Open Sky Presents Lecture (September 22, 2009) Open Sky Wilderness Therapy's Nicola Kettle, ND, and Joanna Bettmann, PhD, presented a lecture entitled "The Importance of Nutrition in Addiction Treatment" at the National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADC) annual conference in Salt Lake City on August 19. Open Sky Wilderness Therapy is located in Durango, CO. To learn more call 970-382-8181.

Teen Gaming Addictions On The Rise (September 23, 2009) The Pinnacle Schools in Huntsville, AL, submitted an article about teen gaming addictions, which are on the rise in the United States. "Video/online games stimulate the brain's "reward centers" which gives the same high drug addicts feel," said Dr. Charles Lee, physician for the Pinnacle Schools. "Children and teens are becoming addicted to video/online games the way people are addicted to drugs, alcohol and gambling." To read this in its entirety, visit the struggling teens' website.

Hearts Blossom at Timber Ridge (September 24, 2009) Beverly Ann Cox, Director of Admissions at Timber Ridge Preparatory School for Girls in Clark Fork, ID, 208-266-1465, shared with us the many service projects in which the girls at Timber Ridge are involved. These include: volunteering at Bonner General Hospital, the Bonner County Food Bank and Soup Kitchen and the local animal shelter.

Cramer Creek Receives Approval for International Students (September 25, 2009) Cramer Creek School, located in Clinton, MT, a coed residential boarding school and treatment center, has received approval by the Student and Exchange Visitor Program and is now eligible to accept students from other countries. Contact John McKay, Administrator, at 406-825-2600 for additional information.

CompuHigh, Accredited Online High School (September 25, 2009) Marianne O'Doherty, Registrar and Head Guidance Counselor at CompuHigh, Morgantown, WV, 866-859-0777, introduced their new accredited online high school – CompuHigh, which specializes in working with trouble teens and giving students options to get their high school diploma or course recovery credits. Students can complete all their work online while being monitored by their guidance counselor and the students' parents.

MacElveen Joins Open Sky (September 25, 2009) Open Sky Wilderness Therapy, Durango, CO, is honored to announce the addition of their newest team member, Katie Grace MacElveen, PhD. Katie has clinical experience in inpatient adolescent and adult psychiatric settings as well as private practice. Dr. MacElveen will be taking over the leadership as clinical therapist of the young adult team from Gregory Martin, MA. Gregory served as our young adult therapist at Open Sky for the last three years and completed his employment with us at the end of August 2009.

Hamilton of Bridges Academy Creates a Video (September 25, 2009) Bridges Academy, Bend, OR, is proud to announce that our Mentor Staff Archie Hamilton (who is also currently in college for his CADC II certification) is working with our local TV news station KOHD morning anchor Allison Martin and the Resource Officer for the Bend high schools, Mike Maunder, to create a new video for "Inside Looking Out." (This program used to be called "Scared Straight".) Contact Joan McOmber, MFT, Executive Director at Bridges Academy, 888-283-7362, for additional information.

Marshall New Director of Business Development at Provo Canyon School (September 25, 2009) Provo Canyon School, Provo, UT, announced Tim Marshall is now their Director of Business Development. Tim brings an impressive background of more than 25 years working in therapy programs. He graduated with a BA in Psychology from the University of UT, then earned a Masters of Education with a minor in Social Work at BYU, while working as a Unit Counselor at Provo Canyon School. He has worked in the industry with the Brown Schools/CEDU and Cornell Companies and made the circle, returning to Provo Canyon School. Tim Marshall replaces Brad Gerrard who accepted the position of CEO with Cottonwood RTC in Salt Lake City, UT.

What's New at Crossroads Academy? (September 28, 2009) Sam Dahlin, PhD, LMFT, Director and Owner of Crossroads Academy, Ogden, UT, 801-369-0238, shared a few topics of interest about Crossroads: Students that are 18 or soon to turn 18, Crossroads Academic Program and the continuing support of their students' interests. More on StrugglingTeens.com.

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