Teen Challenge Columbus Girls Academy

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The Teen Challenge adolescent girls program is a Christian boarding school that provides education, counseling and training for girl's ages 13 to 17 with life-controlling problems. The school provides a disciplined and structured environment that emphasizes character development and personal responsibility. The program is 15 months and is designed to develop the whole person in four main areas: spiritual, social, academic and physical.

Executive Directors, Bob and Karla Lee have over 17 years experience with Teen Challenge ministries. The Columbus Girls Academy is a registered non-public school with the State of Alabama Department of Education. They utilize the award winning Switched on Schoolhouse (SOS) Christian Education Curriculum offered by Alpha Omega Publications. SOS is a comprehensive, Bible-based curriculum that offers computer-based learning for grades K-12.

The program's goal is to develop students that make positive decisions that are not based on mandatory compliance, but rather where positive choices are made because of genuine concern for themselves and others. Students participate in Sunday church services, daily morning chapel services, local youth group, and biblical studies emphasizing obedience, respect for authority, compassion and genuine respect and concern for others. The program provides pastoral counseling individually and in group meetings. Community service, special projects, outings, and mission trips help students become focused on others rather than self.

The program is located in South Alabama on a 200-acre campus. There are four student dorms, a recreation building, school, laundry facility, and main lodge situated on the lake where the dining hall, kitchen, and offices are contained. They have a 35-acre lake for fishing, canoeing and paddleboats, hiking trails, tennis and basketball courts, softball field and volleyball.

[This information came from the Teen Challenge website]

Runnymede School

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Runnymede School is an all male year round Christian boarding school for ages 9 thru 14 who are having behavioral, academic and emotional problems. They use biblical counseling and offer a disciplined, structured, and purposeful lifestyle that strives to reform destructive behavior.

In 2010, Bob Brandon founded Runnymede. He is currently serving as the Executive Director with over 20 years of experience working with young people in a variety of different settings. He has a B.S. degree in Social Science from Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, Ca. Bob has worked as an educator for over fifteen years in both private and public settings and he has successfully started an academic school while working at a teenage boarding school.

The students enroll at various times throughout the school year and the program is able to insure each student receives a personalized curriculum upon admission. Although coursework is designed in a tutorial fashion students receive individualized instruction in all if the core classes plus many extra classes unique to Runnymede School such as physical education, music, church history, Latin, agriculture, wood shop, horticulture, biblical economics, small business basics, basic auto, bible. Students are encouraged to work at a faster pace than a typical school.

The program is very small enrolling four students thus providing for individual one on one counseling. Daily biblical counseling and weekly church attendance in a family centered church starts each week off. Each young man is given a garden plot and learns all about organic farming by tending his own garden. Profits from his garden will be shared with the student to teach the value of labor and to include students in community relationship building.

[This information came from the Runnymede School website]

Portrait Health Centers For The Healing Arts

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The Portrait Health Centers for the Healing Arts are multi-specialty clinics where families and adults can come to experience cutting-edge and proven treatment options available for those struggling with ADHD and other behavioral and learning disorders. The primary focus of the center is addressing the needs of children but is available for all ages. They offer a free initial evaluation for each patient.

The Portrait Health Center was started in 2010 with the first location in Illinois with plans of opening five more clinics in as many states by September 2011. The nurse navigator, Rosellyn Marie Cappuccitti RN, BSN, LCCE is the guide who takes your hand and leads you through the initial evaluation. She is experienced in pediatric and adolescent care. The comprehensive licensed medical team includes Clinical Psychologists, Licensed Medical Social Workers, Optometrists, Audiologists, Chiropractors, Nutritionists, and Family Practitioners.

The initial free evaluation includes a complete medical history, lifestyle, and social review, assessment of sleep patterns, vision and hearing history, nutrition and fitness overview, and oral and musculoskeletal evaluation. From this evaluation, the team of specialists will review the findings and design a customized course of further testing and treatment, where necessary. A certificate of medical necessity will be provided to parents. The nurse navigator will work with the parents and child in educating them on the cause and not just treating the outward symptoms of ADHD/ADD. She will also provide continuity of services to school districts through individualized education programs (IEP), working with the appointed school-based team of specialists who strive to obtain and maintain the mainstreaming of the child if needed.

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