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accreditation from JCAHO (the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Association). The CALO leadership team consists of Dr. Ken Huey, CEO, Nicole Fuglsang, MA, LPC, Admissions Director and Landon Kirk, LCSW, Clinical Director. In addition, Wayne Juliano, MA, EdS has joined CALO as the new Academic Director. Wayne graduated from Central Missouri State University and has been both a teacher and principle in the public school system for the last 16 years.

NATSAP ALUMNI ADVISORY COUNCIL ATTENDS 2008 NATSAP CONFERENCE

(July 2, 2008) The NATSAP Regional Conference was held in June at Thanksgiving Point in Lehi, UT, titled "Strengthening Families in Crisis," was attended by NATSAP Alumni Advisory Council members Beth McGrotha, Trevor Heaton and Donelyn Gamble. They presented a panel entitled "The Vision of Healing Families."

WELLSPRING CAMP NC IN THE NEWS

(July 2, 2008) News 14 – a news source from North Carolina –printed an article featuring Wellspring Family Camp in Pinehurst, NC, which is designed to help families make healthier lifestyle choices through three points of emphasis during the camp: a low fat diet, plenty of exercise and self monitoring. Getting the entire family involved makes it more likely campers will keep the healthy habits after camp is over.

BELLEFAIRE FORMS PEER LEADERSHIP

(July 3, 2008) The first Peer Leadership Council (PLC) was formed at Bellefaire JCB in Shaker Heights, OH, comprised of ten residents that were nominated by staff who felt they possessed leadership qualities. PLC assembles every other Friday for lunch with various staff members to address any issues or concerns on the part of the clients. This also strengthens the lines of communication between residents and staff. Each member proudly wears a PLC t-shirt to recognize their membership and help promote the council among their peers. For more information, contact Devon Racz at 216-320-8317.

BENCHMARK APPLIES FOR NPSAG

(July 3, 2008) Benchmark Young Adult School in Redlands, CA, submitted a Petition for Candidacy via the National Private Schools Accreditation Program for Private Schools (NPSAG) and the application was approved. The educational program is classified as "Accreditation in Progress." A full accreditation with completion is estimated to be June 2009. For additional details, call Richard Brimhall in admissions at 800-474-4848.

TGI CLOSES

(July 3, 2008) In a letter from Matthew Estey, Executive Director at Transitions of Galveston Island in Texas, he states, "After careful and thorough consideration, we've decided to close TGI," with a wrap up of current operations at the end of July, after the scheduled graduation of the current residents. CEO of TGI, David Michel, would welcome your suggestions and feedback. To view this letter in its entirety, visit StrugglingTeens.com.

HOPE RANCH APPROVED FOR SEVIS

(July 3, 2008) Hope Ranch/Star Meadows Academy in Whitefish, MT, was approved to accept students from Canada and other countries through the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) and has been approved for certification and enrollment in SEVIS, a program of the Department of Homeland Security to maintain information on international, non-immigrant students and exchange visitors to the US. For more information, contact Jim Carpenter, Admissions Director at 406-862-7871.

FUCH JOINS SOBER COLLEGE

(July 3, 2008) Sober College, Woodland Hills, CA, proudly announces new addition James Fuchs to the Creative Arts Program. James has worked in recovery for the past five years.

NATSAP REGIONALS CALL FOR PAPERS

(July 7, 2008) The National Association of Schools and Programs will be hosting several regional conferences this summer and fall. The conferences will be in St. George, UT; Kennebunkport, ME; Oak Brook IL; Atlanta, GA; and Sunriver, OR. The deadline for Call for Papers for the last three has past. For more detailed information, visit NATSAP's website at www.natsap.org.

CHOTEAU YOUTH RANCH CLOSES

(July 7, 2008) Woodbury Reports Inc was notified Choteau Youth Ranch – a private, non-profit organization providing a group home environment for at risk teens in Choteau, MT – closed July 2, 2008.

COBB-AIKIN JOINS POWELL & ELLIOTT

(July 8, 2008) Powell & Elliott Collaborative, LLC, Lake Arrowhead, CA, welcomes Tauni Cobb-Aikin to their professional staff. Tauni will take the lead in further developing an extensive Risk Management Division. Tauni brings with her 10+ years of experience working with private youth-at-risk schools and programs and holds a variety of certifications, including California Community Care Licensing Administrator for Group Homes and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly, Authorized OSHA Outreach Trainer, HIPAA