



Group Home Gazette

Fremont County Group Homes

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March—named after Mars, the Roman God of War. Since March was the first month of spring, it was the first month of the year on the Roman Calendar.

Irish American Month
National Women’s History Month

10th—Middle Name Pride Day
14th—Popcorn Lover’s Day
17th—St. Patrick’s Day
31st—Easter

RESTING COMFORTABLY

The Gamble’s store in Lander gave us a great deal on new mattresses for the Lander Girls’ Home. The owner is Shane Meyer, pictured here with his crew: Jon Wilkerson, Mike Kendall, Allen Wilkerson, and Nathan Baehr.



We think it must be a condition of employment at Gamble’s

that you are TALL. And thank you again to Kiwanis of Lander for the generous donation that helped us purchase these mattresses.

LEARNING—NOT JUST FOR KIDS

Joey Edinger, our Rural Outreach for Runaway and Homeless Youth Director, is also a trainer for the Trauma Informed Care Program. Here she is shown leading a group in Lander with the girls and staff to help us become more “Mindful” and to move forward with Trauma Informed Care at the Group Homes.



AT PLAY

The official measurement was 20 inches of snow in Lander over the weekend of February 9 & 10. Here are the girls playing outside in the snow—making snow angels; tubing; and giving snow baths. They also did all of the snow shoveling and did a great job!



Search the web with Goodsearch.com and designate the Fremont County Group Homes as your charity. Goodsearch will donate about a penny each time you do. Also do your online shopping with Goodshop. We also receive a portion of your purchase amount from many stores who participate.

WYOMING YOUTH SERVICES ASSOCIATION



Fremont County Group Homes recently held a Wyoming Youth Services Association (WYSA) meeting in Lander. WYSA is an organization made up of most Group Homes, Crisis Shelters and Residential Treatment Centers in Wyoming. We met to discuss Crisis Shelters and realized we need to educate more people about what we do and the services we provide around the state to youth and families in crisis.

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In FY 2011, Crisis Shelters across Wyoming served 1,962 children for a total of 17,181 user days. The most common referral source for children in crisis shelters is the child's family seeking help before the child is arrested or enters the juvenile justice system.

Of the children served, the reasons for seeking crisis shelter were as follows:

- * 42% were acting out of the control of their parents
- * 19% had a family disturbance (generally someone is being abused and a safe place is needed)
- * 19% had substance abuse issues
- * 11% had school problems
- * 9% had mental health problems

The average length of stay was 13 days, during which time the family received some form of therapy and case planning, resulting in 89% of the children returning home.

The cost per day and length of stay at Crisis Shelters results in a significantly lower cost per youth with far less intrusive services than any and all other alternatives currently provided in the Juvenile Justice System now in Wyoming.

An array of services provided by Crisis Shelters in Wyoming include:

- ◆ Individual and Family Assessment
- ◆ Individual, Group and Family Therapy
- ◆ Mental Health Screening
- ◆ Health Assessment
- ◆ Suicide Risk Assessment
- ◆ Family Mediation
- ◆ Parenting Classes
- ◆ Educational Groups
- ◆ Case Management and Referral
- ◆ Recreation
- ◆ Supervised Community Service
- ◆ Transitional Living
- ◆ Mentors
- ◆ Tutoring
- ◆ In-Home Services
- ◆ Detox (non-hospital)
- ◆ Aftercare

Wyoming agencies who are member of WYSA include:

- Fremont County Group Homes—Riverton/Lander
- Youth Alternative Home Assoc. (YAHA) - Evanston
- Volunteers of America (VOA) - Sheridan
- Laramie Youth Crisis Center—Laramie
- Cathedral Home for Children—Laramie
- Red Top Meadows—Wilson
- Van Vleck House—Jackson
- Youth Home Inc.—Rock Springs/Green River
- St. Joseph's Children's Home—Torrington
- Youth Development Services—Douglas
- YES House—Gillette
- Big Horn Basin Assoc.—Basin
- Youth Crisis Center, Inc.—Casper

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