

Interview with Merrill Scott, August 2006

Women's Treatment begins at Sundown M Ranch

As a result of some of the education that Jim did in the valley, people, women went to the referral center and needed help. And we were men only, and when the facilities were constructed, we thought it was just for men. So we said OK, we'll start an outpatient program. So we had, we picked them up in the morning in Yakima and drove them back in the evening. Well it helped a few of them, but many of them just needed to get away from the community, and they needed inpatient. So we eventually maneuvered some of the room assignments around so where we could put co-educational. And we had a wonderful time when we first brought women into treatment. Many of them, some of them fell in love, and we were all arguing amongst ourselves how to handle it, and it took a little while for us to get around to where we had control of it, but, which meant that if there was any of that going on that they would be expelled from treatment. Put our foot down really.