

Western Arkansas Counseling & Guidance Center Highlights 1999

Policy Initiative Successful in Gaining \$70 Million.....January 1999

The NCCBH in coalition with the Mental Health Liaison Group was successful in helping to engineer an increase of \$70 million for community-based mental health services to the FY 2000 federal budget.

James Gattis Named “Practitioner of the Year”.....April 1999

Psychiatric nurse James Gattis recognised for his dedicated service.

Peggy Rice Named “Employee of the Year”.....April 1999

Medical secretary Peggy Rice received the “Employee of the Year” Award at the 27th Annual Dinner.

Center Website Receives 21,575 Visitors.....April 1999

www.wacgc.org has received 21,575 visitors this year compared to 8,965 visitors in 1997.

Center Hosts Legal Forum.....April 1999

Center staff along with legal and medical representatives from the area met to discuss “Involuntary Commitment to Arkansas State Hospital”.

Child & Family Services Meets with Kennemer.....July 1999

C&FS Staff meets with Pete Kennemer at Queen Wilhemina state park to discuss new managed care initiative, revisit C&FS mission and plan services to meet the needs of the children in our communities.

Kennemer Honored for National Council Career.....July 1999

After stepping down as Chair of the National Council thereby ending a 16 year National Council career, new chair Peter Zevenbergen, Jr. gives plaque and gavel to Kennemer in recognition of his dedicated service.

Center Lobby Gets a Face Lift.....September 1999

Thanks to the efforts of therapist Betty Niemann and Reba Ciulla the Center’s waiting area is re-decorated.

Harbor View Partners With Center For Day Treatment.....September 1999

The Center enters into a collaborative agreement with Harbor View Mercy Psychiatric Hospital to provide outpatient day treatment services for children and adolescents who are seriously mentally ill.