



OPEN SKY
WILDERNESS THERAPY

PAYING FOR TREATMENT USING 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS

The complexities of being a young person today are unprecedented. Many of Open Sky's college and high school age students have had to take a break from school or delay the next steps of their lives due to challenges with mental health, substance use, or independent living.

Now, our students don't have to choose between their education and overall well-being. When registered for three credit hours in an approved course, families of college and high school age students can use funds from 529 plans to pay for all or a portion of treatment at Open Sky and Western Colorado University course credits.



WESTERN
COLORADO UNIVERSITY

COURSE CREDITS AND CURRICULUM **PSY 197: NATURE AND THE HUMAN PSYCHE**

Through our partnership with Western Colorado University's Extended Studies Program, Open Sky offers three college credits for the course PSY 197: Nature and the Human Psyche. The robust curriculum is specifically designed to align with the trajectory of students' therapeutic work, augmenting and grounding it in theory, practice, and relevance for students' wilderness experience and the larger context of their lives.

Through independent study, group engagement, and experiential learning, students strengthen their core capacity for attention, curiosity, awareness, emotional intelligence, critical thinking, and connection.

YOUNG ADULTS **COLLEGE AGE**



ADOLESCENTS **HIGH SCHOOL AGE**





ABOUT 529 PLANS **SAVINGS FOR EDUCATION**

529 plans are one of the most important college savings tool for families. They encourage saving for education, assist families in coping with the rising cost of education, and help prevent student loan debt for graduates of public, private, community, technical, and vocational schools. 529 funds can be used at all eligible institutions, which include any college, university, vocational school, or other post-secondary institute recognized by the Department of Education.



ABOUT OPEN SKY **TREATMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

Open Sky Wilderness Therapy assists young people and their families struggling with difficult challenges and life circumstances. Nestled in the mountains of Southwest Colorado and the canyon country of Southeast Utah, the Open Sky approach transcends traditional wilderness therapy by emphasizing treatment for the whole family.

We provide life-changing opportunities to discover and create a healthy life that is an intelligent and authentic expression of one's true nature.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE? **CONTACT OUR ADMISSIONS TEAM**

If you would like to explore using a 529 plan to pay for all or a portion of treatment, please contact admissions@openskywilderness.com.

We also recommend consulting with your tax advisor regarding eligibility of 529 funds for potential program and registration reimbursement.

Open Sky believes in educating the whole person – body, mind, heart, and spirit – to prepare our young people to navigate unique and urgent challenges and positively contribute to society.

