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information I received from the students was consistent with the information I received from the staff I interviewed. This consistency showed me that Echo Springs has their appropriate population and program fully defined and well implemented.

The atmosphere at the school was cozy and neighborly, and I felt we could have stayed chatting all day. But alas, all things must come to an end, and Laura and I had to return to work. We said our goodbyes and walked to the car, taking in one more glance at the beautiful property before driving away.

Experience with Echo Springs on a personal level: Several days later, I realized one of the students was a volunteer at my child's preschool. I chatted with him away from campus for awhile, and each time I went to pick up my child he appeared compassionate toward all the children at the school. They all appeared much attached to him as well. I was so impressed with his level of responsibility that I entrusted him with my most prized "possession"... my (then) three-year-old daughter. He recently graduated Phase I and moved on to Phase II in Coeur d'Alene. I wish him the best of luck on the second phase of his new life.

If your mind isn't open, keep your mouth shut too. ~ Sue Grafton

NEW PERSPECTIVES...

[New Perspectives schools and programs are those new to Woodbury Reports, Inc., and are presented to expand your knowledge, with the disclaimer that we know little more about them at this time than what appears here. Inclusion in Places for Struggling Teens™, of course, does not imply any endorsement by Woodbury Reports, Inc. -Lon]

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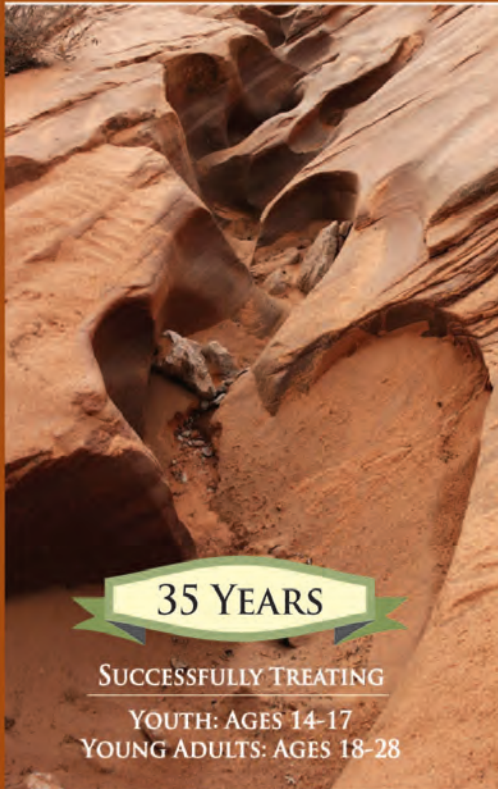
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Elk Creek Academy is a therapeutic boarding school for young men age 14 through 18 who have shown problems with substance abuse, social and family disorders, low self-esteem, learning disorders/behavioral disorders, ADD/ADHD and related clinical disorders. They may have abandonment issues, depression, psychosocial and environmental problems.

Using a 12-Step based program that is Christian oriented, the average completion time for this program is one year. Students attend a non-denominational church each Sunday and participate in a community youth group each week. Academics are provided through Lighthouse Christian Academy

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VALLEYHEAD, INC.

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Valleyhead, Inc. is a residential school for girls and young women ages 12-22 that have poor impulse control, difficult family relationships, low self-esteem, drug and/or alcohol abuse, sexual or physical abuse, or "demonstrate behaviors that fall into a wide range of diagnostic categories including mood, anxiety, psychotic and personality disorders."

Licensed by the Massachusetts Office of Child Care Services and approved by the Massachusetts

Department of Education and the Department of Social Services, Valleyhead's education program includes a balance of academic, vocational and creative arts, with students grouped based on age, instructional levels and emotional needs.

Girls at Valleyhead participate in team sports, community-based youth groups, and cultural events, off campus jobs, family visits and eventual enrollment at the local public high school.

Students receive individual, family and group therapy, and participate in the "adventure-based" counseling program. The Intensive Care Program at Valleyhead is for those who are "at risk for dangerous or unpredictable behaviors" and require 24-hour supervision. Once positive changes have occurred, students transition into the Basic Care Program where they learn to live "independently, productively and safely in a less restrictive setting."

A man is likely to mind his own business when it is worth minding. When it is not, he takes his mind off his own meaningless affairs by minding other people's business.
~ Eric Hoffer



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