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The following updates were sent to Woodbury Reports during the month of July.

Opening:

Willow Springs Center celebrated the grand opening of a new, state-of-the-art residential treatment facility for children and adolescents. Talisman Academy for youth with Asperger's and other autism spectrum disorders will open next month.

News:

Strugglingteens.com initiated the first phase of new advertising potential for clients. Aspen stated there would be continuity in the programs despite CEO Dr. Barry Karlin stepping down from his position at CRC. Academy at Sisters students attended the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, OR where they attended an evening outdoor showing of The Twelfth Night. Shepherd's Hill Farm finds that spiritual awareness causes physical transformation in their troubled teens. Mike Wagner, of Eagleton School, headed a community support project in conjunction with Debbie L. and her culinary students to support the Relay for Life fundraiser in Pittsfield. Silverado Girls Program hosted a successful parent weekend, where the girls catered a dinner for their parents. Carol Gundry and Jodi Tuttle are sorry to have to announce that the Tuttle/Gundry Reunion Tour that was planned for September has been canceled.

Program Enhancements:

For the past year, the PaRC team has been preparing for Joint Commission Accreditation and officially obtained TJC accreditation. Island View RTC has successfully completed its tri-annual Joint Commission unannounced survey in June. Aspen Achievement Academy recently began offering the first step of the 12-step program in the wilderness. Construction was completed at Carlbrook School and a new residence hall was opened for girls. Summit Preparatory School received accreditation through the Council on Accreditation (COA). Shortridge Academy Implements 'PRIME for Life', an evidence based component that helps students reduce risk for any type of drug or alcohol problem, and allows them to understand and accept any need to make changes to protect the things they identify as 'most valuable' in their lives. The Family Foundation School now provides recurring, individualized counseling with one of seven staff counselors to help students better understand themselves and their behaviors, and take full advantage of the academic resources and emotional support of the FFS environment. SLS Residential, Inc and SDL Case Management, LLC (collectively "SLS") have been re-accredited as of May 2010 by CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) for 3 years, which is the highest level of accreditation awarded by CARF.

Anniversaries:

Paint Rock Valley celebrated 25 years of operation at a recent open house. The Paint Rock Valley campus opened its doors in the summer of 1985.

People:

Dr. Melanie Weis is the new Program Manager at Four Circles Recovery. Dr. Richard A. Bernstein joined Spruce Mountain Inn as the new consulting psychiatrist. Betsy Deane, Admissions Director of Cherokee Creek Boys School was elected to the Small Boarding School Association Board of Directors. Ridge Creek School welcomed Donald Mull as the new Academic Director. Margaret Oak, LMFT, recently accepted an offer to serve as the new Admissions and Marketing Director at Logan River Academy. Pasadena Villa welcomes Patricia Adlerman, MSW, LCSW as a Referral Relations Consultant. Dr. Karen Minden, CEO of Pine River Institute, has received the Order of Canada for social service. Awarded by the Governor General, this award is the highest civilian honour and recognizes those people who have demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional dedication to service in ways that bring special credit to Canada.

Upcoming at a glance:

August

- 118th Annual APA Convention, August 12 - 15, San Diego, CA
- Southern Utah Regional NATSAP Conference, August 27, St. George, UT

September

- National Conference on Addiction Disorders, September 8 - 11, Washington, DC
- Northeast Regional NATSAP Conference, Sept 16 - 17, Kennebunkport, ME
- 2010 National Association of Therapeutic Wilderness Camping Conference, September 19-21, Nashville, TN
- Summit For Clinical Excellence National Adolescent Conference, September 22 - 25, Scottsdale, AZ
- 21st Annual ATTACH Conference, September 23 - 26, San Antonio, TX
- 68th AAMFT Annual Conference, September 23- 26, Atlanta, GA
- 8th Annual Wilderness Therapy Symposium, September 24-26, Boulder, CO
- 16th Annual Counseling Skills Conference (Plus pre-conference Ethics workshop), September 30 - October 2, Las Vegas, NV

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In the young boy or girl, healthy growth and harmless passing of the time are more to be cared for than what are vainly called "accomplishments," The mind of the child si to be -forged- rather than -furnished-, and fed- rather than filled-. Exercise, the joy of interest, or origination, of activity, of excitement, the play of the faculties,--these, and not the accumulation of mere words, are the true life of a boy or girl. The self-teaching that a child gives itself, remaines with it forever, It is of its very essence. What is given it from without, and received mechanically and without relish, and without any energizing of the entire nature, remains perfectly useless, or even worse than useless. The young mind must -grow- as well as -learn-; and the young child, playing in the lap of nature and out of doors, acquires for life an amount of objective knowledge marvellous beyond any pf our mightiesr marches of intellect.

~ Albert Pike