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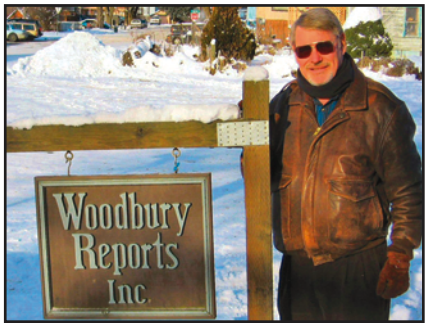
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PARENTS IN THE LOOP

By: Lon Woodbury



How important is the role of parents who have a child in a residential school or program for struggling teens? Very important is the answer to which private parent-choice schools and programs are coming. While parent involvement is still optional or minimal in most public funded programs (sometimes for good reason), most quality private parent-choice schools and programs are expanding the ways parents can be part of the program.

When I first started with a private parent-choice emotional growth school in 1984, many of the staff still felt the parents were the enemy. The attitude seemed to be: "You screwed up your kid, give him/her to us and don't bother us, and we'll fix him/her." Despite this holdover from the general attitude of the 1970s, private schools began to realize that parents were the key to success. Some started to initiate parent weekends, parent seminars and other ways to pull the parents into the healing process. That process has grown to where virtually every quality school or program for struggling teens has developed an extensive program for the parents. Sometimes parents work a parallel program

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