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Our Mission

The Winston Prouty Center for Child Development provides inclusive education and family support to promote the success of children and families.

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Note from Chloe Learey, Executive Director

Kids Count

The most recent Kids Count Report from the Annie E Casey Foundation places Vermont as the 2nd best state in which to be a child in 2013. This is heartening news and we need to make sure it does not overshadow the fact that we need to continue improving the circumstances of our youngest citizens. I greatly appreciate that it was noted: "We cannot afford to be complacent when it comes to the well-being of our children." The fact that 15% of children in Vermont are living in poverty is unacceptable even though it is good compared to the national average of 23%. We must continue the positive momentum of investing in early childhood in this state. In the forward to the Kids Count Data Report, Patrick T. McCarthy writes that "In this year's Data Book we highlight indicators on the well-being of our youngest children to help further the conversation about opportunities for and the benefits of early intervention (p.5), noting that 7 to 10% return on investment from James Heckman's research. He goes on to explain why the early years matter and acknowledges that parents, as a child's first and primary caregiver and teacher, need support and education to be the strong foundation children need to succeed. Working in early childhood means you have to be good at working with adults, too.

One of the alarming trends in our state, and particularly in our region, is the high number of children who are in the custody of the state and placed in foster care. Many wonderful people provide loving homes for children whose biological families cannot keep them safe, and sometimes foster care is the only possible path. However it is an expensive intervention and one that carries its own risk factors for children. When I think about a robust system of early childhood services it includes services which support families to understand how important the early years of a child's life are and what they can do as their child's first and primary teacher to help ensure optimal development. These services exist to some extent, for instance through Children's Integrated Services (CIS) and Head Start among other programs. Services like CIS are meant to be preventive and provide early intervention so that families and children have a good start. Many families are already in crisis, though, and we do not have the level of intervention needed to help them get back on track. This is when I think an idea like "Foster Care for Families" might be worth considering, or Family Coaches who can be involved intensively as needed. We need to get involved early if we want to continue making progress.

I am grateful that my children are growing up in Vermont, and I am reminded every day of the many children in our community who are living in poverty, are exposed to violence, and who do not have access to high quality early childhood services, including education. The fact that Vermont is such a great place to be a child would be news to them.

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Some Important Phone Numbers

Please make a note of them!

To reach the ELC after 4:30 pm, call 257-2101 ext. 23

To reach us during a power failure, call 257-4147



Wish List

- *Child size table & 4 chairs
- *Baking items (utensils, tins, cake pans)
- *Bobby Pillows
- *Push toys
- *Baby mirrors
- *Baby gate
- *Booster seats
- *Rhino balls
- *Pots & Pans
- *High Chair
- *Kitchen table and chairs (adult size)

EL4 Classroom is looking for
playing dice and cloth napkins

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Community Page

If you know of an event that may be of interest to the Prouty community, please email angela@winstonprouty.org with details. Thanks!



SUMMER BBQ

Save the Date!!

Wednesday, August 20th

5:00-7:00pm

@ the Winston Prouty Center

RSVP to Angela by Monday, August 18th

angela@winstonprouty.org or

802-257-2101 ext. 10

*Rain date of August 21st

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Volunteer: Teddi Tucci

News from Community Services:

The Children's Integrated Services program at The Winston Prouty Center is a resource for families when they have questions or concerns about their child's development during pregnancy, infancy and early childhood. CIS was created by the state of Vermont to help ensure the success of children and families through early supports and services. CIS is open to all families.



In order to provide our Community Based Services (CBS) staff with more room we are making some physical changes to the office. This will include moving some doors, taking down some walls and putting up a few new walls. The construction will begin this Saturday 8/16 and should wrap up by Sunday 8/24. The staff will use the conference room for a temporary office space.

There might be some noise and a bit of dust.

We appreciate your patience as we try to complete this project as quickly as possible!

Special thanks to Lisa Lorimer-Donahue & Meg Donahue for volunteering their parent hours to paint for us!



We will be welcoming Rachelle (Shelly) Torunski on August 25th, 2014. She will be joining the team as a Developmental Educator, she has a Bachelor's Degree in Child Development from Coly-Sawyer College and has been working with children for over 14 years. Please help us welcome Shelly to the Prouty community!

Resources

State-wide community resources	Vermont 2-1-1	2-1-1	www.vermont211.org
Child care referrals and resources	Windham Child Care Association	802-254-2887	www.windhamchildcare.org
WIC	Vermont Department of Health	802-257-2880	www.healthvermont.gov
Mental health and substance abuse services	Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)	1-888-888-5144	www.hcrs.org
Housing and other services for people in poverty	Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)	802-254-2795	www.sevca.org
New Moms Network (Dawn Kersula, MA, RN)	Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	802-257-8278	E-mail: dkersula@bmhvt.org www.bmhvt.org
Local event listings and information	Parent Express	603-352-1234	www.sentinelsource.com/parent-express/

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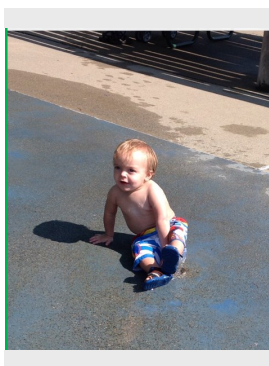
EL2 Lead Teacher Announcement
Coming Soon!



News from the ELC Classrooms!

NEWS FROM THE EL1 CLASSROOM

Curriculum in the summer is very flexible. On beautiful days we go for buggy rides and walks. When the big playground is empty we might go there, or to the field. Vermont is great in the summertime! We have more sensory play, especially with sand, water, ice, shaving cream and bubbles, and we enjoy the assortment of classroom toys. Circle time is a time to get together for some songs and stories. The summer is usually a “get to know you” time, as new children adjust to the classroom routines and future classmates visit.



NEWS FROM THE EL2 CLASSROOM

There have been a lot of changes in the EL2 classroom this summer! We've welcomed new children, as well as new teachers. The children have been enjoying exploring the new classroom and getting to know each other. We've taken lots of neighborhood walks and have had fun swimming at the pool, watching the shows at the park and digging in the sandbox at the farmers market. The children have also been quite interested in bugs and we look for them on our walks and on the playground. It's been a great summer!

NEWS FROM THE EL3 CLASSROOM

The summer is a wonderful time to get out and enjoy the great outdoors! The EL3 classroom has been having fun learning about camping. They spent time talking about all the items you need to go camping like flashlights, backpacks and maps!

The Prouty Center has had many visits from Joan at Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center (BEEC) over the past months, and this summer they have been talking about insects!



NEWS FROM THE EL4 CLASSROOM

July and August have brought us many wonderful adventures as we've explored the fields, hills, and woods of our beautiful place in Vermont. One of our favorite walks has been up to the top of the Memorial Park Hill. Along the way, we stop at the softball field, where children delight in running the bases and throwing imaginary pitches to their friends! Continuing on, we walk along a beautiful wooded path, stopping at the outdoor stone chapel to balance on the wooden benches and serve pretend ice cream from the stone podium. Each time we take this journey, the children find new things to delight them. One day they found a red spotted eft, and another day the children discovered a smooth, bark free tree. Their imaginations run wild as they pretend a bear has visited and clawed off the bark. Of course, any mention of a bear, and they all shriek with delight as they race around the trails. As their energy level climbs, we usually head back to the grassy hill through a path that leads us to the stage area at the top. This is the very same stage where we watch performers every Friday in the summer. Together we have seen musicians, jugglers, mimes and puppeteers! This adds to their joy in exploring the empty stage as they race around, adding their own performances for their classmates. Our adventure ends with a race down the park hill. Nothing beats the joy of a full out run on a soft grassy hill!

We surely have had a wonderful summer, with many joyful adventures both in school and around the community. These summer memories will be treasures, as we say farewell to our soon-to-be Kindergarteners, and our terrific teacher Paige. It is our sincere hope that you will come back to visit us soon, and often!





August Happenings

National Goat Cheese Month
National Immunization Awareness Month

August 20 Winston Prouty Center Summer BBQ
August 22 Summer/Program Year Ends
August 25-27 ELC Closed for Staff In-Service/Prep
August 28-29 Center Closed for All Staff In-Service

Upcoming
Events:

September 1: CENTER CLOSED for Labor Day
September 2: 2014-2015 Program Year Begins

August 2014

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Happy Bday Paige!	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Kalina is 2!	12 Jaya is 5!	13 Happy Bday Terrill	14 Happy Bday Crystal!	15	16 Louis is 2! Happy Bday Brandy!
17 Madison is 4!	18	19	20 BBQ at Prouty 5:00-7:00pm	21 Matthew is 3!	22 Last day of the Summer Program	23 Chloe Marie is 3! Reece is 3!
24 31 Rowan is 3!	25 ELC Closed for In-Service/Prep	26	27	28 CENTER CLOSED for All Staff In-Service/Prep	29 Jack is 3!	30 Karsyn is 3!