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John Cohen Clinical Director of Pure Life Aspiro: The Aspiro Group is excited to announce John Cohen, LPC, as the Clinical Director of Pure Life Aspiro! John's experience exceeds 25 years of providing assessment and therapeutic services to adolescents and their families in juvenile justice, psychiatric hospitals and wilderness therapy settings. 801-819-2353

Boguslofski New Director of Alpine Academy: The Alpine Academy team is happy to introduce Michele Boguslofski, who has joined the Alpine team as the new Director. Michele comes to Alpine by way of our parent company, Utah Youth Village, and has been vicariously part of the Alpine team through her involvement there. Michele's career in residential treatment began in 1987 as a Family Teacher along with her husband Jeff, our current Director of Residential Services. She has worked in residential treatment positions in New Hampshire, Vermont, Nebraska, and North Carolina, and has been certified in the Teaching-Family Model five times. Her administrative career began in 1993 where she has held positions as a Coordinator for Admissions and Aftercare, Consultation Coordinator, and Training Coordinator. 800-244-1113

Jason Capel Joins Aspiro: The Aspiro Group welcomes Jason L. Capel, LCSW, to the Aspiro Clinical Team! Jason has extensive experience and training in Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) and has developed adolescent DBT programs in residential treatment centers and wilderness therapy programs. He has specialized in the treatment of suicide, self-injurious behavior, trauma, eating disorders, mood disorders, and substance abuse using empirically supported therapies. 801-819-2353

Farnsworth Joins InnerChange: Janet Farnsworth, a residential treatment veteran with more than 25 years of experience serving struggling youth and families, will be joining InnerChange's executive team as the Vice President of Business Development. Janet has served in roles as diverse as being a weekend teaching parent, an agency advocate for all direct care staff, and a master trainer. She led the team which started a small residential program and then grew it exponentially in both size and quality. Janet is a promoter of industry-wide standards through research and best practice and is a powerful mentor for many women in the treatment profession.

Active Recovery Network Joins NATSAP: Active Recovery Network is proud to announce that it has joined NATSAP (the National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs) as a Young Adult Affiliate program. Active Recovery Network supports those recovering from addictive or dependent behaviors through aftercare and recovery coaching, mentoring, life skills training, community building and meaning-making. 303-775-7810

Mental Health and Faith: When people are in crisis, often the first place they go is to their place of worship. Faith communities are reaching out to those with a variety of needs and looking within for parishioners with a talent and passion for meeting those needs. Rose Hill recently participated in a conference, "Pathways to Promise: The Power of Faith Communities in Mental Health Recovery." The conference was hosted by The Interfaith Mental Health Coalition, a collection of mental health service providers, public officials, faith leaders and advocates in the Chicago area. The day was full of presentations that described ways that faith communities and people engaged in mental health recovery can work together to educate their communities about mental illness and equip them to develop supportive, caring responses. Speakers from various faith traditions shared their stories and personal experiences with mental illness and recovery. 248-634-5530

Freedle And Slagle Presented At NATSAP: Pacific Quest's Dr. Lorraine Freedle and Travis Slagle Presented at the recent NATSAP Conference in Henderson, NV. The presentation highlighted the benefits and implications of Horticultural Therapy as a growth-focused treatment model. Research studies suggest gardening provides cognitive, emotional, and physiological benefits that can lead to increased overall life satisfaction. In a recent interview, Horticultural Therapy Director, Travis Slagle commented, "Horticultural therapy offers experiential techniques that place the client in a care-giving role. By engaging individuals and families in the restorative process of cultivating beauty and health in one's environment, it becomes increasingly possible to internalize beauty and health in one's self." 808-345-4549

New Survey Finds Moms on Front Lines of Children's Education: A new Sylvan Learning survey, conducted online by Harris Interactive among 5,000 U.S. adults in December 2013, finds that nearly 9 in 10 mothers of school-aged children regard themselves as having principal responsibility for their child's academics. 571-235-7238

Social Thinking Training Hosted By Cherry Gulch: On March 7, 2014, Cherry Gulch will be hosting Dr. Pam Crooke from the Social Thinking group. This customized workshop blend is designed to help professionals gain a better understanding of the inner minds of individuals with social learning challenges. The Informal Social Thinking -Dynamic Assessment will be introduced as a guide for developing differentiated lessons for those individuals with social learning issues. In addition, participants will learn about START, Social Thinking- Assessment Response Training - which is a way in which Social Thinking can be blended into the RTI/PBIS model. 208-365-3437

Allynwood Academy Welcomes England To The Team: Allynwood Academy welcomes Jada England as the newest member to our expanding marketing team. In Jada's new role as an Enrollment Development professional she works closely with our families, mental health professionals and those in the recovery field in the Texas area to educate and build awareness of the Allynwood platforms and with the admissions process to our programs. 607-637-8265

Aspiro Appoints Hillstead Clinical Director Smoot Assoc. Clinical Director: The Aspiro Group is proud to announce the appointment of David Hillstead, Ph.D., LMFT, as Director of Clinical Services and Carl Smoot, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, as Associate Clinical Director! David brings more than 14 years of wilderness therapy experience to this new role as Director of Clinical Services. He will assure the highest quality of clinical service delivery and make sure our team is providing unmatched consultation, communication and follow up with parents and referring professionals. Dr. Smoot brings more than 15 years of professional clinical work to his role as Associate Clinical Director. He will continue to provide services as a primary therapist as well as program evaluation, assessment, research, and clinical consultations. 801-819-2353

Preece To Leave Alpine Academy: With heartfelt emotion, Nikki Preece announced her resignation from Alpine Academy. "It has been such an incredible privilege and honor to be a part of the development of Alpine Academy." Nikki accepted the position as the Executive Director of Fulshear Treatment to Transition, an immersive program that combines residential treatment and independent living transition opportunities for young adult women between the ages of 18 to 25, south of Houston, near Sugar Land, Texas. Alpine Academy: 800-244-1113 Fulshear Ranch Academy: 801-380-3223

Brace Announces Retirement: It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Tim Brace, Headmaster and founding member of the