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COPPAA on Restraints/Seclusion: (May 5, 2009) The Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, Inc. (COPAA), released a report asking Congress to stop the use of restraints, seclusion, and aversive upon children with disabilities in school. The report entitled, "Unsafe in the Schoolhouse: Abuse of Children with Disabilities", details 143 incidents of the use of abusive interventions against children with disabilities in school.

Montana Academy and Explorations Joint Venture: (May 21, 2009) Montana Academy, Marion, MT, and Explorations, Trout Creek, MT, are running a joint venture program for girls this summer, with Explorations now offering rolling enrollment as a "pre-summer option" at their base camp in Trout Creek, MT, starting immediately. For information contact Penny James, Director of Explorations at 406-827-3863 or Rosemary McKinnon, Director of Admissions at Montana Academy at 406-755-3149.

MacKenzie Joins Fulshear: (May 21, 2009) Ashley Auchterlonie, Director of Marketing for InnerChange's Fulshear Ranch Academy, Needville, TX, 214-272-6880, announced Eilean MacKenzie, LCPC, has joined the executive team at Fulshear Ranch as the new Clinical Director. Eilean has over twenty five years of clinical experience, most recently as the Clinical Director for New Horizons for Young Women program. Eilean has an MA in Counseling Psychology, an MA in Sociology and was a Clinical Fellow at Harvard Medical School.

Knight Stops by Woodbury Reports: (May 22, 2009) Troy Knight stopped by Woodbury Reports, Inc. for a visit and to share some exciting news…he is the new Executive Director at Clearview Horizon in Heron, MT, 406-847-5850. Troy has previously worked at private programs in North Idaho and Utah.



Waldron Appointed at Forman School: (May 22, 2009) The Forman School, Litchfield, CT, 860-567-8712, has appointed Helen Waldron as Assistant Head of School, succeeding Eric Ahner, effective July 1, 2009. Waldron has served in several positions at Forman since 1989, including as Dean of Academic Affairs since 1999. Waldron received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, CT, and received her Master's Degree in Special Education at the University of Hartford, Hartford, CT. Eric Ahner will be taking the position of Executive Director at the Aldo Leopold High School in Silver City, NM.

SUWS of the Carolinas' New Program: (May 23, 2009) Beginning June 15, 2009, SUWS of the Carolinas, Old Fort, NC, is offering a new short-term, high-intensity format of wilderness therapy for teens that are in need of a smooth transition into long-term residential treatment. SUWS of the Carolinas will continue offering its 55-day wilderness therapy program as well as its Seasons program for younger teens ages 10-13. Contact SUWS at 888-828-9770 for additional information.

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FFS Student Gives Back: (June 18, 2009) Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY announced a 15-year old student who completed the 18-month program in June, approached his previous wilderness program about a summer position, hoping to "give back" as a mentor to other troubled teens. His initiative earned him a two-week summer mentorship at Adirondack Leadership Expeditions, LLC, where he will share his positive "real life" experience at FFS and pass on what he has learned. According to FFS president Emmanuel Argiros, the student "exemplifies our goal of teaching kids to be productive members of society." To learn more about FFS call 845-887-5213.

Happenings at Rock Point: (June 18, 2009) Hillary Kramer, Director of Admissions at Rock Point School, Burlington, VT, 802-863-1104, announced several new happenings at Rock Point, including the addition of a new front porch made from sustainable materials and the completion of the sugar house which will be used for both the sugaring and honey making operations.

Ex Headmaster Arrested: (June 19, 2009) A news source in Blue Ridge, GA, reports Richard Legrand Darrington, the former headmaster of the now closed Darrington Academy in Blue Ridge, has been charged with aggravated battery, a felony and simple battery, a misdemeanor, charges which were alleged by a 17 year old student. Darrington Academy closed February 27, 2009, due to declining enrollment.

Renda moves to Forman School: (June 19, 2009) The Forman School, Litchfield, CT, 860-567-8712, has appointed Sara Lynn Leavenworth Renda, as Director of Admissions for The Forman School, succeeding Beth Rainey. From 2003-2008, Renda served as Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at Westover School in Middlebury, CT, and in 2008-2009 served as Director of Strategy and Client Services at Imagepath Communication in Avon, CT.

Life Development Institute gets Award: (June 19, 2009) Life Development Institute in Glendale, AZ, 623-773-2774, has been recognized by the National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASET) as one of the premier licensed private special education schools from throughout the United States and has been selected as a NASET School of Excellence for the 2009-2010 school years.

SUWS of the Carolinas Celebrates: (June 20, 2009) SUWS of the Carolinas, Old Fort, NC, 888-830-9770, is celebrating its 10-year anniversary. SUWS of the Carolinas began as a sister program of the successful wilderness therapy program, SUWS Idaho. SUWS of the Carolinas is a therapeutic wilderness program for adolescents ages 10-17 and is a member of CRC Health Group.

Choose Again-Center for Attitudinal Healing: (January 15, 2009) A personal Journal Entry about Choose Again - Center for Attitudinal Healing by an ex-student can be found in the Letters to the Editor section on the struggling teen's website.

> The virtue of angels is that they cannot deteriorate; their flaw is that they cannot improve. Man's flaw is that he can deteriorate; and his virtue is that he can improve.
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> – Talmud



