and girls are wired differently, Tim Viands of Grand River Academy strongly feels that we are doing a disservice in teaching our kids in a cookie cutter way. Tim discussed with Lon Woodbury the benefits of a single gender model of education versus the options of a 'co-ed' education. 440-275-2811

Adolescents Often Safer In Wilderness Than At Home: According to the Outdoor Behavioral Healthcare Research Cooperative (OBHRC), directed by Dr. Mike Gass, the public perception of outdoor behavioral healthcare programs can be misconstrued as dangerous and unsafe. This perception can often be linked to a lack of knowledge regarding this innovative method of treatment, unfamiliarity with the extensive risk management techniques used in such programs, the inappropriate practices of less developed yet seemingly similar programs, and the vulnerable and problematic states of many of its clients. 603-862-2024

Woodbury And Sapp Interviewed Nationally Following Tragic Shootings: With the tragic killings of 20 innocent children Friday, December 14, 2012 in Newtown, CT, the subject of mental illness is the hot topic affecting many families, schools and professionals across the United States. Huff Post Live, Lon Woodbury, an Independent Educational Consultant and Founder of the web-based resource StrugglingTeens.com, was one among a panel of guests invited to address the topic. The panel also included Dr. Andy Sapp, PhD, President/Founder of Cherry Gulch, a therapeutic boarding school for boys in ID, Christina Shaver, a mother of a special needs child from IL, Steven Dickstein, a Pediatric Psycho-pharmacologist from NY and Brian Lombrowski, co-chair of the Youth Advisory Group for the Building Bridges Initiative, and former President of the Community Alliance for the Ethical Treatment of Youth. The panel discussed what we can do as a nation to help families and children struggling with mental illness. 208-267-5550

Aspiro Speaks Out On Asperger's and CT Tragedy: We at Aspiro, like all parents and professionals who dedicate their working lives to helping children, were extremely saddened by the recent mass shooting in Connecticut. Do people with a diagnosis of Asperger's or Autism lack empathy and did this contribute to the shooter's actions? In Gordon Day's experience, the idea that those with Asperger's do not desire social relationship is a myth. Read the entire letter at:
www.strugglingteens.com/artman/publish/AspiroBN_121218.shtml

Sober College: From Residential Treatment To Independent Living: One of the biggest challenges for young adults in a residential addiction treatment program is transitioning from treatment back into everyday life. While most treatment programs focus solely on the residents' addiction and getting them off drugs and alcohol, Sober College's dual-diagnosis drug treatment curriculum is different. 818-274-0304 ext. 107

Right Turn Announces Gerry Cotter Scholarship Fund: Right Turn has grown to become a main support for so many creative people in the community seeking recovery and professional services for substance abuse, alcoholism, and mental health. The Gerry Cotter Scholarship Fund, which assists with the funding of treatment to someone who desperately needs it but cannot afford the cost was recently established. Gerry was one of the beloved therapists, who passed away in 2010. His presence touched many lives and helped many friends. 781-646-3800

Dr. Feder Joins Aspen Counseling: The newest psychiatrist to join Aspen Counseling and Consulting is Dr. Susan Feder. Dr. Feder has extensive experience in the psychopharmacologic treatment of children, adolescent and adults. Her areas of interests and expertise are: ADHD, PDD/autism, depression, anxiety, PTSD, and bipolar disorder for patients ages 2 to 55. 815-387-5605

Dr. Melillo Discusses DSM-V Changes In ASD Terms: How Will The DSM-V Autism Changes Affect Children. The DSM-5 will use autism spectrum disorder (ASD) as an umbrella term to cover mild to severe forms of autism, eliminating the terms Asperger's Disorder and Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS). According to the APA, the widening of the term is an effort to more accurately diagnose all individuals showing signs of autism. 312-854-8816

ISPA Announces Cedar Ridge As New Member: Andy Anderson, MRA, Founder and President of ISPA announced today that Cedar Ridge Academy has become a member of the Alliance. Cedar Ridge Academy has a 16 year history of excellent service to families and young people in need of top level residential, educational and clinical services.727-512-9144

Eating Recovery Center Offers Holiday Treatment Resources: In response to the anxiety that can accompany heightened exposure to food-centric gatherings of friends, family and colleagues, treatment professionals often observe an escalation of eating disordered thoughts and behaviors and lapses in recovery during this time of year. Throughout the holiday season in 2012, Eating Recovery Centers operated uninterrupted treatment programming throughout the holiday. 877-218-1344

OBHIC Announces 2013 Wilderness Symposium: Mark your calendar now for the 2013 OBHIC Wilderness Therapy Symposium. The Symposium will be held Thursday, September 5 - Saturday, September 7, 2013.

Echo Springs Focus On Safe Zone: Echo Springs hosted officials from the University of Idaho Human Rights office and the LGBT office to conduct a Safe Zone training for the entire faculty. 208-267-1111

Cottle Joins CALO As Outreach Coordinator: CALO is pleased to announce the hiring of Caleb Cottle as Program Outreach Coordinator. He was our Program Director and Recreation Therapy Supervisor for five years before leaving for a short time to set up schooling for an MBA. After that brief period away, Caleb is back to meet with referral sources from Kansas City to California as he coordinates their requests for information and access to CALO leadership. In addition to referral source duties, Caleb will be in charge of our alumni council. He will also keep his hand in day to day operations through direct care trainings with supervisors and front line coaches. 866-459-1362

Rosecrance Expands Marketing Team: Rosecrance announced that two new members have joined the marketing team. The first is Carla M. Chludzinksi, Community Relations Coordinator, MSW, LCSW. Next is Rev. James E. Swarthout, Clergy Community Relations. 815-387-5605

Q&A Associates Launches Willow Creek Lodge: Willow Creek is one component of Q & A's programming that offers a complete continuum of care for young adults. Willow Creek Lodge is a retreat program for young adults (18-26 years old) just west of Asheville, North Carolina. This intensive 30-45 day program combines cutting-edge clinical interventions with a strength-based focus on brain biology, mindfulness, and health and wellness. 304-642-9070

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