unique, bright and capable students, the role of the Oakley School faculty and staff is to create an environment where avoidance is not tolerated or allowed. 435-783-5001

PARENT CHOICES HOSTS LISA SINSHEIMER OF JOHN DEWEY ACADEMY: Titled, "Are We Turning Our Kids Into Mental Patients?" Lon Woodbury recently hosted Lisa Sinsheimer, MD, in a discussion about over-medicating children. "In the past half century," explained Sinsheimer, "the use of psychotropic medications has grown dramatically, with the biggest rise in usage over the past 15 years." 917-597-7814

OERTHER JOINS INNERCHANGE: Mark Oerther, a veteran in healthcare program development and marketing has joined the InnerChange group of programs as a Clinical Outreach Manager. Mark's varied experience includes direct care and supervisory roles in outdoor therapeutic settings, therapeutic program management and admission responsibilities, as well as business development positions. He will be based in the Asheville, North Carolina area and will work closely with referral sources and programs primarily in the eastern United States. 801-380-4367

WISDOM RANCH EXPANDS FACILITIES: After 10 years of Yurt living, Wisdom Ranch School, who is currently celebrating their 10 year anniversary, has decided to mix things up a bit and have broken ground on "The Lodge", a 5000 square foot log home that will serve as the students' primary living facility. 208-527-4753

GLEN WILLOW ACADEMY OPENS: As folks in the industry may know, some all-stars in the middle school girls therapeutic boarding school world have been working hard to open up a new program in Western North Carolina. Glen Willow Academy (GWA) is now open. Bryan Tomes, previously Academic Director at New Leaf Academy NC, is current Head of School at GWA and the Program Director is Rebecca "Becca" Jefferies, who has over 7 years' experience managing residential programs for middle school girls. The Clinical team consists of Amy L. Robichaud, MS, LPC (Hidden Lake, Swift River) and Robert Jacoby, MS. LPC, NCC. Rob also runs the equine therapy program at GWA. Including direct care staff, the team has over 30 years' experience with middle school girls programming, and much more within the broader context of therapeutic, residential programming. 828-772-7556

> The aim of education should be to convert the mind into a living fountain, and not a reservoir. That which is filled by merely pumping in, will be emptied by pumping out. ~ John M Mason

SOBER COLLEGE FEATURED ON COLLEGE WEEK LIVE: Sober College 's Corrine Barner, Academic Director,and Rick Macrory, Program Director, presented a keynote speech on The Challenges of Drugs and Alcohol on College Campuses: How to stay on track and maintain focus on College Week Live in November. 818-274-0304

PARENT CHOICES HOSTS JERRY MINTZ OF ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION RESOURCE ORGANIZATION (AERO): In an interview titled, "What Is Democratic Education?" Lon Woodbury discussed the basis of Democratic Education with AERO Founder, Jerry Mintz. "The basis of Democratic Education is a childs natural curiosity and urge to learn," Jerry explained. "A child has a voice in their own education, which often means a vote in how the school is run." 516-621-2195

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