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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

Carlbrook School Board of Regents, will be retiring in June of this year. Tim and his wife Kathleen have played an instrumental role in the creation and development of Carlbrook School since 2001, and we have been truly honored to work with such talented, caring and inspirational individuals. 434-476-2406

Expedition Therapy Announces Total Therapeutic Team Approach: Expedition Therapy proudly announces its Total Therapeutic Team Approach for treating young adults. "Our Total Therapeutic Team Approach continuously integrates our therapeutic strengths into the daily curriculum of Expedition Therapy students, during weekly expeditions and back at base camp." explained Ms. Beth Fogel. 484-619-0116

Skyland Trail Welcomes Tipton To Board Of Directors: Skyland Trail, a nationally recognized nonprofit treatment organization for adults with mental illness, is pleased to announce Mark Tipton as a new member of the Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2014. Tipton is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Georgia Commerce Bank (GCB) and Georgia Commerce Bancshares, Inc. He serves on Tulane University's Associate Board and President's Council. In addition, he Chairs the Board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta, is a member of the Carter Center Board of Councilors, the Georgia Tennis Foundation Board and prior to being elected to the Board of Directors, Tipton served on the Skyland Trail Advisory Board in 2012. 404-315-8333

Richardson Steps Down As Headmaster: Randy Richardson recently made the difficult decision to step down as Headmaster of Oliverian effective June 30, 2014. Randy has devoted five immensely productive years to the School, and has played a major role in its development into the self-sustaining, independent, and financially secure institution it is today. He has also been instrumental in helping to clarify Oliverian's vital mission, and in continually improving the quality of its programming and staff. 603-989-5100 ext. 7103

Grover And Riggs Join Wingate Team: WinGate is pleased to announce the addition of Erin Grover and Paula Riggs to the team. Erin is a wonderful addition to an expanding group of highly professional clinicians at WinGate. She brings with her a vast background in wilderness therapy including her roles as a Field Staff, Field Director, and Assistant Operations Director over the past ten years. Paula has spent more than fifteen years working with at risk youth and families in multiple environments. She is an experienced Admissions Counselor and Director in therapeutic middle schools, high schools, as well as young adult treatment facilities and Outdoor Wilderness programs. 800-560-1599

Chamber Music Concert at Copper Canyon Academy: For several years, CCA has had the honor of hosting chamber music concerts under the auspices of Chamber Music Sedona (CMS). CMS sponsors artists-in-residence concerts for youth in selected local schools. In January 2014 CMS returned, this time with five young musicians, all of whom were current or former members of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. The entire CCA community attended the concert. 877-617-1222

Saving Teens Celebrates 10th Anniversary: Saving Teens in Crisis Collaboration celebrated its 10th anniversary serving teens struggling with substance abuse and emotional issues. Direct financial support accounts for only a fraction of the impact SavingTeens has in expanding access to quality treatment options for at-risk teens. The combination of pro-bono educational consulting, counselling services, and program discounts and scholarships has allowed SavingTeens to provide nearly $750,000 in additional value to adolescents and their families. 978-852-2144

Jimenez New Book Focuses On Teens Returning Home: Author, speaker, and coach Ruben Jimenez (LCSW) has published a new book focused on helping parents with teens or young adults returning home from therapeutic treatment. The book is called The Road Home: A Guide for Parents with Teens or Young Adults Returning from Treatment and is available through the author's website TheRoadHomeBook.com as well as Amazon.com. The first two chapters are available for free download on his website. 970-426-9227

Pacific Quest Celebrates Ten Year Anniversary: Pacific Quest is celebrating its ten year anniversary as one of the premier Outdoor Therapy programs for adolescents and young adults. With its proprietary Sustainable Growth treatment model, Pacific Quest is forging a new direction for mental health services by integrating naturopathic medicine, horticultural therapy, rites-of-passage, and best practices in clinical psychology and family therapy. 210-315-1302

Two New Therapists Join Allynwood Academy: We are pleased to announce that two new therapists have joined the therapeutic team at Allynwood. Samantha Cole, MSW, LICSW is a licensed clinical social worker that comes to Allynwood Academy with nearly 10 years of experience in the therapeutic boarding school setting, most recently at the Academy of Swift River. Danielle LeMoine, MHC, joined Allynwood Academy in December of 2013. Prior to becoming a mental health counselor, Danielle worked as a speech therapist for ten years in public school. 607-637-8265

McLain Moves To Provo Canyon School: Over the years, I have had the privilege to be the Executive Director of both Northwest Academy and Boulder Creek Academy. During that time, with the support of a fantastic team, we experienced tremendous growth at both schools. I am proud of every staff member and team player on board, as each has made his or her own significant contributions to the overall growth and shared success. I am writing to share with you that Universal Health Services presented me with the opportunity to serve as CEO at Provo Canyon School, a facility recognized for its residential treatment and educational services. Bruce Wilson is the School Director for Northwest Academy and Lisa Hester at Boulder Creek Academy. 208-267-6691

Gayle Jensen-Savoie Resigns: It is with mixed emotions that I am writing to advise you that I am resigning my position as Executive Director of Fulshear Treatment to Transition. I plan to continue my work with The Joint Commission. As you know, this work ensures all accredited treatment facilities provide the highest safety and quality for all clients.

Echo Springs Looks Toward The Next Two Decades: Echo Spring Transition Study Center is launching its 21st year. As one of the oldest after-care programs in the nation, students have traveled from around the world to ignite change inside the little, red schoolhouse in the middle of the forest of Bonners Ferry, Idaho. 208-267-1111

Andrew Powell Joins Elements Wilderness Program: Elements Wilderness Program is pleased to announce the arrival of Andrew Powell to our core management team. Andrew has filled a variety of roles in wilderness, starting as field staff and most recently serving as Executive Director at Outback. He came to wilderness from the field of international development, relocating to Utah after 4 years in El Salvador serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer and as Country Director of a Non-Governmental Organization called VisionSpring. 801-505-8481

Pasadena Villa Facilities in Florida Accredited: Pasadena Villa is pleased to announce that all their facilities in the state of Florida are now proud to be Joint Commission Accredited! "In achieving Joint