

The Summer Treatment Program Follow Up Study

We are pleased to announce that we have recently received federal funding to follow up 500 of the kids who participated in the Summer Treatment Program (STP) between 1987 and 1996, and who are now adolescents and young adults. There has been much concern among people in the ADHD field about what happens to children with ADHD as they grow older. To date, very little research has actually been done in this area. Because this issue is so important, we applied for and received a grant to bring kids back in to our offices to interview them about what's going on in their lives now. We are also interviewing kids who don't have a childhood history of ADHD to see where there are differences.

We began seeing families in mid-August, 1999. As of May 1, more than 250 families have participated. A member of our staff interviews the adolescent or young adult who attended the summer program, and one or both of the parents. The interviews take approximately 5 hours, and are conducted in our offices in the Bellefield Towers. The interviews are conducted 7 days/week, and may be conducted in one or two visits, based on each family's scheduling preference. Our goal is to interview 500 STP families and 200 comparison families each year for the next four years. Family members are paid for their participation, and we have found that this group of teenagers has no shortage of things on which to spend money! We are in the process of contacting the remaining families to describe the study and to schedule their interview. If we have not yet contacted you, and you are interested in learning more about the project, please call Tracey Wilson at (412) 624-5625

What's Up?! Calling All Alumni

Remembering those days standing on top of the Steel Phantom, hitting a home run in softball, performing in the STP talent show, sliding down the waterslides at Sandcastle brings back wonderful memories for both STP kids and staff. In each Follow Up Study newsletter, we would like to include information about what's going on with STP alumni—kids who attended the

STP and the staff who worked there. We'd welcome any STP alumni to send us information to include in upcoming issues.

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Many of you will remember Betsy Hoza who was with the STP from 89-94 (or 95) Betsy is now on the faculty of the Department of Psychology at Purdue University, and has supervised a number of former STP counselors as graduate students. Betsy married Scott Frederick last summer and her wedding reception provided an ADD Program reunion.

STP Memories...

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Lord Stanley comes to the STP!! Who remembers the summer of 1991 when STP Clinical Supervisor Diana Malone brought the Stanley Cup to the STP? There were lots of surprised looks on parents' and kids' faces as they drove into Winchester that morning and saw the Stanley Cup. So, next time you see the cup, remember- it was at the STP!

Consensus Conference

Brooke's article

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ADHD is EVERYWHERE!

In all of his talks, Dr. Pelham discusses the increase in references to ADHD in the mainstream media—ADHD has been featured in magazines ranging from Ladies Home Journal to US News and World Report. It is now being

talked about in popular television programs—Bart Simpson, the kids in South Park and even young Anthony Soprano have been treated with ADHD. We were particularly interested in reading about ADHD in the adventures of George and Harold, the heroes of the popular Captain Underpants childrens' books.

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Coming Attractions!

Barbara Koppel, world renowned documentary film maker is producing a documentary on the STP for Disney! Filming took place last summer in Buffalo and is now being edited. We will keep you posted on an air date. Inside scoop says that Mickey Mouse was High Point Kid!