Because we'd arrived late, we only had time for a short visit at the Ranch before heading back to continue our tour of Gatehouse's main campus. Once back in Wickenburg, we drove over to the admissions building where six groups of parents were attending a family workshop. Gatehouse hosts family workshops at the student's four-month mark, then again every three months or so until graduation. Each group of families who participate in the workshops generally move through the program together. This allows the families to create their own support network throughout their young adult's treatment process.



The main campus of Gatehouse Academy spans over several blocks in downtown Wickenburg. Students live in group homes where they are taught responsibility, life skills, social skills and work ethic, while receiving therapy and clinical services.

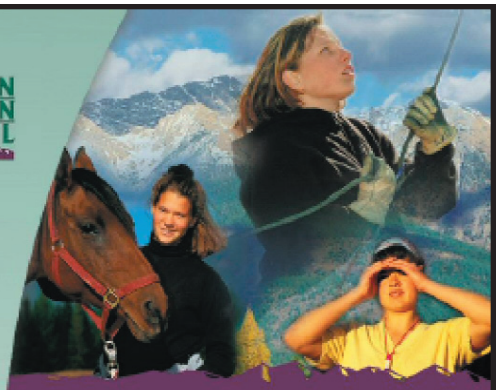
The Gatehouse facility falls under the jurisdiction and scrutiny of the Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Assurance and Licensure Services and Office of Behavioral Health Licensure. Gatehouse is listed in the non-licensed "Level 4 Transitional Agency" category, meaning they receive support to assist clients in managing crisis, or enhancing the client's independent living skills. Gatehouse is also licensed as an outpatient agency for its division of therapeutic and clinical services.

Residents live at the main campus for approximately nine months after completing the ranch portion of the program, after which they are eligible for the four-month Internship Program. Upon completion of the Internship Program, if they express an interest, interns may apply as Junior Staff, which allows them to actively participate in all departments at Gatehouse. The main campus houses up to 70 residents where the young adults continue their work on the 12-Step program and begin working on academics. Both high school and college tracks are available to students. A couple of blocks up from the main campus are 25 additional horses the students care for and use in a variety of management tasks.

As we found during our visit, the Gatehouse schedule

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