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## THE RANCH IN RUPERT FACT SHEET

### WHAT:

- a long-term program designed to serve a specific population of at-risk boys and girls
- a therapeutic learning environment in a family-like ranch setting where goals include strengthening family relationships and increasing educational opportunities, life skills and achievement levels for children
- the program intervenes earlier in a child's life in order to prevent more critical or difficult-to-treat problems from occurring
- ultimately, the program positively impacts the ability of children to become self-sufficient and successful adults

### WHO:

- for boys and girls ages 8 to 14 (who can live at The Ranch until age 18 if necessary)
- for children and their families who currently don't receive the help they need because they cannot afford services, or problems have not become serious enough to meet the criteria for state-funded programs
- for children who are experiencing problems that interfere with their ability to control behavior and manage emotions that can be supported in a family-like and non-institutional setting without intensive psychiatric or clinical support
- for children with behavior problems who are living in homes where the parents/guardians are experiencing problems that interfere with their ability to effectively take care of their children
- for children with behavior problems who have no stable home environment to return to

### WHY:

- to provide support to at-risk children and their families who are not being served by social services in Idaho
- to support at-risk children who have few resources for help
- to fully utilize the resources of The Ranch environment (horse therapy, 4-H, home-like environment, therapeutic, educational and vocational programs) to serve at-risk children and families in need
- to duplicate an effective national model for treating kids and families
- to ensure that at-risk children achieve success in life through the long-term availability of support and services

### HOW:

- The Ranch in Rupert will care for children in a family-like environment with a professionally-trained couple who will serve as "house parents"
- family members will be encouraged to actively participate in programs with their children; The Ranch staff will be available to work with a family in their home and community, and services may continue after the child returns to the home and community
- the length of time that a child lives at The Ranch will vary and be based on that child's needs
- Idaho Youth Ranch Master's level clinicians will provide professional support and oversee program services

**WHEN:** the new program will begin serving children and families in summer of 2008

**WHERE:** the program will be operated at The Ranch in Rupert--the same location where the Idaho Youth Ranch has been operating a residential treatment home for at-risk youth since 1957

**FEES:** the Ranch program and services are funded primarily by the Idaho Youth Ranch (thrift store sales and donors); a sliding scale will help determine parent/guardian obligations for the services, however, children and families will receive support regardless of their ability to pay

**CONTACT:** parents, friends or family members of children in need of care can visit our web site at [www.youthranch.org](http://www.youthranch.org) and request an application, or call our Program Specialist toll-free at 877-817-8141 (statewide) or 377-2613 in Ada or Canyon County

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