

NSI ACADEMY

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NSI Academy is a private, non-profit program offering residential treatment and educational services to adolescents with behavioral and emotional problems. They serve male and female students ranging from ages thirteen to eighteen. Typically the students they enroll have problems with one or more of the following issues: substance abuse, mood disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, conduct disorder, ADHD and may be adjudicated delinquent.

NSI Academy was founded in 1991 in Sheridan, Wyoming. It is currently owned by Sequel. Carolyn Willandt, Executive Director has over 20 years of experience working with adolescents in acute and residential programs. Michelle Knight is the Director of Admissions and has been with NSI in various roles since 2003. NSI Academy is licensed by the Wyoming Department of Family Services as a residential treatment center, accredited by the Joint Commission on

Behavioral Health and certified as an Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Facility by the Wyoming Department of Health, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division. The school is fully accredited by the Wyoming Department of Education, NCA (North Central Association) and the California department of education.

The program is located in the foothills of the Big Horn Mountains in Sheridan, Wyoming on a campus of over 300 acres. There are six main residential sites on the large, rural campus. Four are for males, two are for females. All students participate in individual, group and family therapies, providing students and their families with therapeutic and academic goals and interventions according to their individual treatment plan. NSI Academy's work-preparation program introduces students to hands-on training for later employment opportunities by offering accredited vocational classes. NSI Academy's programs offer a full range of athletic opportunities, including intramural and interscholastic competition. Boys' sports include football, basketball, track, baseball, softball, ice hockey, and cross-country running, while girls have the opportunity to participate in basketball, track, volleyball, baseball, and softball.

[This information came from the NSI Academy website]

SALEM4YOUTH

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Salem4youth is a working farm for 'prodigal' boys, located in the heartland of Central Illinois just 1½ hours south of Chicago, on 100+ acres of farmland in Flanagan, IL. They utilize two programs for young men ages twelve thru eighteen in an effort to gain the maximum benefit for each student served. One is a 4-6 month program for those students who are showing a downward trend in their lives, and need refocused before they get to the point of needing a long-term program. The other is a 12-18 month program for those young men struggling the most, and who need more time to accomplish the changes they need to make in order to be successful in the future. The most common issues the young men have entering the program are not respecting authority, drug use, failing school, hyperactive, depressed, unmotivated, playing video games, selfish, lazy, and impulsive.

Salem4youth, also known as Salem Children's Home, was begun in 1895 as an orphanage. Its purpose was "to build

and maintain a home for orphans and other worthy, destitute children, and for giving them industrial and religious training, and a common school education." This purpose grew out of the Biblical faith convictions of the founding churches, then known as Defenseless Mennonite churches. They continue today as an affiliate corporation of this family of churches, now known as the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches (FEC). As clientele and their needs changed they became licensed as a boarding school under the Illinois Board of Education in 2006 and are affiliated with the National Association of Street Schools. All class room instruction is given on campus with a curriculum using a computer-based program called Switched on Schoolhouse. Vocational classes are taught basic mechanics, welding/fabrications, computers/electronics, and carpentry/home improvement.

The boys participate in a competitive league in basketball, track, swimming, bowling, soccer, volleyball, and softball. The Equine Center has a heated indoor riding area and the program regularly receives Arabian, Paint, Quarter Horses, Palomino and many other breeds through donations. The students are involved in everything from feeding and watering, picking stalls, grooming and washing, riding, showing and training. The boys also have their own heated wood working shop.

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WITHOUT ACCEPTING IT."

— ARISTOTLE