

tasks of planting, cultivation, harvesting, composting and fence building, the farm is also home to several types of animals. Caring for the rabbits, honey bees, cattle, poultry, horses, dogs and cats all provide opportunities for learning responsibility, teamwork and commitment.

There is a fully equipped woodworking facility, where the residents learn the basic carpentry skills involved with designing and creating projects for individual and communal use. Although not open at the time of my visit, I was told about their journeyman carpenter and cabinetmaker with 30 years of experience who supervises the woodshop. Another class available to residents is basic vehicle maintenance and small engine repair. All the work is performed in the auto shop and supervised by an experienced mechanic. Other classes include drawing, baking, photography, chess, plumbing, poetry, yoga, culture cooking and budgeting. Students participate in cooking their meals.

When an appropriate level of trust is earned, Penrith staff provides its residents transportation within a 10 mile radius, to various internships, classes and job opportunities. Some of the residents work at Small Planet Tofu, their food production business, which produces up to 7000 pounds weekly and distributes tofu products to sixteen states.

I was impressed by the number of opportunities to learn valuable life skills that are available to residents in this attractive, rustic setting. The young people I spoke with were fairly open about their challenges, favorable about what they were learning and seemed engaged in the process. Penrith staff was friendly, their computerized scheduling and communication process was well organized and the houses felt cozy. This felt like a good place to mature and acquire the communication and life skills needed for independence.

NEW PERSPECTIVES...

[New Perspectives schools and programs are those new to Woodbury Reports, Inc., and are presented to expand your knowledge, with the disclaimer that we know little more about them at this time than what appears here. Inclusion in Places for Struggling Teens™, of course, does not imply any endorsement by Woodbury Reports, Inc. -Lon]

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

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Family Life Center is a residential treatment program for adolescents, age 12-18, who struggle with a wide range of behavioral, emotional and academic problems. Issues may include learning disabilities, academic underachievement, family issues such as adoption issues or issues surrounding blended families, oppositional/aggressive actions, or issues surrounding abuse, neglect and/or self-harm behavior. In addition, Family Life center works with children who have mood disorders, impulsive tendencies and drug and alcohol issues.

Founded in 1978, Family Life Center is licensed by the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing, Accredited by the California Alliance of Child and Family Services and a member of NATSAP. In addition, Family Life Center's school, Larry M. Simmons High School, is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and certified by the California State Department of Education. Director of Development is

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Family Life Center has single gender campuses. As students progress through a five-phase program, they focus and advance by conquering individual goals and challenges. The phases include participation in expressive arts, individual, group and family therapies; educational achievements and vocational/life skills education and training. All students participate in a healthy living program which promotes nutritional and healthy eating, sports and fitness classes, weight training, yoga, aerobics and counseling for those struggling with substance abuse and eating disorders.

For students who have advanced through the five phases of the program, Family Life Center offers off campus homes. Each home is single gender with phase parents.

[This information came from the Family Life Center website.]

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Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains, CleanLife Carolina is a rather new transitional living program for young women needing assistance transitioning into adulthood and gaining independence. This small home environment assists the young women in learning necessary life skills to help them succeed. By providing an initial assessment at enrollment, goals in the following areas are set for each resident while living in this sober and healthy home: clinical, life skills and academic. Residents and

their families participate in family therapy and parent seminars.

Residents participate in a four level program that enables them to gain privileges and opportunities to get a job or work on individual academic advancement or complete their high school education. Life skills tools learned at CleanLife include: money management, by establishing a personal checking/ and or savings account; maintaining a budget or establishing personal credit. Job preparation includes: resume writing and interviewing skills; Health and wellness skills teach residents CPR and first aid, daily exercise and yoga, healthy nutrition and food preparation and planning. Outdoor adventures and weekend activities provide confidence, growth and positive decision making skills, support and positive peer relationships through activities that include white water rafting, backpacking, art and music festivals.

CleanLife Carolina was founded by Sally Jenkins, MS, LCAS and Erin Robinson, who have a combined 33 years experience working with young adults in therapeutic wilderness programs, therapeutic boarding schools and hospital settings.

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