

The Prouty Voice

Volume 9, Issue 10

June 2015



20 Winston Prouty Way
Brattleboro, VT 05301

Phone:

(802) 257-7852

Power Failure Line:

(802) 257-4147

Fax:

(802) 258-2413

Website:

www.winstonprouty.org

Our Mission

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

Inside this issue:

<i>Note from Chloe</i>	1
<i>Office News</i>	2
<i>Board News</i>	2
<i>Community Page</i>	3
<i>CBS News</i>	4-5
<i>ELC News</i>	6-7
<i>Calendar</i>	8



Note from Chloe Learey, Executive Director

Family Matters

We recently filmed our inaugural talk show, “Family Matters”, at BCTV. It will be available shortly for viewing. We are excited to be launching this new project!

“Family Matters” will be a half-hour show which focuses on topics of interest to families with young children. Our first guest was Amanda Pizzollo, the Maternal Child Health Coordinator at the Department of Health in Brattleboro, who talked with us about issues to consider for staying healthy during the prenatal period. Amanda is part of the Children’s Integrated Services (CIS) clinical team and works closely with our staff to help make supports and services accessible to all who need them. We started with prenatal health and plan to move through phases of development in our next shows. In June we will talk about the postpartum period including supporting attachment, successful breast feeding, and signs of maternal depression. After we will discuss developmental stages of children and how families can support optimal development. While we may answer questions like “when do I feed my child solid food?” and “when will my child start to use the toilet?”, we also want to create a space to talk about larger issues about how a family develops together. Every child is born into a family, adding to the dynamics and contributing to the growth and change that occurs – essentially we want to consider family development as the primary focus for “Family Matters.”

Throughout our history, Prouty Center has recognized that success means being experts at understanding children and adults – we cannot support family development without engaging the whole family and understanding it as a system. Our strategic plan has identified as our ultimate outcome that “Children develop optimally” and that “Children know they belong and are valued and can contribute to their communities.” Optimal development is child specific and not defined by “typical development.” We struggled with this language because it did not seem to capture all the work we do with families. We came to realize that these outcomes cannot be accomplished without families. Therefore, optimal child development assumes support of optimal family development as well. Eventually we may need to make that more explicit so that the community truly understands our work. Dr. Brazelton, renowned expert on child development, created Brazelton Touchpoints, a set of values, principles and practices for professionals committed to creating strong partnerships with families of young children. This focus on child development within the context of the family is one of the reasons why Touchpoints principles are so critical in informing our approach, as well as frameworks such as Strengthening Families. These are other potential future topics for “Family Matters” as well. Stay tuned for information about future episodes, and if you have ideas for topics you would like to see discussed please let me know.

Administration

802-257-7852

Chloe Learey	Executive Director	Ext. 11	chloe@winstonprouty.org
Lisa Whitney	Director of Operations	Ext. 12	lisa@winstonprouty.org
Angela Hoag	Office Manager	Ext. 10	angela@winstonprouty.org
Miles Shaw	Assistant		

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

- *Boppy Pillows
- *Baby mirrors
- *Booster seats
- *Push toys
- *Rhino balls

Thank you to everyone who came out to the
1st Annual Par for the Cause to benefit
The Winston Prouty Center.
Fantastic food, gregarious golfers, and scenic settings
made for an energetic and entertaining evening!



Board of Trustees

David Dunn (President)	Rachel Henry
Sue Dyer (Vice President)	Frederic Noyes
Jon Neurock (Treasurer)	Thea Lloyd
Sarah Nohl (Secretary)	
Heather Golding	

Management Team

Chloe Learey, Executive Director
Lisa Whitney, Director of Operations
Alison Wheeler, CIS Coordinator
Mary Coogan, Early Interventionist
Sara Lovell-Allbee, Education Supervisor

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!



FREE Meals available to ALL Children aged 18 and under during summer!

Did You Know? There are FREE meals available to ALL children aged 18 and under during the summer?

Funded by the USDA, the Summer Food Service Program runs throughout Windham County and *there is NO paperwork or registration to participate.* Meals are **open and free** to all people 18 and under and many sites offer breakfast and lunch.

A complete list of sites will be available by the end of the school year:

* call Vermont 2-1-1 (toll free from anywhere in VT)

* text "mealsVT" to 877877

* visit www.vermontfoodhelp.com for more information.

Join us at the **Summer Food Kick-off on Friday, June 5, from 5pm - 7pm** at the Boys & Girls Club on Flat Street in Brattleboro - FREE dinner will be served at 5:30pm for all families! Come find out more about the FREE summer food program and have some fun. The Fuel Up to Play 60 van will be there with games and giveaways! For more information, contact United Way of Windham County at 802.257.4011 or info@unitedwaywindham.org.

Strolling of the Heifers Parade

Saturday, June 26th 2015

10:00am sharp!



Celebrating family farmers, local food and rural life!

The world-famous Strolling of the Heifers Parade is the centerpiece of **Stroll Weekend, June 5-7, 2015.**

Although inspired by Spain's Running of the Bulls, the Stroll is just the opposite: a parade of friendly, ambling heifer calves, groomed to the nines, colorfully bedecked with hats and flowers, and led by future farmers from area schools and 4H club members.

Our 2015 Parade and Weekend theme is: **Love Your Farmer!** Many parade units will reflect the theme. Please join us by showing appreciation for farmers, local food and all things rural!

Information From: www.strollingoftheheifers.com

Community Based Services (CBS) 802-258-2874

Crystal Blamy	Family Supportive Housing	Ext. 13	crystal@winstonprouty.org
Emily Clever	Family Supportive Housing	Ext. 25	emily@winstonprouty.org
Mary Coogan	Early Interventionist	Ext. 15	mary@winstonprouty.org
Jillsen Deignan	Developmental Educator	Ext. 24	jillsen@winstonprouty.org
Terrill Douglas	Maternal Child Health Nurse	Ext. 28	terril@winstonprouty.org
Kathy Hallock	Developmental Educator	Ext. 16	kathy@winstonprouty.org
Brandy Levesque	Inclusion Facilitator	Ext. 31	brandy@winstonprouty.org
Kellyn McCullough	Family Support Worker	Ext. 21	kellyn@winstonprouty.org
Sally Pennington	Maternal Child Health Nurse	Ext. 28	sally@winstonprouty.org
Joanne Shaw	Community Resource Parent	Ext. 14	joanne@winstonprouty.org
Danielle Southwell	Family Support Worker	Ext. 26	danielle@winstonprouty.org
Shelly Torunski	Developmental Educator	Ext. 30	shelly@winstonprouty.org
Alison Wheeler	CIS Coordinator	Ext. 29	alison@winstonprouty.org

News from Community Based Services

Community Based Services includes; Children's Integrated Services (CIS), Family Supportive Housing (FSH), and the Early Education Initiative (EEI). CIS is a resource for families when they have questions or concerns about their child's development during pregnancy, infancy and early childhood.

***Emily has pulled together a statewide Family Supportive Housing meeting on 6/2 in Rutland to discuss how we measure success and report on data and to make some changes as we enter into the next fiscal year.**

***Mary is attending a meeting on 6/10 to be on a committee to look at the new Early Intervention Credential.**

***The Early Intervention (EI) team will be attending an Outcomes training on 6/24.**



The Prouty Center welcomed Danielle Southwell as a full time Family Support Worker at the beginning of April, we are so happy to have her part of the team in Community Based Services! Below are some fun facts she has shared with us :)

- “I have been to 21 countries since first traveling abroad 12 years ago!”
- “I love costumes and outrageous clothing making Halloween my favorite holiday”
- “I have 4 nieces and a nephew who call me “Auntie Yell!”

Resources

State-wide community resources	Vermont 2-1-1	2-1-1	www.vermont211.org
Child care referrals and resources	Windham Child Care Association	802-254-5332	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/

Early Learning Center

Education Supervisor

Sara Lovell-Allbee

Ext. 32 sara@winstonprouty.org

802-257-2101

Teaching Staff

EL1: Susan Heimer, Kelsey Carew

EL2: Jordan Wyckoff, Maggie Sullivan, Katrina Irish

EL3: Ana Williams, Kim Jacques, Alfred Hughes Jr.

EL4: Amy Fulton, Martha Rath

Floaters: Kathy Wright & Lyn Call

Ext. 20 susan@winstonprouty.org

Ext. 18 jordan@winstonprouty.org

Ext. 22 ana@winstonprouty.org

Ext. 17 amy@winstonprouty.org

Non-Teaching Staff

Liz Martin

Paul Rossi

Volunteers

Susan Mandell

Marki Webber

Congratulations to the 2015 Preschool
Graduating Class



**Winston Prouty Early Learning Center
Graduation will be
Thursday, June 25th 3:00-4:00pm**

- * Lucas Anderson
- * Olivia Jacobsen
- * Kyli Patrick
- * Ryan Vose
- * Regan Gelke
- * Jordan Aither
- * Carson Kelley



- * Madison Rebaudo
- * Dyllyn Craig
- * Elias Carpenter-Ranquist
- * Peyton Evans
- * Alexandra Day
- * Emma Day
- * Ella Cudworth



Early Learning Center Summer Program
begins **Monday, June 29th !**

We will be spending lots of time outside this year in our beautifully refurbished garden, splashing at Living Memorial Park Pool and the teachers are working on some fun new themes for Summer 2015, stay tuned for more information :)



Water and Sun Safety ~Katrina Irish, Special Education Assistant in EL2

Summer is finally here! And with that comes longer days, shorter nights and lots of fun with your little ones in the sun & water. These activities are sure to create memories to last a lifetime but it's important to remember that the sun and water can be dangerous. Following a few simple safety precautions can help keep your good memories from becoming not-so-good. Lets talk about the sun first. There's nothing better than getting outside and soaking up some rays, but don't forget the sunblock!

Unprotected skin can burn within 15 minutes of being exposed to the sun , so sunblock is very important. The American Academy of Dermatology recommends that all children wear a sunblock with an SPF of 30 or higher, with UVA & UVB protection. Sunblock can take up to a half an hour after application before it becomes effective, so make sure to put it on before going outside to play. Here at Prouty, we ask that parents apply sunblock to their children in the morning and the teachers will re-apply it before afternoon playground time. Sunhats, light weight clothing with sleeves & sunglasses all help protect from the sun too. Remember, the suns rays are the strongest between 10am & 4pm.

Moving on to water. Who doesn't love to jump in the pool or swimming hole after a long, hot day? Spending time in the water is great for kids, but it's our job as parents and care providers to make sure they have fun while staying safe. More than 1,000 children die every year from drowning and small children can drown in water as shallow as 2 inches, so constant supervision is key. A general rule is to do a head count of the children in your care every 30 seconds. When in a boat with children, always use a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device. Inflatable vests and arm floaties do not protect against drowning. Also, if you plan on doing lots of swimming in ponds, lakes or rivers, water shoes are a great way to keep little feet safe from sharp rocks.

Now you know some principles of water and sun safety! If you're looking for more information, kidshealth.org is a great resource. Have a great summer and enjoy the sun and water!

We will be welcoming back Michelle Goodwin for the summer, hurray! We are all so happy to have you back :)

We also will be welcoming Brianna McCain who will be starting with us full time at the end of June (you will probably recognize her as she has been a friendly face filling in as a sub in all the classrooms the past few weeks!)

Good bye to Martha Rath (assistant teacher in EL4) as she leaves the Prouty Center at the end of June.

See you soon to Kelsey Carew (assistant teacher in EL1) as she will be going back to school but will still sub for us!

We wish you both the best of luck :)





June Happenings

Audiobook Month
National Smile Month
National Safety Month
Caribbean American Heritage Month

June 5th	World Environment Day
June 14th	Flag Day
June 18th	International Picnic Day
June 21st	Father's Day
June 21st	Summer Begins



**HAPPY
FATHERS
DAY**



June 2015

**Upcoming
Events:**

NO Staff Meeting in JULY

Friday July 3: Center CLOSED for July 4th Holiday Weekend

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Center Closes at 3:30 For ALL Staff Meeting	4	5 Anthony is 3!	6 Jaden is 2! Wesley is 4! Roman is 1!
7	8	9	10	11	12 Connor is 3!	13
14	15 Annual Meeting 5:30-7:00pm	16 Happy Bday Alison!	17 Ella is 5!	18	19	20
21	22 Happy Bday Kathy W.!	23	24	25 Derek is 2! James is 1!	26 ELC CLOSED for CPR/First Aid Training	27 Jeddon is 3!
28	29 Start of ELC Summer Program	30		Preschool Graduation 3:00-4:00pm		