

Assisted Psychotherapy, EAGALA, and now the OK Corral Series, Ephraim, UT, 866-391-6565, announced a gathering, titled the Corral Gathering, will take place July 18, 2008 in Nephi, UT.

OXBOW FEATURED ON VIDEO

(May 9, 2008) CBS7 in Odessa, TX, recorded a two-part series covering teenage porn addiction. The videos feature interviews with students and staff of Oxbow Academy, Wales, UT, 435-436-9460.

VALENTINE JOINS MAPLE LAKE ACADEMY

(May 9, 2008) Patti Hollenbeck-Dial, Admissions Director of Maple Lake Academy, Payson, UT, 801-798-7700, announced Logan Valentine is now the Primary Therapist at Maple Lake Academy. Logan is a licensed therapist who has worked clinically with adolescents over the past thirty years and specializes with Aspergers Syndrome, Non Verbal Learning Disabilities, Autism, Bipolar Disorder, Depressive disorders, substance abuse, Tourette's, trauma, psychosis, and comorbidities with these disorders.

PONCA PINES ACADEMY NOW OPEN

(May 9, 2008) Betsy Jacobson-Warren, Executive Director of Ponca Pines Academy, Omaha, NE, 402-457-1420, announced Ponca Pines Academy is now open and serving at-risk young women, ages 17-19. Ponca Pines Academy students may be dealing with issues around adoption, attachment, substance abuse, mental health disorders, trauma, and poor academic performance. Ponca Pines Academy is a new program of Uta Halee Girls Village, which has successfully worked with at risk youth for more than 50 years.

FRIENDS OF FAMILIES HELPS MANY FAMILIES

(May 9, 2008) Jim Powell and Brandi Elliott, Co-Founders of Friends of Families Foundation, Lake Arrowhead, CA, 951-317-3151, announced since the Foundation's inception in 1998, they are proud to have helped dozens of families in need. In 2007 alone, the Foundation supported six families in need. The Foundation's mission is to assist families in achieving stable and productive family lives by ensuring that the necessary funds are available to enable their children to graduate from participating schools and programs.

HILLSTEAD AT SECOND NATURE

(May 11, 2008) Leah Halverson, Admissions for Second Nature Wilderness Program, Duchesne, UT, 866-205-2500, announced David Hillstead, PhD, has returned to Second Nature after a few years at Willow Springs. Dr. Hillstead will run a treatment specific group for adolescent boys with Learning Disabilities and/ or ADD/HD.

GODDARD AT SECOND NATURE ENTRADA

(May 11, 2008) Leah Halverson, Admissions for Second Nature Wilderness Program, Duchesne, UT, 866-205-2500, announced Paul Goddard, PhD, has returned to Second Nature Entrada. Dr. Goddard specializes in clinically complex adolescent girls.

FFS RESPONDS TO MILLER HEARING

(May 12, 2008) Jeff Brain, MA, Vice President for External Relations and Acting Director of Admissions for Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, submitted a response to the Miller Hearings on Bill HR 5876. The Response can be found online.

HARRISON DIRECTOR OF AIM HOUSE WOMEN

(May 12, 2008) Jude Rudolph, Director of Marketing for AIM House, Boulder, CO, 303-554-0011, announced Linda Harrison, MS, LPC, LCAS, MAC, NCC, is the new Program Director of AIM House Women's program.

SOBER COLLEGE ADDICTIONS WORKSHOP

(May 13, 2008) Sober College, Woodland Hills, CA, 818-917-7903, will present The Road To Recovery, a Professional Development Series, June 26, 2008, at 11:00am - 2:30pm, in Houston, TX. Gabrielle Pelicci, PhD, will be the keynote speaker, with an afternoon discussion panel including Brian Brekke, President of Sober College University, Mike Bayer of Mike Bayer & Associates, Michael Yeager, Contemporary Teaching and Ben Dorrington of Wilderness Treatment Center.

HOUSE COMMITTEE SIGNS OFF ON WILDERNESS THERAPY PROGRAMS

(May 14, 2008) An article in the Salt Lake Tribune announced the House panel signed off on House Bill HR 5876 Wednesday. The bill now goes to the full House for vote.

NEWS AT OPEN SKY

(May 14, 2008) Aaron Fernandes, Executive Director of Open Sky Wilderness Therapy, 970-382-8181, announced Admissions Director, Lauren Lollini, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Lucy Grace, on January 17, 2008, and has now returned to her position at Open Sky. Aaron also announced Dr. Jade Wimberley has joined the team as a Naturopathic Physician. In addition, Open Sky formally introduced the "Family Quest" program, an additional service provided for families who are appropriate to do intensive family-systems work while their student is at Open Sky.

CUSTOM YOUTH SERVICES VISITS WRI

(May 15, 2008) Albert Johnson, Founder of Custom Youth Services, Prineville, OR, 541-447-3383, brought an agent, Richard Archuleta, by the Woodbury Reports

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Equine Learning Center Inc., Desert Hills, AZ, 623-217-4786, announced they will be holding a Grand Opening at their Yin Yang Ranch, Saturday June 21 at 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM, with live demonstrations of the activities they offer.

BETTON HOUSE HOSTS WORKSHOP

(May 20, 2008) Michael A. and Roxanne Losicco, Directors-in-Residence, Betton House, Scranton, PA, 887-723-8866, announced that Jeff Brain, MA, Director of Counseling at Betton House, conducted a parent workshop in May for the parents of currently enrolled students. The focus was “Examining Communication Dynamics,” and included materials and discussion to help parents support and build stronger adult-adult relationships with their emerging adult children. Parents examined their communication patterns to see how they support or hinder their child’s efforts to relate to them as an adult.

NEW DORMS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT FFS

(May 20, 2008) Rita Argiros, Vice President for Administrative Affairs, The Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, announced that construction has begun for a new girls’ dormitory on the school’s 150-acre campus. The school currently houses girls in eight trailers, five of which will be replaced with the new structure. The school’s current enrollment of 250 students includes 90 girls who will enjoy more spacious, comfortable quarters when the structure is completed in June 2009.

FULL NATSAP STATUS TO BETTON HOUSE

(May 20, 2008) Roxanne Losicco, Director-in-Residence, Betton House, Scranton, PA, 887-723-8866, announced that the program has received full membership status in NATSAP. Betton House, a sober dorm serving students in five Scranton-area colleges, has been operating since the fall of 2005 and has graduated more than 60 students from its 12-Step based program.

FFS STUDENTS ATTEND AA CONFERENCE

(May 20, 2008) Emmanuel Argiros, President, The Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, announced that nine boys from the school were selected to attend the 21st International Alcoholics Anonymous Men’s Conference, “Fellowship for a Lifetime,” held this year in Scranton, PA on April 18-20. The students took advantage of the location and stayed at Betton House in Scranton for the weekend event. All of them had struggled with alcohol before enrolling in the school and have been active in the 12-Step program which is an integral part of the school’s therapeutic milieu.

OPENINGS AT VIVE!

(May 21, 2008) Amanda Thomas, MS, MFTI, Referral

Relations for Vive Inc., Boulder, CO, 303-449-2516, announced VIVE has several staff positions available for Parent Coach Therapists and Mentor Therapists, in the following areas: New York City, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Boulder, Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Atlanta, and Boston.

NWGT VISITORS TO WRI

(May 23, 2008) Ken Huey, PhD, CEO of CALO (Change Academy Lake of the Ozarks), Jonathan Mack, LPCC and Joel Smith from Sandhill Child Development Center in Los Lunas, NM, Christina Wilson of Academy at Sisters, Bend, OR, Mark Barrentine, LCSW, Executive Director of Evangel House, Saint Martinville, LA, and Tommy Faulk, Pastor at First Assembly in Lafayette, LA, stopped by the Woodbury Reports office for a visit after the 3rd Annual Northwest Get Together.

