The only difference between stumbling blocks and stepping stones is the way in which you use them.

Stonington Institute

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The Stonington Institute Intensive Residential Treatment Center serves adolescent males ages 12 through 18. They provide treatment for adolescents who are mild to moderate developmentally disabled, with co-occurring psychiatric diagnosis and/or with mild to moderate behavioral challenges. The children with mental retardation range in IQ from 50 – 70 and other Developmental Disorders treated include Borderline Intellectual Functioning (IQ to 75), Aspergers Disorder, Pervasive Developmental Disorder, and Autism.

Stonington Institute began serving recovering alcoholics in 1957 as Starlight Farms, a working farm where people in recovery were introduced to the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous. They have now changed to serve both substance abuse and psychiatric patients and are a freestanding, voluntary treatment facility in New England. William A. Aniskovich, M.A., J.D., is the CEO/Managing Director, and he has been with them since 2004. Andrea Keeney BS, is the Director of Admissions and is a graduate of Northeastern University in Boston. They operate partial hospital and outpatient clinics in Groton, Waterford, Willimantic and Danielson, Connecticut, as well as Westerly, Rhode Island. The Institute's programs are licensed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health, Connecticut Department of Children and Families, and the New Jersey Department of Human Services, and the Institute's special education services are approved by the Connecticut State Department of Education.

They offer a variety of step-down programs such as residential detoxification, ambulatory detoxification, partial hospitalization, intensive outpatient care, early recovery group therapy, and evening intensive outpatient program. In home aftercare is available if needed. The facilities include playing fields, a high and low ropes course, a rock climbing wall, a pond for fishing, and plenty of hiking trails highlighting a serene setting.

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Humiliating to human pride as it may be, we must recognize that the advance and even the preservation of civilization are dependent upon a maximum of opportunity for accidents to happen.

~ FA Hayek

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OBHIC Announces Wilderness Symposium Registration: OBHIC is excited to announce that registration is now open for the 2012 Wilderness Therapy Symposium. The Symposium will take place September 21-23 in Boulder, CO. 510-367-3680

True North Recovery Services Expands: It is with great excitement that True North Recovery Services announces the opening a new location in Encinitas, CA so that we can better accommodate the needs of the patients. True North Recovery provides intensive outpatient services throughout California. 760-517-6544

Greenbrier Academy Announces New Clinical Directors: Greenbrier Academy is happy to announce that Ron Schwenkler has been accepted to a doctoral program in Clinical Psychology at the University of Denver in Colorado. He will continue as a valued member of the school as the Clinical Director over Aftercare. This has created a great opportunity for Greenbrier to further refine the administrative functions of the clinical department. In order to streamline and create efficiency in supervision and service, Ron will be working alongside Mike Beswick, who will serve as Clinical Director over Family Programs, and Ginger Conley, Clinical Director over Programming. 877-788-8422

Auldern Academy Welcomes Parent Coach Professionals: Auldern Academy is pleased to announce that we have recently our collaboration with Vicki Jones and Barb Cass of Parent Coach Professionals to provide a much needed service to our families. Each family will receive coaching at the beginning as they settle in and then again just prior to graduation as they plan for transition to other schools, home or college. 919-837-2336

IECA Announces Listing With Noodle.org: IECA is excited to announce that they have entered into an strategic arrangement with Noodle.org to include information about the Independent Educational Consultants Association, including a listing of all IECA Professional Members. 703-591-4850 ext. 6972

Changes at Pasadena Villa: Pasadena Villa is pleased to announce the promotion of Leighann Straughen, LMHC to Clinical Services Manager at our Florida location and Jeffrey Creech, MSW to Clinical Services Manager in Tennessee. Leighann Straughen, LMHC has worked in the mental health field since 2006 with children, adolescents, adults, and families. Jeffrey Creech, MSW has worked in the Mental Health field for 25 years in a variety of positions. 877-845-5235

Top Honors To FFS Musicians: The Family Foundation School received six top awards during its 18th annual appearance at the North American Music Festival at Hershey Park, PA. The school was awarded Superior trophies for Men's Chorus, Women's Chorus, and Show Choir; a First Place trophy for Mixed Chorus; the Most Outstanding Choral Ensemble award; and the Outstanding Soloist-Choral Event award. FFS music director is Paul Geer; Tom Kovalesky is choreographer. 845-887-5213, ext 465

South Korean Delegation Visits reSTART: A three-person delegation from South Korea recently visited reSTART. Several years ago Korea named Internet Addiction their #1 Public Health Threat and recognized the addiction as a legitimate mental health disorder. The delegation came to reSTART to see how the first and only specialized residential treatment facility in the U.S. approached treatment for IAD. 800-682-6934

Pacific Quest Featured on Health and Wellness TV Talk Show: Key professionals at Pacific Quest's outdoor therapeutic program were interviewed on the Hawaii television talk show "Rise Above"