

Western Arkansas Counseling & Guidance Center Highlights 2000

After School Program Has First Graduate.....January 2000
The After School Program had its' first student graduate out of the program.

Fitness Center Kicks-Off Employee Fitness Program.....January 2000
In an effort to provide preventative health for our employees, a comprehensive employee fitness plan is put into place.

Center Closes DoorsJanuary 2000
The Center had to close its for two straight days due to the snow storm that took our region by surprise.

Center Hires Gary Luedloff as CFO.....February 2000
Gary Luedloff who has been working as Financial Director for the Center on a part- time basis, agrees to work full-time as the Center's CFO.

Benefit Arkansas Starts.....March 2000
The Arkansas children's managed care initiative officially starts. However, the program was terminated three months later.

County Clinics Join Center's Email & Intranet.....March 2000
All County Clinics have access to drive "M" and can now email any employee of the Center. Drive "M" serves as the Center's electronic bulletin board.

RSPMI Starts.....April 2000
The adult managed care initiative of the Arkansas Division of Mental Health Services starts April 1st.

Rob Covington Named "Practitioner of the Year".....April 2000

Jan Cecil Named "Employee of the Year".....April 2000

Center Board Attends National Conference In Washington DC.....April 2000
Board members, Warren Blaylock, Don Keese, H.C. Varnadore, Mary Jo Abernathy, Pauline Morrow, Gina Curtis Clark, Marion Ciulla, and Pete Kennemer toured the West Wing of the White House.

Susie Reehl Named Director of RSVP.....June 2000

Eleanor Clark Retires.....June 2000
The Director of the Community Support Program, Eleanor Clark retires after 23 years of service.

N.E.W. Clubhouse Receives 23 Seat VanJuly 2000
A new 23 seat van with wheelchair lift was purchased in conjunction with a grant from the Arkansas Highway Department for use by the N.E.W. Clubhouse.

Dan Baker Named Director of Community Support Program.....July 2000

Dr. Patrick Fallon Joins Center.....August 2000
Dr. Fallon joins team as full-time child psychiatrist.

Center Receives 3 Year CARF Accreditation (Again).....September 2000
CARF Survey Report notes "exemplary" performance by the Center programs.

Scott Landis Named Director of Child & Family Services.....September 2000

Representative Jo Carson Visits Center.....October 2000
In an effort to better understand the workings of the Center, State Representative Jo Carson receives tour from Associate Director Tracy Pennartz.

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Center Closes Due to Inclement Weather.....November/December 2000
The Center had to close its doors one day in November and two days in December due to snow and ice storms.

Ed McMillan Retires.....December 2000
Mena Clinic Director, Ed McMillan retires after 22 years of service.

Center Renovations.....December 2000
We are working on renovations to the Primary Service Center. We are turning the garage into a group room, the media room will be an office, the testing room will be converted to an office, and the closet by the telephone operator will be converted into an office. A storage building was built on the property between the N.E.W. Clubhouse and W.A.T.C.H. The inside of the Primary Service Center is also being painted.

