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Pine River Hosts First Parent Workshop: The Family Program at Pine River took another leap forward in February by hosting the first Parent Workshop. It was an intensive two days that demonstrated the strong commitment that Pine River parents show for their children's growth as well as their own. We had parent representatives attend from every family whose child was in OLE and at the school (almost 50 parents in total). Pine River Institute is a Residential Treatment Centre and Outdoor Leadership Experience for youth 13 to 19 struggling with mental health issues, and specifically addictive behaviors. 416-955-1453

Pacific Quest Trademarks Sustainable Growth®: Pacific Quest wilderness therapy program announced they were awarded a registered trademark for Sustainable Growth from the United States Patent and Trademark office. They received international recognition for innovative treatment for youth and families in crisis and the recent trademark only confirms its ongoing leadership in the wilderness therapy industry. Sustainable Growth is a holistic treatment model differentiating Pacific Quest from other outdoor therapy programs. When asked to comment on the recent announcement, Mark Agosto, Pacific Quest's Business Director stated, "Our trademark shows that Pacific Quest continues to be the innovative leader in outdoor and wilderness therapy." Much of the Sustainable Growth model is based on the ability to offer outdoor programming that utilizes the nurturing environment of an organic garden in Hawaii, while incorporating the aspects of safety and structure of residential treatment. 808-987-7809

Rosecrance Executive Abate Named Woman of the Year: Mary Ann Abate, VP and COO of Mental Health Services for Rosecrance Health Network, was named "Woman of the Year" for 2012 by the Rockford Woman Magazine, for her outstanding work in the mental health field. Announcing the honor in the March/April issue of Rockford Woman, the judges wrote: "Mary Ann Abate has dedicated herself to bringing mental health issues to the forefront of our community for more than 40 years . . . She wholeheartedly understands what is needed to provide and support mental health workers for the future. We applaud her for her tireless efforts and thank her for reminding all of us why mental health is important to our community." 815-387-5605

OBHIC to Host Wilderness Therapy Symposium: OBHIC is pleased to announce the Wilderness Therapy Symposium will be held September 21-23, 2012. The Symposium will consist of interactive presentations, speakers and outdoor kinesthetic workshops. It will bring a diverse cross-section of clinicians, field instructors, rites of passage guides, educational consultants, professors, research specialists, students and residential program staff under one roof to share theories, insights and best practices in an open spirit. We do this to improve ourselves and the therapeutic services we provide. The symposium offers us a place to explore, inform, and educate ourselves on a diverse range of topics all centering on wilderness therapy. 510-367-3680

National Summit on Co-Occurring Disorders: WestBridge hosted a two-day summit of national thought leaders in the field of Co-Occurring Disorders. Co-hosts of the summit included WestBridge, NAADAC and Hazelden. 877-461-7711

Q&A Associates Announces Program Enhancements: Q&A Associates has added new program delineations to the Journey to Authentic Self Young Adult Program in Davis, WV. "We have grown over the past year, and it became necessary to put more emphasis and definition to our services for young men and young women," says owner Angie Shockley. To that end, the program now offers Applewood Transitions for Young Woman and The Journey Transitions for Young Men. 304-642-9070

Wilde Returns to Island View: It is with great pleasure and excitement that Island View announces the return of Jennifer Wilde, LCSW, MSW, as the new Clinical Director. Jennifer worked at Island View from 1999-2006. Most recently, she has been a therapist at a wilderness-based program in eastern Utah. Jennifer has worked with adolescents for over 20 years across the treatment continuum in both private and public programs. Her strong clinical background and experience, coupled with her positive attitude and outstanding leadership abilities, will further solidify Island View's position as one of the pre-eminent residential treatment centers in the country. 866-952-7930

Adirondack Leadership Partners with Bartky HealthCare: Adirondack Leadership Expeditions has announced a partnership with Dr. Eric Bartky and Bartky HealthCare Center to provide supplemental telepsychiatric and video conferencing services to students. Adirondack Leadership Expeditions' (ALE) treatment team will carefully select appropriate students who could benefit most from telepsychiatry services prior to or following enrollment. The treatment team will collaborate with the student, student's family, and a psychiatrist to provide a thorough assessment, and specialized telepsychiatry and video conferencing services will be provided accordingly. 860-227-3316

College Excel Students Support Special Olympics: Eight College Excel students and one staff member braved the icy waters of the Deschutes River in near freezing temperatures for Special Olympics Oregon in the 2012 Bend Polar Plunge. 541-388-3043

Parent Choices Hosts Flora and McKeown of Trails Carolina: In a segment titled "Treating the Whole Family for Adolescent Substance Abuse" Lon asked his guests, Mary Flora, Primary Therapist, and Jason McKeown, Family Therapist, of Trails Carolina, about the importance of treating the whole family for substance abuse when it is the adolescent who is using. Both agreed the family support is necessary. 828-885-5920

Baldo Joins Squaw Valley Academy: Squaw Valley Academy hired a Special Education Teacher, Peter Baldo. Peter is Level I certified and is in the process of completing Level II certification. In addition, Squaw Valley announced they will offer a summer session this year. 530-853-9393

Carlbrook Member of Association of Recovery Schools: Carlbrook School is excited to announce that it has been accepted as an Institutional Member to The Association of Recovery Schools (ARS). The mission of ARS is to promote, strengthen and expand programs designed for students and families committed to both education and recovery. Members of ARS must fit specific eligibility requirements that support a recovery curriculum and enroll students committed to being abstinent from alcohol and other drugs. 434-476-2406

Newport Academy Day School Recognized By KTLA: Newport Academy Day School announced that leading Los Angeles news source, KTLA-TV, aired a special segment about the Newport Academy Day School recently. The Newport Academy Day School is designed specifically for teens committed to remaining abstinent from alcohol and other drugs, while provided with the tools necessary to flourish in a structured academic setting. 866-382-6651

Eagleton School Utilizes NAPPI International Family Training: Throughout the years one of the major points of focus at Eagleton School has been the need and concern for the safety and well-being of students and staff. Difficult behaviors can erupt at any moment and must be addressed in a quick, safe, and effective manner. In accordance with this principle, Eagleton utilizes a behavioral management program created by NAPPI International (Non-Abusive Psychological and Physical Intervention). NAPPI International, now established in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, is a training company that specializes in teaching direct-care staff and teachers how to deter contentious behavior by building a culture of cooperation with the people with whom they work and those whom they serve. 413-528-4385

Staff Changes at Turn-About Ranch: Turn-About Ranch, a licensed residential treatment program for adolescents and a program of Aspen Education Group, has announced the appointment of Chris Christensen, MS, to Executive Director and Becky Brown to Admissions Director. Chris