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Parent Choices Hosts Spiva of Valley View: "What Do We Mean By Therapeutic" was the topic of conversation between host Lon Woodbury and Philip Spiva, Executive Director of Valley View School. Dr. Spiva shared that "parents are confronted with a child who is oppositional, un- cooperative or doing poorly at home or in school and they are told that he/or she needs to go to a therapeutic program, yet there is no magic to it." Rick quickly pointed out that "therapy is based on trust and building relationships, and the person working with the child must have the ability to 'relate' to a child." This episode, along with all the rest, can be downloaded via podcast. Philip Spiva, PhD: 508-867-6505

Adirondack Leadership Expeditions Announces New Executive Director: Joe Maiurano was appointed Executive Director of ALE in Saranac Lake, NY. Joe brings over 28 years of youth development experience to ALE, with a substantial background in adolescent and family programing. 518-897-5011

Celebrating Accreditation Anniversary: Catherine Freer Wilderness Therapy Programs celebrates 11 years of accreditation from the Joint Commission of Accredited Health Care Organizations. The company recently passed a performance review from the accreditation agency and will maintain their JCAHO endorsement until 2013, at which time they will go through another comprehensive site review. "We've been taking troubled teens on wilderness therapy expeditions for 24 years. It has always been our mission to provide the best and most therapeutically rich adolescent treatment program available. We're proud of our JCAHO accreditation and of our level of state licensing," explained Rob Koning, Executive Director. 208-265-8355

Smith Joins The Aspiro Family Of Programs: Sandy Smith, LCSW, recently joined the Aspiro Family of Programs. Sandy brings more than 25 years experience working with families, adolescent and young adults in a variety of clinical settings. Her clinical experiences include working for The State of Nevada's Division of Child and Adolescent Family Services, 20 years private practice in Las Vegas, NV and 2 years in Salt Lake City, UT, as well as 5 years of clinical work in the therapeutic wilderness industry. 801-368-6367

Sunrise Welcomes Phillips as New Admissions Director: Emily Phillips has joined the Sunrise Team as the new Director of Admissions. Emily was the founder/ owner of Soul Continuum with a total of 13 years of experience in the mental health and adolescent treatment fields. 435-703-1633

Fruzzetti Joins Willow Springs Center: Willow Springs Center is pleased to announce that Alan E. Fruzzetti, PhD, was appointed to the professional staff at Willow Springs Center to serve as clinical consultant to the Adolescent Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) Program. 818-312-3089

Tutors International Works to Bridge The Gap: Private tuition experts, Tutors International, are currently talking with a number of US-based wilderness therapy programs, about providing specialized, trained private tutors for children returning home from a period in a wilderness center. The goal of these talks is to bridge the gap between Wilderness programs and returning to "normal life." +44-(0)-1865-435135

New Admissions Counselor At New Haven: David Mayeski, LCSW has accepted the position of Admissions Counselor at New Haven. David comes to New Haven with diverse educational and professional experience within the field of residential treatment. David received his Bachelor in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland, College Park. He earned his Master of Social Work from the University of South Carolina, Columbia. Since 2001 David has worked as a primary therapist, admissions and marketing specialist and aftercare coordinator. 801-380-4367

San Cristobal Acquired by TRS Behavioral Care, Inc.: According to a blog post by the Right Step on January 19, 2012, San Cristobal has been acquired by TRS Behavioral Care, Inc. TRS is the parent company of Right Step and Spirit Lodge and will be able to greatly increase San Cristobal Treatment Center's geographic reach and leadership position in the chemical dependence treatment field. 866-918-8383

Tibbits Family Welcomes New Addition: Dustin Tibbits, President and Chief Clinical Officer of InnerChange, and his wife Mia, have some exciting news! They welcomed a new daughter into their family in December 2011. 801-380-4367

Shortridge Academy Article in Recent JTSP: Shortridge Academy Founder Adam Rainer and Research Consultant Dr. Kristine Baber recently co-authored an article in the Journal of Therapeutic Schools & Programs (JTSP). "Positive Youth Development: Bridging Theory into Practice at Therapeutic Schools and Programs," represents the second publication from Shortridge Academy describing its use of the strengths-based, authoritative community perspective based on Positive Youth Development (PYD). 877-903-8968

Parent Choices Hosts Laney of Lake House Academy: "Overcoming Resistance to Change" was the topic of conversation between co-hosts Lon Woodbury and Larry Stednitz and Sharon Laney, Executive Director of Lake House Academy on January 23, 2012. "Human nature is to be cautious and there is a natural resistance to change," stated Sharon. To listen to this interview or any of the others, download the podcast.

Sober College Turns Six: Sober College celebrates its sixth year and over 750 clients served. They look forward to continuing to change and grow in whatever way needed to keep Sober College on the fore-front of addiction treatment, as it has been since its beginning. "We absolutely insist on having fun in sobriety. We will destroy any misconception that being sober means enjoying life is over," explains Robert Pfeifer, Founder of Sober College. 818-274-0304 x 107

Psychology of Skinny Dipping: Greenbrier Academy's Academic Director Mark A. Dennison will be a presenter at the 25th Small Boarding School Association conference in March at Grand River Academy in Austinburg, OH. 877-788-8422

Schwenkler Receives New Certification: Greenbrier Academy is pleased to announce that Ron Schwenkler, Clinical Director for the Academy, has received certification as a Phase 1 Brainspotting Trainer. 877-788-8422

Family Foundation School Graduates Twelve: Twelve students at The Family Foundation School received New York State Regents diplomas at ceremonies on January 14. According to FFS academic dean Dr. Gerald Janauer, all of the mid-year graduates have been admitted to 2- or 4-year colleges, including Texas Tech and the University of South Carolina. In addition to the academic requirements, the graduates completed a character education curriculum based on the 12-Steps of recovery. 845-887-4939

Asheville Academy Offers Price Reduction: To help celebrate our grand opening, Asheville Academy for Girls is offering a "Founding Daughter" rate to families and professionals who enroll or commit to enrolling by March 1, 2012. Asheville Academy is a therapeutic