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Now, what?



A bit of old, some new.....the state approached Elmview to restart Children's Residential Services. For those not here when that ran before, children 12-21 are served in a home which we rent. Services are provided 24/7. The program provides a base of stability for the children to learn and grow. A child placed in the program at age 13 can call it home until 21 as long as they remain in school. These are kids who are developmentally disabled and need a long-term stable place to call home. The first referral is in, we need a couple of more to really get started. The program will be in Yakima.

The Group Home in Ellensburg will see some activity, soon. Two programs are being contemplated. One would serve people who have a Traumatic Brain Injury. The other would support people who are developmentally disabled with Chemical Dependency issues.

There are no funds for the TBI program, but our local Legislator, Bill Hinkle, has worked to get a line item into the budget to fund the program. This would be a transition program lasting from 6 months to 2 years. It is a pilot as no one else is doing anything like this in the state. People would benefit from the intensive skill development, vocational support, and environmental modifications. Twelve people could receive services. Who knows if it will get funded.

The program for people with developmental disabilities and substance abuse issues is also unique. There are treatment programs. None work with people who are developmentally disabled. Elmview would develop both the facility and the treatment program as a prototype for the field.

Please give me a call (509) 899-0148,
or e-mail me bruce@elmview.org with your thoughts.

Bruce Tabb

Elmview Dance:

Wed February 27th, 6:00-8:00
Hal Holmes



Anyone interested in helping out please contact Vicky at the Residential Office.

Big Lessons from Little Kids

Little gems you may have forgotten.

1. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Even when there's not a prize in the bottom of the box.
2. Sometimes it's best to be completely blunt with people, as you used to be with relatives who wanted you to do something embarrassing or tedious for a shiny quarter.
3. Asking questions is how you figure things out. Lots and lots of questions.
4. An older, wiser Gordie Lachance says in *Stand By Me*, "I never had any friends later on like the ones I had when I was 12." He's right. The trick is to try to be the friend you were when you were 12: fun-loving and loyal, no strings attached.
5. Playing is work. Approach your downtime with all the seriousness of a 5-year-old with a secret treasure map.
6. Real guys don't dip their toes in the water. They jump right in.
7. Girls have cooties. Well, the ones you meet in certain bars do, anyway.
8. You hated it when a grown-up told you, "We'll see." It's still unacceptable. Don't say it yourself.
9. The only way to know how something works is to completely disassemble it. (This is still good advice when tackling a complex problem. Your plasma TV? Not so much).
10. There's a reason they don't give credit cards to 8-year-olds. You're supposed to save up money before you buy a new toy.



In the Land of Olympiana



Some bills of interest that are percolating along and worth researching a bit.

www.leg.wa.gov for bill research, find your Legislator and more!

- **Please support HB 2863/SB 6448 Intensive Behavior Support Services**—Preserve the family through behavioral services provided at home and in the community.
- **Please support SB 6736/HB 3078 Life Long Learning Act**—Provide meaningful day services to young adults with significant disabilities to preserve quality of life.
- **Please support HB 2900/SB 6713 Early Intervention Services**—Provide full funding for this entitlement program to preserve families' ability to help their child early.
- **Please support the Developmental Disabilities Land Trust** - Preserve funds from excess properties at RHCs for use by DD Employment and Individual & Family Services.

To leave a message for your Legislator, use the toll free hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

You can leave a message about the bill for your legislator there.

Thank you for your dedication!

Staff February Anniversaries



24 years

Don Thompson

9 years

Rochelle Sitton

5 years

Noel Knoke

4 years

Constance Anglea
Janet Ayers



3 years

Stephanie Garcia
Adam Houk
Charlotte Lowrey

1 year

Sarah Burch
Sheena Chaney
James Martinez
Tammi Purdy

February Birthdays

2/2 Cathryne Gomez
2/2 Josefina Ayala
2/4 Sherie Bury
2/5 Maren Acosta
2/8 Rhea Worley
2/15 Desiree Hodges
2/18 Stephanie Garcia
2/19 Gary Anderson
2/19 April Beach
2/19 Cara Chicklinsky



2/20 Forest Foster
2/22 Maritza Ayala
2/22 Stephanie Bare
2/22 Robert Campbell
2/25 Katie Merkle
2/26 Natalie Dotzauer
2/27 Lorie Utter
2/28 Teresa Taylor
2/29 Terrica Koch

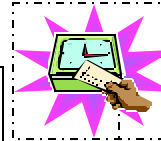


Attention Elmview Clients and their Staff!

You are invited to the high school final dress rehearsal for "Into The Woods". Come on out to Morgan Middle School on Feb 21 at 6:00 to enjoy the show. If you have any questions, call Billie Thornton @ 929-1810

1st Aid & CPR Training

Every month
1st Wednesday 9am
3rd Wednesday 1pm



**Timesheets
are Due by 9 am
Friday & Monday
2/15 & 3/3**

Happy Valentine's Day!

Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes!!!

Elensburg Supported Living welcomes two new program managers: Kristen Jarvis and Will Campbell. Drop by and wish them well in their new positions! Jean Spence is also moving to a new position where she will be assisting Bruce in the many new projects Elmview is adding this year. You'll find her in what used to be the small conference room--which will now be her new office. Stop by and wish her well also!



It's your world, too?



In Elmview's on-going effort to edify and eddicate.....

1. Which of these is not one of the "3 Rs" that help us deal with waste?
 - a. Reduce
 - b. Reindeer
 - c. Recycle
 - d. Reuse
2. Recycling just one glass bottle or jar can save enough energy to run your TV for how long?
 - a. 30 seconds
 - b. 45 minutes
 - c. 1½ hours
 - d. I do not have a TV
3. Paper made from recycled paper uses,
 - a. More energy than China
 - b. 70% less energy than paper from pulp
 - c. 25% more energy than paper from pulp
 - d. Does this mean that I have to change my toilet paper?
4. Elmview Recycling recycles _____ tons of paper each year.
 - a. 1
 - b. 5
 - c. 10
 - d. 15



Last Month's Winners



Dave Rossi, Elmview Vocational Services Karol Vasquez, Yakima Supported Living