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Facility for Sale or Lease in New York City Suburbs: A 61-bed licensed facility, used for children and adolescents with psychiatric or dual diagnosis issues, licensed by the Office of Mental Health, is now available for sale or lease by its owners. For additional information, contact A. Carter Pottash at Adolmd@gmail.com or 917-710-2456.

Little Keswick Opens New Residence: Little Keswick School announced we are opening our brand new residence center, when the boys return for the summer session. In addition to the recent upgrades to the campus, Little Keswick School is currently interviewing for fall openings, beginning August 26, 2012. 434-295-0457 ext. 14

Wediko Summer Program Opens Additional Cabin: Wediko is pleased to announce that we have opened an additional cabin group in the Wediko Summer Program. 617-292-9200

FFS Honors 15: Dr. Gerald Janauer, Academic Dean at The Family Foundation School, cited the outstanding academic progress of 15 students during graduation ceremonies held June 16, and awarded high school diplomas to 12 of them. One will finish his diploma requirements over the summer, and the other two will return home to finish high school, having completed the character education portion of the FFS program. According to Janauer, "All fifteen have accomplished more than just about any normal high school graduate at a regular school can lay claim to." 845-887-5213, ext 465

Carrie Cameron Joins Center for Change: Tamara Noyes announced the addition of Carrie Cameron to the Business Development Team at the Center for Change. Carrie comes to the Center with fifteen years of experience in marketing and client services, and a passion for helping families in need. 888-224-8250

Todd Fiske New Executive Director at Summit Prep: Todd Fiske steps into the Role of Executive Director for Summit Preparatory School in Kalispell, Montana. Todd holds a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Montana. Fiske has been the Superintendent of the West Valley School District in Kalispell, Montana, a position he held since 2000. His relationship with Summit began when he joined the Board of Directors of Summit nearly 10 years ago, during which time Fiske has brought hands-on experience in education and school administration, particularly in the areas of educational leadership, health, vocational training, physical education, and special needs students. 406-758-8139

Cedar Ridge Signs With Park City Independent: Cedar Ridge Academy has evolved from a very small residential treatment center to a still small but sophisticated therapeutic boarding school. Park City Independent will not only give the students options such as foreign language, but it will also offer students the flexibility to work on their classes while on home passes, and it will allow students to continue class work after they have reached their therapeutic goals and returned home. 435-353-4498

Skyland Trail Announces New COO: Skyland Trail is pleased to welcome Mark (Klay) Weaver to the organization as Chief Operating Officer. Klay's leadership experience in behavioral healthcare organizations makes him a great fit for Skyland Trail. In this role, he will help develop strategic solutions for the challenges of our growing organization, including enhancing and improving systems, increasing profitability, and continuing to develop and implement innovative models of care. 678-686-5926

Smalley Promoted to Interim Clinical Director: Shortridge Academy has promoted Christina Smalley to the position of Clinical and Counseling Director on an interim basis as the search for a Clinical and Program Director continues.This move comes alongside the repositioning of Kay Patch to Medical Director and the departure of Julie Barker to the private practice world. 877-903-8968

Aspen Institute Introduces Dr. Wilson as Medical Director: The Aspen Institute for Behavioral Assessment is excited to announce the hiring of Jeffrey J. Wilson, MD, FAACAP as the full-time Medical Director of the Institute. Dr. Wilson brings an incredible depth and breadth of knowledge and experience in adolescent psychiatry to the Aspen Institute. He is a graduate of Rutgers University and the University of Medicine in New Jersey who completed his psychiatric residency at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. During this time, he was the chief resident in emergency psychiatry. Dr. Wilson then completed a child fellowship at Stanford University, serving as chief resident and also began his research training during this time. He then completed a post-doctoral addiction fellowship at Columbia University, becoming an assistant professor of clinical psychiatry. Dr. Wilson is board certified in general, child and adolescent and addiction psychiatry. 802-362-9966

Wilson New Admissions Director At CERTS: CERTS is pleased to formally announce Shawnale Wilson as the new Director of Admissions for our Southern Utah programs. Shawnale has been working with at risk youth since 1996 at a therapeutic program in Idaho. She began working directly with families as a Family Services Coordinator, but has spent the last 12 years as an Admissions Director. While working with families and professionals over the years, she has made a name for herself in the industry. Parents and their children have always been her number one priority, but her skill in communicating with referring professionals has set a high standard. Shawnale attended Cabrillo College and graduated Aims College with a certificate as an Emergency Medical Technician. 214-679-0095

Montcalm School Graduates 14 Students: Graduating from high school is a monumental occasion for any young person. It is the culmination of many years of hard work, dedication and a commitment to securing a better future. For the students of Montcalm School, a program of Starr Commonwealth, graduation means even more. On Saturday, June 16, 14 students realized their dream of obtaining a high school diploma; each one took a different path to get here. 517-630-2434

Parent Choices Hosts Schwenkler of Greenbrier: Titled, "The Eyes Are The Windows To The Soul," the topic for the June 18 radio show was brainspotting. Brainspotting is a very different type of psychotherapy and one of the more recent therapeutic practices's used. Ron Schwenkler, Clinical Director of Greenbrier Academy explained the process on the show. 304-445-7790

Hazelden Holds Clinical Connections: Clinical Connections is a monthly professional networking event sponsored by Hazelden and designed to bring professionals in the Madison/Milwaukee area together for learning and sharing best practices. In June the focus was "A Look into the Life of a Family with an Addicted Child". 920-988-0955

Rosecrance Therapist Named Illinois Social Worker of the Year: Rosecrance clinician Lynn Cadmus has been named Social Worker

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of the Year by the Illinois chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Cadmus is an expert in gender-based trauma. She also is trained in Dialetical Behavioral Therapy and the treatment of personality disorders. Cadmus' state-level nomination qualifies her as a finalist for national recognition. An award ceremony will be held this fall to honor the statewide award winners. 815-387-5605

CALO Leadership Spends Time at Mexican Orphanage: South of Phoenix and across the Mexican/US border is orphanage named Esperanza Para Los Ninos. The CALO Leadership Team learned of the orphanage two years ago and decided to help as it is sorely underfunded. For the past two years, CALO staff have spent a week donating supplies and playing with the neglected children. For information on how to help raise money for the children of Esperanza, call CALO. 866-459-1364

Eating Disorder Hope Launches New Website: Millions of individuals with eating disorders and related issues often have a difficult time finding credible information and resources online. Eating Disorder Hope, online since 2005, recently redesigned their website to offer even more information and resources for those struggling with these disorders. 817-231-5184

Trails Academy Opens: JD Daubs and Graham Shannonhouse announced the opening of Trails Academy. Trails Academy is a transitional therapeutic boarding environment for boys, grades 9-12. 828-989-7570

Parent Choices Hosts Hirshberg of Germaine Lawrence: "The Subtle Trap of Eating Disorders" was the topic of conversation June 11 on Parent Choices For Struggling Teens. With first clarifying what an eating disorder is and how they develop, David believes there are so many causes as to why an eating disorder starts.781-648-6200 ext. 1111

Ponca Pines Academy Closes: Betsy Warren announced Ponca Pines Academy closed at the end of June 2012 as it's campus became unavailable for occupancy. 402-658-7113

Expedition Therapy Launches Take Flight Expeditions: Expedition Therapy has added the Take Flight expedition to its curriculum. The Take Flight expedition has been designed to assist young adults in launching into life, using principles of aviation and the experience of flight as a powerful metaphor. "We have developed Take Flight to show young adults that launching into life is an ongoing process," said Beth Fogel, Expedition Therapy CEO. "Students first construct a radio-controlled model aircraft, then learn how to take off, fly straight and level, navigate to a destination, and land smoothly." 435-899-9115

FFS Mourns The Passing of Robin Ducey: Robin D. Ducey, retired principal of the The Family Foundation School, died June 16, 2012. She was 66. Ducey, who joined the school in 1987, was instrumental in obtaining the school's initial charter from the New York State Board of Education, completing the accreditation process and developing the challenging academic curriculum for which the school is widely known. Robin and her husband of 47 years, Michael K. Ducey, served as Family Leaders until their retirement in 2010, guiding and mentoring hundreds of Family School students over the years. Robin was also a celebrated regional artist, known for her watercolors of the Delaware River Valley. In addition to her husband, she is survived by four children and six grandchildren. 845-887-5213, ext 465

Cooley Retires... Catherine Freer Closes: After nearly 25 years in the field, Rob Cooley has decided to close Catherine Freer as he retires. "It has been a wonderful 25 years and a privilege and an honor to have helped so many teenagers and their families. I have also been blessed to have worked with so many dedicated and creative individuals over the years. The decision to close the company when I retired was a difficult one, but fiscally it was the right one," explained Cooley. The closure will not effect Santiam Crossing. 800-390-3983

The Arch Bridge School Receives High Honor: The Arch Bridge School at Wellspring, a leader in therapeutic education, has been honored as a 2012-2013 National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASET) School of Excellence. Bestowed upon only a few select qualified licensed schools in the state of Connecticut, the School of Excellence award is NASET's highest level of recognition and is presented to schools that meet rigorous professional criteria and have demonstrated exceptional dedication, commitment and achievement in the field of special education. 203-266-8027

Extended School Year at Lakeview School: The Lakeview School is committed to serving youth and adolescents in the least restrictive environment with a focus on best diagnostic, educational and therapeutic practices enhanced by positive behavioral supports. The Summer Interim Alternative Placement Program at Lakeview provides an alternative to traditional summer programming. The Lakeview School serves students who can benefit from an out of school placement in a non-public special educational school; or an efficient and effective model to develop a comprehensive educational plan for implementation in the referring school district. 603-539-7451

Personnel Changes At Vive: Please join Vive in wishing Hannah Mariotti well as she embarks on a new journey. With Hannah's departure imminent, Cat Howland will be joining Vive this month, doing Clinical Outreach - National. She is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and a former Vive Therapeutic Mentor. 303-517-0038

Linden Hill School Closes: After 51 years of serving young men with learning and attention issues, Linden Hill School announced that it closed its doors in June 2012. 413-498-2907

Lindner Center of Hope Announces Director of Sibcy House: The Frances and Craig Lindner Center of HOPE is pleased to announce the hiring of Rogher Hargus as Program Director. as Program Director of the Center's Sibcy House Unit, which offers a nationally recognized comprehensive diagnostic assessment and short term-residential treatment on a private-pay basis. As program director, Hargus is responsible for programming, administrative duties and clinical staff who provide care to Sibcy House residents. Hargus has more than 25 years in healthcare administration, most of which was spent in behavioral health. 513-536-0316

Cedar Ridge To Enhance Communication: News of Wes Nielson leaving Cedar Ridge has raised some concerns about what changes might occur as Rob takes over his responsibilities. Cedar Ridge firmly believes that better they can define the population of students they work best with and get that message out to the consultants, the better things will go. Their goal is to communicate through a series of short emails to facilitate an orientation of their course and answer any questions as they arise. 435-353-4498

Grand River Academy Headmaster Retires: The face of GRA is changing. After almost four decades on campus, Headmaster Randy Blum retired at the end of June. His accomplishments are legendary; five new campus buildings, a strong and stable teaching and administration staff, and an enhanced reputation that has GRA in the national and international spotlight. Mr. Tim Viands will become the new Headmaster at GRA starting this summer. Mr. Viands comes to us from St. Thomas More school in Connecticut. 440-275-2811