

Dear Visitors:

A recent Netflix documentary has brought attention to WWASP (World Wide Association of Specialty Programs) and its affiliated programs. We want to take this opportunity to clarify that Eagle Ranch Academy is **not**, and **never** has been, affiliated with WWASP or any of its programs.

The false assertions that Eagle Ranch is linked to and a mere “rebranding” of a WWASP program originate solely from the fact Eagle Ranch Academy presently occupies the same physical location where a WWASP program had operations more than 30 years ago. It is absurd to associate Eagle Ranch Academy with WWASP because we shared the same address at one point. Just as someone who lived in your home before you does not define who you are, our program is not defined by the program that occupied the same physical space 30 years ago. Since that time, the State of Utah has used the location as an Adult Drug and Alcohol Treatment program and at least two other programs, none of which were affiliated with WWASP.

We empathize with the individuals who shared their experiences in the documentary and the harm caused by WWASP programs. Our mission and approach are vastly different. At Eagle Ranch Academy, we are dedicated to providing a safe, supportive, and therapeutic environment for teenagers and their families.

The documentary itself admits they don’t know the solution to the issues faced by troubled youth and their families. The fact remains there are teens in this world who need help and parents who struggle to help them. Eagle Ranch Academy believes we can be part of the solution.

Unlike WWASP programs, which are criticized for their behavior modification and militant tactics, our program is built on a foundation of choice and empowerment. Teenagers should be treated with dignity and respect and given the tools and support to make positive choices. Our program is designed to promote personal growth, accountability, and self-discovery rather than relying on punitive or coercive methods. We pride ourselves on being one of the first programs to step away from the behavioral modification model by providing a choice-based program that empowers teens and families to make positive, lasting changes in their lives.

We are constantly working to improve our program and stay up-to-date with best practices in adolescent treatment. We proudly offer a wide range of therapeutic, educational, and family support services to help teens and families build brighter futures.

Thank you for visiting our website. We hope this statement clarifies our position and commitment to helping teens and families.