Monroe Joins Discovery Ranch: Clinton Dorny, Executive Director of Discovery Ranch announced Lexi Monroe has joined the therapy team at Discovery Ranch. Lexi's expertise working with girls who are victims of trauma and abuse adds a new depth to the clinical team. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor and LSAC trained. In addition to abuse and trauma, Lexi has experience treating issues of attachment, adoption, identity and substance abuse. 801-489-3311

Parent Choices Hosts Elaine Williams: "The number of grandparents raising their grandchildren in this country today has more than doubled in the last ten years," shared Elaine Williams, guest on Parent Choices, "and grandparents sacrifice so much, to be able to give their grandchildren a stable home, often giving up their dreams and struggling with a lack of resources and support." Elaine Williams has a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan and has spent her career working with children, adolescents, and older adults. She is the author of the book The Sacred Work of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren published in 2011. 248-396-5735

Tomes Executive Director of Asheville Academy: Asheville Academy for Girls, a therapeutic boarding school for girls' ages 10 to 14 located outside of Asheville, NC, is excited to announce Bryan Tomes as Executive Director. Tomes, who has been serving as Head of School since the Academy's opening in early December, will continue to provide oversight, guidance, and mentoring to Asheville's team, while further growing and developing a comprehensive curriculum that provides the highest quality services to girls and their families. Bryan received formal training from the University of South Carolina Columbia in the area of secondary education. He also received training in secondary education from Mars Hill College. Recently, he has been studying with Western Carolina University on program leadership with an emphasis on alternative education. 828-484-9946

Levin Joins Prakash Ellenhorn Mental Health Program: Ed Levin, who for 28 years handled outreach and referrals at Spruce Mountain Inn (VT) residential mental health facility, is using his marketing expertise to raise the profile of Prakash Ellenhorn, a private, primarily non-residential treatment program offering clients a multidisciplinary, highly individualized team approach as a proven-effective alternative to residential or hospital programs. 802-922-3048

Rosecrance Celebrates Role of Art Therapy in Treatment: Patients receiving inpatient treatment at Rosecrance's adult campus on Harrison Avenue worked on their own recovery while reaching out to thank veterans who otherwise might be forgotten on Valentine's Day. Students and staff worked hard to produce over 120 hand-made cards. 815-387-5605

Parent Choices Hosts Krehbiel: Lon interviewed James Krehbiel, author of "Troubled Childhood, Triumphant Life: Healing from the Battle Scars of Youth." After working in schools as a guidance counselor and teacher for over 30 years, James changed direction of his course, became a therapist and soon noticed that his adult clients "felt stuck and were haunted by past behaviors, whereas old patterns and scripts from childhood were coming into play in their own parenting strategies." 480-664-6665

Next Step for Success Changes Name To Parent Coach Professionals: Barbara Cass and Vicki Jones, owners of Next Step for Success, are excited to announce a new name for their parent coaching business - Parent Coach Professionals. 530-836-1980

Shortridge Academy Welcomes Langevin To Clinical Team: The Shortridge Academy Counseling Services team is pleased to announce the addition of Cara Langevin to the professional staff of the school. Cara has a B.A. in Social Work from the University of New Hampshire and a dual M.A. in Expressive Therapies and Mental Health Counseling, Art Therapy Specialization from Lesley University, Cambridge MA. Cara is close to completing the requirements for Master's level LADC license as well. 877-903-8968

InnerRoads Wilderness Program Expands: InnerRoads Wilderness Program, a program of the Youth Homes, has released dates for their upcoming expeditions. Expeditions will run April 6 - May 18 for the Spring Expedition, June 15 - July 27 for Summer Expedition, and October 5 - November 16 for the Fall Expedition. A new Adventure Trip is currently scheduled for August 8 - August 18. For more information, contact Amy Schaer. 406-541-1652

Little Keswick School Honored by VAISEF: Little Keswick School is proud to announce they have been honored for their commitment to the high quality of service they provide with an inaugural 'Partlow Insurance Best Practice Award', which is given by the Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Facilities (VAISEF). 434-295-0457

Expedition Therapy Welcomes Peyton As Primary Therapist: R. Michael Peyton has joined Expedition Therapy as Primary Therapist. Mike received a B.S. Degree in Psychology, followed by a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy, both from Michigan State University. He has been designated as an Approved Supervisor for the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, training new therapists in their profession. Mike's clinical foundation includes strategic family therapy formulated by Jay Haley and Cloe Madanes. He draws from twenty years of working with parents and their children, in addition to his twenty-seven years of experience as a husband and co-parent of five children, to bring relief to his clients, identifying the core values and needs of family members. 435-899-9115

Venable Named Head of New Family Center: Cherokee Creek Boys School is pleased to announce launch of the Cherokee Creek Family Center. This new department will be headed by Beth Venable. Beth was selected because of her excellent experiential education and program development background and deep interest in family-centered healing. She was the founder of our weekend CCBS Treks program for students and the Family Treks program for our parents and siblings. She will continue to manage marketing and communications duties during the startup of the department. Once the Center is fully up and running, marketing and communications will be assigned elsewhere within the organization. 864-647-1885

Smithson Joins Summit Prep: Summit Prep is pleased to announce the welcome addition of Sara Smithson, LMSW to the Summit Prep clinical team. Sara received her LMSW in Social Work from the state of Georgia, her MSW from Smith College School for Social Work and a BA in English from Vassar College. 406-261-9437

Conference Calendar ~ April 2012

April 12-15: AEE Northeast Region Conference, Woodstock, CT, www.aee.org

April 13-15: AEE Northwest Region Conference, Squamish, British Columbia, Canada, www.aee.org

April 12-14: Level 1 Equine Training, Orange, CA, www.newport-academy.com

April 16-19: Therapeutic Business Administrators' Conference, Snowbird, UT, www.tba-services.com

April 19-21: 10th National Conference on Adolescents and Young Adults, Las Vegas, NV, www.usjt.com

April 19-22: 4th Adventure Therapy Best Practices Conference, Mayer, AZ, www.aee.org

April 20-22: AEE Southeast Region Conference, Hendersonville, NC, www.aee.org

April 30-May 3: 26th National Conference on The Self & The Family, Santa Fe, NM, www.usjt.com