New Perspectives...

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Taking Off-Gap Year Consultants

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Taking Off is a service for high school students, gap year students, college students and adults that are looking to take a gap year or more away from their current situation, be it: an alternative off-campus semester that provides credit, graduates who have no definite plans or are wanting to defer college, students choosing to take a leave of absence or looking for international experiences, and for those looking to change careers or wanting to take a break.

Founder and Director of Taking Off is Gail Reardon, who previously worked as a licensed independent social worker both at home and abroad in addition to designing, developing, and implementing various educational programs. Her partner Maureen Lavin-Arcand, M Ed, previously worked as a Speech Pathologist in schools and medical settings and has always had a love of traveling.

Taking Off helps individuals clarify their interests and goals and puts into action a safe plan. Through a personally tailored experience, Taking Off helps individuals formulate an individualized plan of action for their gap year. The service uses a highly specific and detailed questionnaire to obtain information on individual goals, preferences, interests, and situation. These responses are used to establish a unique experience for each individual in countries and environments around the globe. Individuals who participate in this program can obtain real life experience in diverse locations as well as gaining independence, maturity, confidence and self esteem, and clarity about future goals and choices.

Each Taking Off experience is unique in both location and activities. Participants have the opportunity to travel to multiple locations around the globe including Central and South America, North America, Africa, Asia, Europe, the Pacific, and more.

[This information came from their website]

Seen N Heard...

New Vision West Coast Now Enrolling Adolescents: New Vision West Coast is now open for enrolling adolescents. We have been granted our Outdoor Youth Program licensure. Effective immediately, we will be enrolling adolescent clients. NVW West Coast is located in Oakridge, Oregon. NVW West Coast offers a unique blend of intensive psychotherapy and individualized approaches for fostering adolescent's and young adult's vision for their future. 855-689-8326

Year Round Programming At Life Designs: We would like to share our new 12-month programming at Life Designs. We have re-structured the program and payment model to support the needs of our clients and their families. The Learning Phase begins at our rural Lodge in Cusick, WA., and provides continuity for our many young adults who transition from wilderness programs. The Living Phase ensues at Kedlin House in Spokane, WA., and provides an urban setting for young adults to responsibly ease into independent living. 509-671-2487

Alpine Academy Honors Memory Of Founder: The young ladies at Alpine Academy had a wonderful opportunity to take a walk down memory lane with some of those that were closest to our founder, Lila Bjorklund.In the late 1960's Lila took it upon herself to fill the void of having a safe, comfortable environment for teenage girls to learn the skills that they need to better themselves. For more than 30 years following she worked tirelessly, volunteering her time and self to grow the largest charity in the state of Utah. This week the grandchildren of Lila shared some stories and Lila's love with the girls at Alpine. 800-244-1113

Eberle Leaves Woodbury Consultant Affiliates: Lon Woodbury, President of Woodbury Reports Inc., announced that Loi Eberle has left Woodbury Reports Affiliates to devote herself full time to her own practice. 208-267-5550

Comprehensive Summer Bridge Program Available: Cedar Ridge Academy announced their new Comprehensive Summer Bridge Program, a 90-day boarding school program that includes academic, therapeutic and physical fitness instruction. 435-353-4498

Learning Enhancement Corporation Offers BrainWare Safari for Brain-Behavior Research: The BRAIN Initiative announced in April by President Barack Obama has underscored the importance of better understanding brain-behavior relationships and holds potential for deeper knowledge of the mechanisms involved in the development of the cognitive skills involved in learning and thinking. He also announced that his 2014 budget proposal will contain $100 million in funding for a research initiative with the acronym BRAIN (Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies), a 10-year $3 billion initiative previewed in the President's State of the Union Address.The BRAIN initiative could help explain in a much more detailed way than is currently available to exactly how key cognitive processes involved in learning and memory are developed and modified, leading to even better approaches. According to Betsy Hill, president and COO of LEC, "The BRAIN initiative has been likened to the Human Genome mapping project, but there are some important differences. The order of proteins in the human genome can be determined and will be the same the next time you look at it." 312-239-2677

Neal Joins Remuda Ranch As Director Of Clinical Services: Remuda Ranch, a comprehensive treatment center specializing in eating and co-occurring disorders for women and girls, is pleased to announce that Libby Neal, MA, LPC, has joined Remuda Ranch as Director of Clinical Services. Neal is a Licensed Professional Counselor with extensive clinical training, project development and executive leadership skills. Her clinical specializations include eating disorders, addictions, trauma, brain mechanics, attachment disorders, and severe co-morbid pathology. 317-344-2922

FFS Adds Two to Counseling Staff: Mark P. Vogel, Director of Counseling at The Family Foundation School, has announced the addition of Ann Lewis, MA, CASAC and Thomas Walker, MS to the school's roster of therapeutic counselors. Lewis has more than ten years' experience in the field of addiction, emotional trauma, human development and family counseling. She is certified in Reiki techniques and emphasizes a holistic approach to healing. Walker, who holds a degree in criminal justice as well as counseling psychology, has experience working with severely emotionally disturbed youths and their families, as well as with adolescent victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse. His background also includes child-centered therapy and filial play training.845-887-5213, ext 265

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