



INSIDE CEC

Construction Underway in WY and CO

Construction has begun on a 400-bed residential substance abuse treatment facility in Casper, Wyoming. Community Education Centers (CEC) awarded a contract to Kloefkorn-Ballard Construction/Development, Inc. of Casper, Wyoming to build the facility in Casper. The contract calls for construction of a facility that will house a therapeutic community (TC) and community corrections/work release populations referred by the Wyoming Department of Corrections (DOC). The building was designed by Robert Zampolin Associates. Both Kloefkorn-Ballard and Zampolin Associates have extensive experience in the design and construction of correctional facilities.

Several construction companies from Wyoming and New Jersey submitted proposals during the bidding process. CEC chose Kloefkorn-Ballard based on its competitive pricing, exceptional reputation in Wyoming and its expertise in the construction of correctional facilities.



Artist's rendition of 400-bed Wyoming facility.

"CEC is pleased to be part of the Wyoming DOC's comprehensive continuum of care plan for State inmates. This major construction project underscores CEC's commitment to helping the DOC in its ongoing efforts to reduce recidivism in the Wyoming," said John J. Clancy, President and CEO of CEC. "We are enthusiastic about getting this project underway," added Mr. Clancy.

Bo Robinson Expansion Completed

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CEC Hosts LSI-R Training Seminar

Community Education Centers (CEC) presented a two-day training seminar on the administration, scoring and interpretation of the Level of Service Inventory-Revised (LSI-R), a state-of-the-art risk assessment instrument. The LSI-R provides a comprehensive risk/needs assessment important to offender treatment planning and placement. The seminar was held at CEC's Bo Robinson Education and Training Center in Trenton New Jersey.

"The LSI-R assesses relevant factors needed for making decisions about risk and treatment," said Robert Mackey, Chief Operating Officer at CEC.

Ralph Fretz, PhD, Director of Research and Assessment at CEC presented the two-day training seminar. Dr. Fretz is one of the few certified expert LSI-R trainers in the world. Among the topics covered during the seminar were: the administration of the test, scoring, how to interpret findings, the use and misuse of findings, and how to use the LSI-R findings to design and effective treatment plan.

Approximately 30 CEC staff attended the LSI-R training seminar.

CEC Welcomes New Finance Staff

Over the last several months, CEC welcomed several new additions to its corporate office in Roseland, New Jersey. Christopher J. Rausch, CPA joined CEC in February 2004 as Controller. Chris has fifteen years of experience in finance, accounting and auditing. Most recently, he was Vice President & Corporate Controller for Dianon Systems, Inc., a \$200 million clinical laboratory company, where he was responsible for all financial, billing and merger and acquisitions activity. Prior to Dianon, Chris held financial management positions in Quest Diagnostics, Inc., Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company and Arthur Anderson & Company.

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Site work began in February and the facility is expected to open in January 2005.

The Wyoming DOC awarded CEC a contract for a 100-bed TC program in July, 2003. Under the terms of the contract, CEC will provide substance abuse treatment and medical services for TC inmates under the custody of the Wyoming DOC. In addition to housing the TC program, the new facility will replace the existing Community Alternatives of Casper (CAC) facility and house the approximately 180 work release offenders currently residing in CAC, as well as offenders referred by the Wyoming Department of Corrections (DOC). The building will include two dining rooms, counseling areas, day rooms, an indoor gym and outdoor recreation areas for both populations. The TC portion of the facility—which will be completely separate from the work release population—will meet Wyoming medium security standards.

“The primary goal of the 100-bed secure residential treatment program is to provide a comprehensive continuum-of-care system in a TC setting that will identify, assess and treat the offenders and prepare them for placement in an Assessment and Treatment Center and then a halfway house to continue living drug-free while in after-care,” said John Clancy, President and CEO of CEC.

“The treatment program shall use evidence-based methods of intervention and address the treatment needs of inmates, utilizing a holistic approach. Emphasis will be placed on promoting responsibility, accountability and encouraging pro-social values and attitudes,” explained Robert Mackey, PhD, Chief Operating Officer of CEC.

“The therapeutic community’s unique approach to the problem of substance abuse aims at assisting individuals to make major changes in all areas of their lives. This program will give particular focus to changing criminal thinking, motivating clients to change and gaining client commitment,” added Dr. Mackey. Participants shall be involved in the program for a minimum period of six months with a planned completion within 12 months. However, the actual time spent in treatment will vary based on individual needs and clinical progress.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY HELD in COLORADO SPRINGS Representatives of the Colorado Department of Corrections (DOC), state and local officials gathered together for the official groundbreaking of the new 750-bed Cheyenne Mountain Re-Entry Center in Colorado Springs. DOC Executive Director Joe Ortiz led the ceremony along with John J. Clancy, president of Community

Education Centers (CEC). CEC will build and operate the facility under a contract with the Department. The Re-Entry Center will be a medium security facility that will provide quality assessment, treatment and corrections services to pre-release offenders and parole violators in the State of Colorado.

The ceremony was conducted on the grounds of Community



Colorado Springs Groundbreaking

Alternatives of El Paso, which CEC has been operating since 1999.

“The Cheyenne Mountain Re-Entry Center has been a vision of our company for many years,” said John Clancy, President/CEO of CEC. “The Colorado Department of Corrections sees the need to reduce crime and recidivism through expanded treatment options for offenders. Our company has the demonstrated ability to provide those rehabilitative services cost effectively and successfully. A recent study of offenders participating in CEC programs by Drexel University found recidivism rates were cut by up to 30% and at one-third the cost of government prisons.”

DOC Executive Director Joe Ortiz said, “The Re-Entry Center will become an important tool in the management of Colorado Department of Corrections offenders. We welcome this partnership with CEC. “We look forward to working with the department in meeting our mission of preserving the public safety for all Colorado.”

The services at the Colorado Springs Pre-Parole and Parole Revocation Center will utilize treatment modalities that employ a progressive, incentive-oriented methodology in a secure setting. Various strategic therapeutic interventions and behavior modification techniques will be used to promote and reinforce positive change.

J.E. Dunn Contractors of Colorado Springs has begun work on the facility and the projected opening is scheduled for July of 2005.

Northeast Site News



BO ROBINSON

Trenton, NJ—Bo Robinson would like to share a warm welcome to all of the new staff members hired during the last year. The new Senior Counselors are, **Tyesha White, Ebony**

White, Derek Oden, Alexander Mahon, Kevin Bailey and **Tracey Duncan**. In addition, the Bo Robinson has several new Operations Counselors, including **Timothy Ferguson, Dion Edwards, Elvin Ruiz** and **James Graham**. In addition, there has been a new addition to the teaching staff, Ms. Fogles a volunteer from the People and Stories Program. Ms. Fogles will be working with non-reading residents on Mondays 9:30am-11am. The staff offers a warm welcome to Ms. Fogles as well. Congratulations to **Mr. Yusuf El-Amin** on his recent promotion to the new Facility Manager.

TULLY HOUSE

Newark, NJ—

TALBOT HALL

Kearny, NJ—

Employee Spotlight: Gerry Gasko



Mid-West Site News



COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES OF EL PASO (CAE)

Colorado Springs, CO—The Colorado Department of Corrections chose

Community Alternatives of El Paso County (CAE) as one of several sites to host a program for Parolees who have had their parole revoked due to technical violations. The program is designed to slow the influx of technical violators back into the prisons, and to increase the probability that they will stay out once they are reintegrated. Revoked Parolees spend 45 days in residential treatment to address the root cause of the revocation, and are then assessed for their capacity to reengage in community and employment activities. When they reenter the community, they continue treatment and carry with them a Passive Global Satellite Positioning System to monitor their movements.

In an effort to provide offenders with fresh and innovative programming, CAE will begin using the New Directions drug and alcohol treatment program developed by the Hazelden Corporation in partnership with the Minnesota DOC. Outcome studies of the program are very promising. Hazelden will be providing a 3-day training in Colorado Springs March 10-12.

TOOLEY HALL

Denver, CO—Tooley Hall had a spring BBQ that was very successful. Children colored eggs, played musical chairs, did arts and crafts and each child received a gift basket full of candy. It was a very positive event, which allowed residents to spend quality time with their families. Tooley Hall isward to the summer months and continuing the tradition of family BBQ's and playing volleyball. Tooley Hall was recently audited by the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice. The audit went well and staff team work was evident. In other news, residents have been participating in community clean up projects and feeding the homeless in Denver.

Case Manager Neicole Molden currently is working towards her MBA. Administrative Coordinator Patsy Jones recently earned her Certified Addictions Counselors II (CAC) Certification. Patsy currently assists with educational groups and job skills.

CORRECTIONAL ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT SERVICES (CAPS)

Craig, CO—Correctional Alternative Placement Services (CAPS) has been found to be one of the lowest risk programs in Colorado, according to a risk factor analysis reported by the Colorado Department of Corrections. The rural location of the CAPS program presents unique and challenging obstacles for staff and offenders. Employment opportunities and treatment services are extremely limited. The applicant pool for program staff is also limited.

WILLIAMS STREET CENTER

Denver, CO—T

COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES OF CASPER (CAC)

Casper, WY—



COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES OF THE BLACK HILLS

Rapid City, SD—CABH has shifted its

focus from male State inmates to the Federal offender population. The change comes on the heels of the South Dakota Department of Corrections' placement of a new minimum security prison in Rapid City. Although CABH will continue to house a small number of female inmates from the State, the facility will primarily house a Federal offender population.

On May 11th and 12th, CABH underwent a two-day Full Monitoring, administered by the Bureau of Prisons. Overall, CABH did an excellent job.

CABH has several new staff members, including **Roger F. Ringer**, Case Manager; **Gene Hammond**, Resident Manager; **Jason Schilling**, Resident Manager; **Darlene Knodell**, Resident Manager; **Don Kendall**, Resident Manager, and; Bonnie Lohmiller, Food Service ??

LIBERTY HALL

Indianapolis, IN—Liberty Hall launched a new self pay work release program, which began in January. There are currently four work release clients participating in the program. On February 20th, Liberty Hall held an open house to market the new work release program. **Susan Thomas** and **Don Thomas** recently joined the staff at Liberty Hall as counselors. In other news, Case manager **Randy Powell** was recently accepted into a doctorate program for Human Services.



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DELANEY HALL

Newark, NJ-

THE HARBOR

Hoboken, NJ-The Harbor recently scored 100% following an audit by the American Correctional Association (ACA). Thanks to all the staff who helped prepare for the audit. The Harbor has welcomed many new staff over the past several months, including **Diane Sims**, Senior Counselor, **John Soto**, Counselor, **Christopher Greeded**, Program Activities Assistant and **Sandra Rochet**, Administrative Assistant. **Robert Felder** was promoted to Senior Counselor.

Alternative to Violence Program in March.

Mr. Johnston recently received a blue heart award from the NJ Department of Corrections for an in the line of duty injury he received when stabbed multiple times in 1990 at Trenton State Prison. He was honored by the Department of Corrections Commissioner Mr. Devon Brown and other state officials.

COLEMAN HALL

Philadelphia, PA- ■



AYA Site News



AYA-SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia, SC-
AYA-MONTANA

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AYA-COLORADO

Montrose, CO-AYA recently excelled at their Department of Youth Corrections (DYC) audit, and was noted for their “professionalism and commitment” they provide as an agency. New employees recently added to the AYA team are: **Tara Butson** as the new Medical Director, **Adam Truitt** as the Education Director, and **Bonnie Goes** as the Business Office Manager. Additionally, **Rob Omer**, Director, was named to the Colorado

Provider Council, representing all DYC providers from the western region of the state. In other news, program staff and students completed over 1300 hours of community service on public lands in 2003, and AYA was invited to represent adolescent programs for their on-going work in Restorative Justice.



Blue Heart Award in recognition of his sacrifice made on behalf of the citizens of the Garden State.

Mission Statement

Community Education Centers is dedicated to changing the lives of adult and juvenile at-risk populations through proven treatment and education programs offered in a safe and secure environment. We provide program participants with the knowledge and skills that enable them to reintegrate into their communities, reunite with their families and lead productive lives.

For the latest news about CEC and its facilities, please visit our website at www.cecintl.com.

To submit story ideas and comments for **INSIDE CEC**, please e-mail the Editor at doconnor@cecintl.com.

The State of New Jersey, Governor James E. McGreevey and Commissioner Devon Brown presented **James Johnston**, Director of The Harbor in Hoboken, New Jersey, the



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