

BAYCOVE ACADEMY NOTES

The Newsletter of Bay Cove Academy

Bay Cove Academy Earns National Award

Career Development Program To Be Honored in Washington D.C.

Bay Cove Academy has earned national recognition for its Career Development Program from the National Youth Employment Coalition. The coalition's award to the school is for ongoing demonstration of outstanding effectiveness in preparing youth for careers and independent living and learning.

Prior to September 11, a special award ceremony had been planned in Washington, DC to take place September 13. The ceremony has now been rescheduled for December 13. Attendees are expected to include Representatives Barney Frank and Michael Capuano and representatives from 10 other initiatives singled out in communities from around the nation. The ceremony will be led by officials of the U.S. Department of Labor for Employment and Training, and

“outstanding effectiveness”

Steve Trippe, Chair of the National Youth Employment Coalition. Scheduled to receive the award for Bay Cove are Principal Judy Gelfand, outgoing Career Development Director Lynn Gonsalves, Coordinator of Career Development and Transition Kathleen Pignone, and Career Counselor Sherri Teixeira.

Bay Cove Academy is a psychoeducational day school that serves adolescents from greater Boston with emotional, behavioral, and learning disabilities. The Career Development Program (CDP) is a component of the school program. It provides students with classroom and real-world employment skills training, and community job placement. CDP also helps students research and explore post-school career options. All students and staff participate in this comprehensive program, which

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Teens may express anxiety about September attacks in confusing ways

In the wake of the September 11 attacks some teens have been acting out their fears in ways that are confusing to adults. Clinical Director Todd Smith, LICSW, notes that such behaviors as

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“community”

integrates both school-based and work-based learning and incorporates elements from all areas of the curriculum. In addition, Bay Cove has been involved with innovative efforts in the community to address the school-to-work needs of at-risk students in other school settings, and in 1999 earned designation as a state Best Practices program.

The 10 Awardees join a total of 61 community initiatives actively recognized for effective practice by the National Youth Employment Coalition (NYEC), a non-profit organization that sponsors the Promising and Effective Practices Network (PEPNet). To achieve recognition, the programs went through a rigorous application and review process in which they had to demonstrate effectiveness in management, youth development, preparation

of youth for career success, and soundness in data evaluating results.

The PEPNet 2001 Awardees include 5 new PEPNet recipients and 5 PEPNet renewals, previous Awardees recognized for recommitting to effective practice. All PEPNet Awardees must renew their award every 3-5 years. Bay Cove Academy is a new PEPNet award recipient.

NYEC encourages all youth employment and training programs to participate in PEPNet. PEPNet enables programs to engage in a self assessment and a continuous improvement process, learning from initiatives recognized by PEPNet, and documenting evidence of their own activities that achieve superior results. PEPNet demonstrates that there are many youth employment programs that are effective in the

“innovation”

preparation of young people for the workforce and life. The annual recognition of Effective Initiatives is just a part of PEPNet, which seeks to promote effective youth employment and development practice and policy. Bay Cove’s Career Development Program joins 61 other initiatives that have been recognized by PEPNet since its inception in 1996.

For more information on PEPNet visit www.nyec.org online. ^{AN}

September 11 continued....

carrying pictures of the perpetrators and frequent references to the events are ways of trying to cope with the tremendous anxiety these teens feel. Following an all-school assembly on September 11, Todd and BCA therapist Tracy Breen met with students in small groups to let them know that school staff are available to help find appropriate ways to talk about their fears in this difficult time for our country.

Bay Cove students are learning and talking about Islam and the middle east in history classes. Group therapy provides the benefits of multiple perspectives on what these events mean, and can help reduce anxiety through the sharing of fears. Individual therapy helps students begin to deal with difficult personal histories given new urgency by the national trauma. ^{AN}

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New Leadership at Helm of Career Development Program

After more than a decade leading Bay Cove’s Career Development Program to state and national recognition, Lynn Gonsalves, O.T.R., has decided to seek a Ph.D. in social policy at Brandeis University. Lynn resigned last summer to pursue this challenging new phase, and will be missed.

Taking over the department is incoming Coordinator of Career Development and Transition, Kathleen Pignone, CRC.

Kathleen comes to Bay Cove from the Massachusetts Department of Education, where she was an Education Specialist in the School To Career Office. In



Kathleen Pignone and Sherri Teixeira

that capacity, Kathleen monitored public high schools for compliance with Massachusetts school to career standards and provided statewide career development trainings for school administrators and staff wishing to enhance their school to career programs.

Kathleen says that coming to Bay Cove was an opportunity to return to a position with more direct work with students which would also utilize the administra-

tive skills she gained at DOE. In addition to leading the Career Development Program, Kathleen is also a school administrator and helps guide the overall program.

Joining Kathleen in the department is Career Counselor Sherri Teixeira. Sherri has worked in a variety of residential and other mental health settings providing occupational therapy for several years.

Good luck Kathleen and Sherri! 

Please Remember Us This Giving Season

Bay Cove Academy is a chapter 766 approved private day treatment school for troubled teens from throughout the metropolitan Boston area. Donations to the school are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Gifts are welcome at any time in the form of cash, goods and services, estate planning and bequests. Your gift will significantly help to enhance our program. We will happily acknowledge your generosity publicly, unless you ask us not to.

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Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

5th Term 2 Begins
22nd Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

24th Vacation Begins

JANUARY

2nd School Reopens
21st MLK JR Day
18th Term 2 Ends
22nd Term 3 Begins

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