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Ending Institutional Child Abuse



FAR FROM HOME, FAR FROM SAFE:

A TROUBLED INDUSTRY

Over 200,000 youth are currently held in poorly regulated facilities.

- 82% of programs use dangerous restraint practices
 - 40% of programs use solitary confinement
 - 145+ youth died from preventable causes including 65 from restraint asphyxiation or critical injury
- 43,000+ placed by Foster Care
 - 44,000+ placed by Juvenile Justice
 - 18,000+ placed by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
 - 14,000+ placed by Department of Education
 - Thousands placed by parent choice

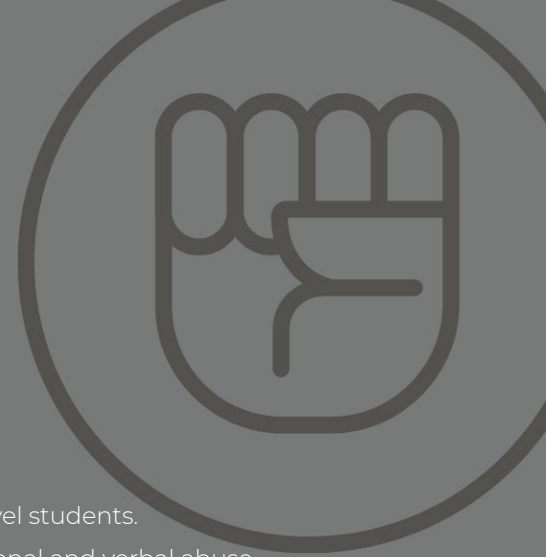


\$52 Billion in Public Funds

BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION

Red Flags of when “Tough Love” is too tough.

- Admittance without consent or due process/ Involuntary and forceful escorting to program
 - Aversive Behavior Modification/ Cruel and unusual punishments
 - Prone Restraint used as punishment for “non-compliance”/ Stress Positions/ Infliction of painful punishments.
 - Solitary Confinement / Long periods of forced silence
 - Food/ Water/ Bathroom/ Sleep deprivation.
 - Denial of communication with Parents/ Access to law enforcement, lawyers and advocates to report abuse.
- Mail censorship.
 - Denial of adequate medical care/ Claiming students are “faking it”
 - Placing higher level students in a position to police and punish lower level students.
 - “Attack Therapy” Using mental, emotional and verbal abuse as “Treatment”.
 - Sexual abuse/ Forced sexualized behavior/ Sexual shaming
 - Conversion Therapy/ Discrimination against LGBT Youth
 - Forced Labor/ excessive exercise as punishment. (ie: 8 Hour Detention/ Digging holes/ Pulling a horse cart)
 - Operating as a private/ unlicensed/ unregulated “Treatment Center” without being subject to regulation of clinical standards in patient care.



Cornelius Fredericks

August 6th 2003 -
May 1st 2020

Died after 7 staff
members at Sequel
facility in Michigan
physically restrained
him for 12 minutes.



April 29th, 2020

SUPPORT INDUSTRIES

When the industry favors profit, children become a commodity



- Educational Consultants
 - International Educational Consultants Association
 - allkindsoftherapy.com
- Transport Companies
 - Association of Mediation & Transport Services
- Deceptive Marketing
- Licensing Agencies
 - Government Contracts
- Trade Organizations
 - National Association of Therapeutic Programs
 - The Joint Commission
 - Outdoor Behavioral Health Commission
 - Association for Experiential Education
 - AdvancedED



OUR MISSION:

To address this systemic issue through solution based approaches



AWARENESS



EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENT



STATE & FEDERAL LEGISLATION

OUR CAMPAIGN APPROACH WILL

ENACT MEASURABLE CHANGE

1. FEDERAL LEGISLATION (2021)

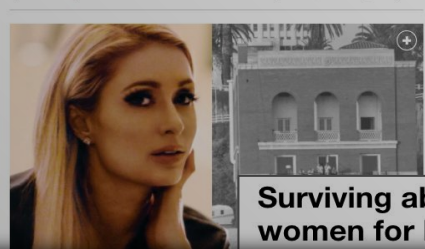
This law will define institutional child abuse and neglect in congregate care settings and will provide funds for states to create protection and advocacy agencies, establish specific protections for youth, build infrastructure for proper reporting, and training for frontline staff.

2. STATE BY STATE REFORM

Enact laws to standardize the quality of care and oversight of youth in congregate care facilities in every state across the nation.

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Seattle cop rolls bike over protester's head during Breonna Taylor demonstration
Rep. McCarthy threatens vote to oust Pelosi as speaker if she tries...
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NEWS
Inside the 'abusive' troubled-teen industry that Paris Hilton exposed
By Dana Kennedy
September 19, 2020 | 5:58pm | Updated



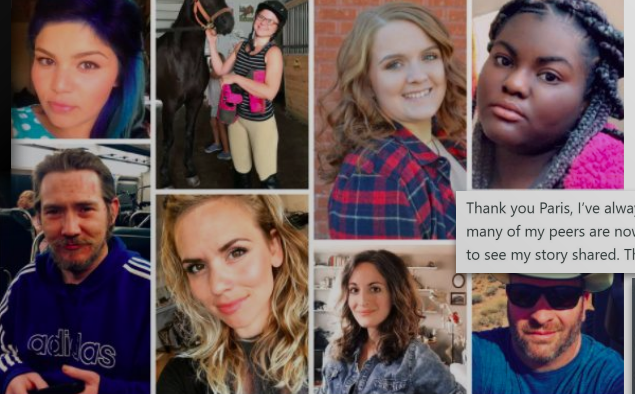
Surviving abuse bonded Paris Hilton women for life

YOUTH IN CONGREGATE CARE: FAR FROM HOME, FAR FROM SAFE



The Salt Lake Tribune

Provo Canyon School's history of abuse accusations spans decades, far beyond Paris Hilton



National Paris Hilton protest calls for closure of Utah



2020, in Provo, Utah, Hilton was in Utah Friday to lead a protest outside a boarding school where she alleges she was in a new documentary and wants a school that she says left her with nightmares and insomnia for years to be shut down

DOCUMENTARY CATAPULTED MOVEMENT INTO NATIONAL FOCUS

60 MILLION VIEWS OF #BREAKINGCODESILENCE

2,000+ ACTIVATED SURVIVORS

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CRISIS TEXT LINE |

Free 24/7 support at your fingertips
US and Canada: text 741741 | UK: text 85258 | Ireland: text 50808



Thank you Paris, I've always felt so alone. I am a survivor of the High Frontier School. So many of my peers are now deceased. The memories are haunting and I've never been able to see my story shared. Thank you for this- I can't even express my gratitude for you.



NYRA
NATIONAL YOUTH RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

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RISE

DC DISABILITY LAW CENTER
Your rights matter
Utah's Protection and Advocacy Agency

ALLIANCE AGAINST SECLUSION RESTRAINT

Thank you Paris. We were looking into programs to send our son to and have decided not to go that route after watching your documentary. I can't thank you enough for being so brave. You've saved a child already.

A black and white photograph of four women standing on the steps of a grand building with classical architecture. The woman on the far left is holding a large newspaper. The woman next to her is wearing sunglasses and has her fist raised. The woman in the center is also smiling with her fist raised. The woman on the far right is holding a smartphone. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark grey filter.

SB127: HISTORIC BILL TO PROTECT YOUTH

**Passes Utah Legislature
and is signed into law.**

FEBRUARY 16TH 2021



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SHARE

California Budgets \$8 Million to Bring Youth Home from Troubled Facilities

Money will help, but is a ‘stopgap to to deal with.’

REAL CHANGES ARE HAPPENING

Sauder Schelkopf & Lief Cabraser File Class Action Sexual Abuse Lawsuit Against Devereux Foundation and QualityHealth Staffing, LLC on Behalf of “Most Vulnerable” Children Across the U.S.

Plaintiffs’ complaint against the behavioral health giant Devereux alleges imminent threat of abuse in effort to secure injunctive relief as quickly as possible for thousands of the most-vulnerable U.S. children from 13 states presently living under Devereux control

The DLC is investigating conditions at Youth Residential Treatment Facilities in Utah.

Sauder Schelkopf & Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP announce the filing of a class action lawsuit on behalf of six individuals and a putative class of thousands of other children across the United States against Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health) and QualityHealth Staffing, LLC. The lawsuit alleges that Devereux and QualityHealth Staffing, LLC, through their negligence and federal law, including assault; battery; failure to report child abuse; failure to provide safe environment with adequate protection, supervision, and care; negligent hiring and retention; and failure to provide adequate supervision; negligent supervision; gross negligence; and negligent

The appalling, widespread allegations of the physical, emotional, and sexual abuse of vulnerable children entrusted to Devereux’s care shine a spotlight on this large-scale institutional child abuse,” notes Lief Cabraser partner Anika K. Martin, who represents the plaintiffs in the action. “Given its scale, securing immediate relief to stop any ongoing abuses from continuing is as important to our team as getting justice for those who have suffered the abuses at Devereux over the years and even decades.”

In The News

Bezos stepping down Revamping recycling

POLITICS

Lawmaker: Out-Of-State Facilities For Foster Children Must Meet Oregon

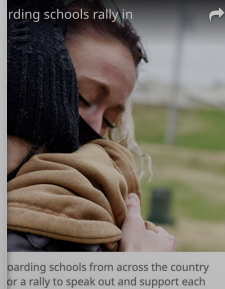
THE KANSAS CITY STAR.



GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

Attorney General Parson directs AG to investigate MO reform school, ‘possible charges’

BY JUDY L. THOMAS
DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2020 05:01 PM



Boarding schools from across the country or a rally to speak out and support each

Missoulian Join

TOPICAL

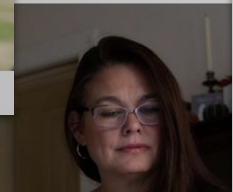
RANCH FOR KIDS

Updated: Ranch for Kids licensure ‘permanently revoked’

Seaborn Larson , Cameron Evans Dec 9, 2020

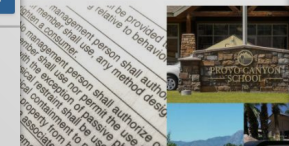
and them across state out-of-state facilities in the state.

SPONSOR: Becc



Utah treatment centers would face limits on use of restraints, drugs, isolation rooms under new bill

This would be first new regulations on residential treatment centers in 15 years



io Brings More Attention To Utah’s ‘Troubled Teen Industry’

KUER 90.1 | By David Fuchs
Published December 3, 2020 at 6:54 PM MST

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Paris Hilton has emerged as a vocal critic of the “troubled teen industry.” Her team worked with the advocacy group Breaking Code Silence to leak audio from a recent industry trade group meeting.

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Alaska News

Justice Department opens civil rights probe into whether Alaska ‘unnecessarily institutionalizes’ children

Author: Michelle Theriault Bouts

The Imprint
YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

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SHARE

Confronted Over Abuse, California is Bringing 116 Kids Home from Far-Away Programs. Counties are Scrambling.

BY JOAQUIN PALOMINO, SARA TIANO AND CYNTHIA DIZIKES



Maxwell, 18, near her home in Stockton, Calif., on Thursday, December 17, 2020. Maxwell reacted with joy at the news that California had finally



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

2,000+ SURVIVORS
BREAKING CODE SILENCE

6,000+ YOUTH
protected under
Utah SB 127 annually

120,000+ YOUTH
impacted by our
federal bill annually

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



LAWMAKERS

Sponsor and support our legislation to help us make youth in congregate care a priority this session.



DONORS

Support the growth of Breaking Code Silence by donating today at breakingcodesilence.net.



ORGANIZATIONS

Join a coalition of organizations dedicated to the protection, advocacy, and safety of youth.



SUPPORTERS

As we build our State Legislative Teams, we are looking for passionate survivors and allies to join the fight.

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