

Pavillon Receives Grant for Children's Program

April 2, 2010 - Pavillon Treatment Center in Mill Spring has received a \$20,000 grant from the Janirve Foundation for its children's prevention and educational programs, but additional support is still needed.

The grant is welcome news, as Pavillon has learned that its primary source of funding will not be renewed after June.

Nevertheless, the non-profit center for the treatment of substance abuse is committed to carrying on with its outreach initiatives for children.

Started in 2005 by Pavillon, the program is a [substance abuse](#) prevention, education and support program for children ages 6-14.

"As part of our commitment to breaking the cycle of addiction in families and helping children avoid substance abuse, we believe it's critical to maintain this program," explained Anne Vance, CEO. "Our increases tell us that we are indeed making an impact." The program has grown from 50 children in 2007 to over 400 in 2009.

"Alcoholism and [addiction](#) are family diseases and as such, children often need their own recovery because they experience guilt, anxiety, shame, anger, loneliness, and despair while their parent(s) or caregiver(s) are active in their disease," explained Rachael Haynes-Wood, the program's director.

"Children are the innocent victims of addiction," said Ms. Vance. "We established this program to make a difference by addressing the challenges they face growing up where substance abuse is present."

There are two primary programs, one on Pavillon's campus with children and families already identified as having substance abuse issues. The other is a community wide preventative outreach effort that educates all kinds of children about addiction.

"Having a strong community outreach program is one of the characteristics that set our program apart among treatment centers in the nation," said Ms. Vance.

"By getting important preventative and educational tools out to children in the schools, the Boys & Girls Clubs, homeless shelters and DSS Drug Courts, children learn valuable information that will help them if they are ever exposed to substance abuse." Having a family member or caregiver in treatment is not a requirement for participation.

At the heart of these programs, Pavillon strives to break the cycle of substance abuse that statistically is likely to occur in children from families with addiction.

"We're making an impact in a lasting and meaningful way that is cost-effective, proactive and preventative," said Haynes-Wood.

The programs provide a safe and supportive environment where children learn about addiction(s) through age-appropriate activities. The on-campus programs and annual summer camps offer a fun, relaxing and safe forum for expressing and validating feelings. Participants learn how to practice self-care and coping skills, how to build self-esteem and how to connect to a support system.

For more information or support the program, call 694.2300 or send a confidential email to: info@pavillon.org

Pavillon provides residential and outpatient [addiction treatment](#), education and continuing care for patients and family members. It is not-for-profit and accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Services, CARF www.pavillon.org or call 694.2300

The Janirve Foundation is a private grant making foundation established by the late Irving J. Reuter. The majority of its grants are made to organizations located in Western North Carolina.