersey and black house shoes. Ramsey has brown hair with bl information about the case is urged to call Texas EquuSearch at 281-309-9500. Vanegas will be buried today. (Unable to locate stor

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