LIFE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE'S NEW STAFF
(September 18, 2008) Rob Crawford, CEO at Life Development Institute, Glendale, AZ, 623-773-2774, welcomed new staff to the team at Life Development: Elissa Levine, MC, LPC, is Manager of Program Services with oversight of direct service outreach specialists and residential program staff, Moniecia Hill is joining the LDI team as an Outreach Specialist and Estelle Esposito takes over the function of Resource Support Coordinator. In addition, both Rob Crawford and Veronica Crawford presented workshops at the Southern Utah NATSAP conference.

FINAL FRIENDS IN CRISIS RETREAT OF 2008
(September 18, 2008) The final Friends in Crisis retreat will be held October 23-25 in the Heartlight Conference Center, on the 100-acre wooded campus located near Longview, TX. The retreat will focus on what may be causing your teenager to spiral downward, how to stop this freefall to disaster, how to intervene and deal with specific situations and capably provide the appropriate response to intense arguing, anger, defiance, and rebellion. To register, call 903-668-2173, email Mark Gregston.

CHANGES AT SHADOW MOUNTAIN
(September 18, 2008) Trilby Hoover, Admissions Director at Shadow Mountain Academy, Taos, NM, 435-836-3022, announced several happenings at Shadow Mountain. They are celebrating the program's one-year anniversary. Ann Bruno, MEd, stepped into the role of Program Director. Jim Myklebust, MA, and Trilby Hoover have joined the team in the admissions and business departments. In addition, Executive Director Dana Taylor had a new baby daughter, Elizabeth McNeil.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AT OLIVERIAN
(September 18, 2008) Oliverian welcomed the largest student body group ever to walk through Oliverian doors on the first day of school, September 7, 2008. In addition, Oliverian now offers Honors Curriculum in: English, History, Physics, Calculus, and Spanish. The Oliverian School is an alternative college preparatory program crafted for students who struggle in traditional settings. For more information, contact Mike Doherty at 603-989-5100.

NEW JEWISH CLASSES AT FFS
(September 18, 2008) The Family Foundation School is offering two new classes for Jewish students. Rabbi Michele Medwin who conducts Jewish services at the school now offers a Beginning Hebrew class specifically for Jewish students who did not receive Bar Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah at home and would like the opportunity to do so. Rabbi Medwin is also teaching "The Jewish Approach to the 12 Steps," which provides additional support to Jewish students in the school's integrated program of academics, therapeutic counseling and the 12 Steps of recovery. Approximately 20 percent of the current student body at FFS is Jewish.

BENCHMARK CELEBRATES 15 YEARS
(September 19, 2008) Jayne Selby Longnecker, Executive Director/ CEO and Founder of Benchmark Young Adult School in Redlands, CA, 800-474-4848, proudly announced Benchmark celebrated its 15 year anniversary on September 9, 2008. The school was originally founded in September 1993.

OPI EXEC ON THE RADIO
(September 19, 2008) Robert Fischer, MD, Executive Director of the Optimum Performance Institute (OPI), and Anne LaRiviere, Director of Admissions, talked about current issues facing young adults on the Answers for the Family radio talk show owned and hosted by Allen Cardoza of West Shield. For further information, contact Anne LaRiviere at 888-558-0617.

QUAM AT SUWS OF THE CAROLINAS
(September 19, 2008) Kristen Hayes, Communications Director for Aspen Education Group, 562-467-5531, announced SUWS of the Carolinas in Old Fort, NC, is pleased to announce Jesse Quam as the new Clinical Director. Jesse worked as a Field Supervisor and Program Manager for Seasons at SUWS of the Carolina.

KILDONAN OFFERS 2009 SUMMER PROGRAMS
(September 19, 2008) Marcie Wistar, Associate Head of Admissions for the Kildonan School, Amenia, NY, 845-373-2012, announced the Kildonan School, which serves the needs of students with dyslexia, submitted the dates for next year's summer programs, June 26, 2009, thru August 7, 2009. Half day, full day and boarding programs are available for student's ages 8-16 years old. For more information, contact Marcie Wistar.

ASCENT FILLS OUT LEADERSHIP TEAM
(September 20, 2008) Ascent Wilderness Program, Naples, ID, 800-974-1999, a division of UHS, announced the new leadership team at Ascent. Chris Ankney, BA Political Science, is the Executive Director and has been with Ascent for six years. Troy Knight, MA, is the Healthcare Administration Program Director. Jim Powell, LMFT is Ascent's new Clinical Director. Guy Hardcastle is the Director of Business Development, and Dan Kemp, BS Psychology, is the new Director of Admissions. For information, contact Chris Ankney.