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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

Building Project Update

As summer begins we continue to explore the possibility of moving to the Vermont Building on the campus of the former Austine School as an alternative to building and renovating at our current location. While there are many moving parts to the decision the goal is for the Board to determine by the end of the summer which direction is most viable for the Prouty Center to pursue.

Right now there are a couple major areas of activity. One is to determine what other organizations are interested and able to join us on campus. We have talked to several people and are hopeful we will have a critical mass of organizations to make the proposal affordable. One of the biggest challenges of a property such as the Austine campus is for a single entity to purchase and maintain it. However, if several organizations can buy into the property, i.e. as a condominium association, it makes it much more feasible. At this point we think 4 or 5 "anchor" owners, including Prouty, will be substantial enough to make it work. This would likely leave space that could be rented by other organizations which may not be able to purchase a space. Currently there are 4 tenants leasing space on the campus, High Five Adventure Learning, The INSPIRE School for Autism, UVM Extension, and The Garland School, all of whom will stay on campus for now, and hopefully long-term.

The other area of activity is assessing the pros and cons of the project based on finances, including what it would take to make the space usable for our purposes. This means inspecting the buildings and doing costs analyses on renovations as well as a comparison of long term costs, among other things. It is exciting to think of revitalizing this campus to be used by multiple organizations; ultimately it has to make financial sense for The Prouty Center in order for us to continue to pursue it.

Last week we had a chance to meet with Senators Balint and White, as well as our legislator, Valerie Stuart, and talk with them about the project. They are supportive and excited about the possibilities, and we greatly appreciate their ideas and input as we move forward exploring this opportunity.



Senator Jeanette White, Board President David Dunn, Legislator Valerie Stuart and Senator Becca Balint visit the Austine campus to discuss future plans

We hope to have a better sense within the next 6 to 8 weeks of which direction we will be pursuing to accommodate our need for expansion. In the meantime if you have any questions, ideas or concerns please feel free to be in touch.

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Some Important Phone Numbers

Please make a note of them!

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

From *Today's Parent*

Fun & Free Activities
To do with your child this summer

Wish List

- *Boom box for EL3
- *Boppy Pillows
- *Baby mirrors
- *Booster seats
- *Push toys
- *Rhino balls

- *Play baseball
- *Go to the beach/lake
- *Pick berries
- *Ride a bike
- *Blow bubbles
- *Watch some birds
- *Collect rocks
- *Build a box car
- *Visit a conservation area
- *Paint birdhouses

- *Walk the dog
- *Feed the ducks
- *Visit a farmer's market
- *Fly a kite
- *Play hide-and-seek
- *Build a fort
- *Work in the garden
- *Roll down a hill
- *Go for a hike
- *Play hopscotch

- *Jump rope
- *Visit the library
- *Paint some rocks
- *Have a picnic
- *Jump in puddles
- *Dance in the rain
- *Scavenger hunt
- *Have a playdate
- *Gaze at the stars
- *Read in the sunshine

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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!



<http://www.gofundme.com/udesv4c>

Have you seen this emotional story about Ana (Lead Teacher in EL3) and her sister Isabel? We have been given the ok to help spread the word though it's a pretty sensitive and personal journey and Ana tends to be a little shy about it. We think it's remarkable and want to support Ana and her family in every way that we can. Please consider donating or just take the time to watch the video. We are so very proud to have Ana as a part of our team.

Isabel and Ana are trying to raise \$4,000 by June 27th, 2015 in order to offset some of the cost of their reunion.

Isabel and Ana Williams were adopted from El Salvador in the 1980's and grew up in the New England area, knowing very little about their past. The sisters had only faint memories of their life in El Salvador.

With the help of an organization called [Pro-Busqueda](#), Isabel and Ana were able to locate their birth mother, Ester, who is alive and living in rural El Salvador. The sisters learned that they had been torn from their birth family during a massacre in 1980 which took the lives of their grandparents. They had been forcibly separated from their family by the Salvadoran military forces who placed them in an orphanage to be put up for adoption. Their birth mother, who survived the attack, tried to get her daughters back but was prevented from doing so and the sisters were adopted to the US.

Don't Go Hungry this Summer: Farmer's Market Coupons and Summer Meals Available to Help

Summer comes with various seasonal opportunities for struggling families, seniors, and others to get the food they need, including farmer's market coupons, summer meals for children, and the chance to use 3SquaresVT benefits to grow your own food. SEVCA's Family Services staff can help area residents find out about the programs they may qualify for and assist them to apply for 3SquaresVT food benefits.

Many people don't know that 3SquaresVT benefits (i.e. food stamps) can be used to buy seeds and plants to grow fresh fruits and vegetables in their own gardens. This is a great way to stretch limited food budgets. Seedlings can be purchased wherever EBT cards are accepted. Over 40 farmers' markets across the state now accept 3SquaresVT for starter plants as well as fresh produce. For a list of participating stores and markets, visit www.vermontfoodhelp.com. Participating farmer's markets will have a special booth to assist 3SquaresVT shoppers with their purchases.

Farmer's Market Coupons are another great resource that will be available starting June 29 this year. Whether or not a household is already receiving 3SquaresVT, they may qualify for a coupon book worth \$30 to purchase fresh produce or seedlings at their local participating farmer's market. SEVCA will be distributing coupon books to qualified households on a first-come, first-served basis, with a number of coupon books set aside for seniors. To qualify, a household's income must be no more than 185% of the Federal Poverty Level, currently \$2,456 per month for a family of two, or \$3,739 per month for a family of four. Interested households should phone SEVCA at (800) 464-9951 to find out if they qualify. Unfortunately, walk-ins cannot be accommodated. There are a limited number of coupon books available, so interested families and individuals are urged to call as soon as possible.

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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.

Community Based Services is working with Groundworks Collaborative (formerly Morningside Shelter and the Drop-In Center) to develop a Housing Coordination Program. This would help streamline access to housing by coordinating some of the administrative parts of the housing search so that housing case managers could focus on other work. We are gathering feedback from case managers to see what would be most helpful and hope to move forward soon.

Deb Forrett attended the CIS meeting on Monday 6/22 to provide an overview of her role with Children with Special Health Needs and to answer questions the team had about referrals and changes within the program.

The EI team attended an EI Child Outcomes Rating Training on Wednesday, June 24th.

Alison, Sally and Terrill have been collaborating with Susan Buhlman, Outreach Coordinator at the Brattleboro Retreat, Amanda Pizzollo at the Health Dept, providers at Brattleboro OBGYN, and Loren Cole, a local therapist, to discuss resources for women with perinatal depression and anxiety in our community. These meetings have been a great opportunity to talk about gaps in our system of care and how we can all work together to improve access to treatment and support services. Additionally, a meeting was held to discuss the possibility of holding a support group for mothers with an infant 12 months or younger. Jessica Perkins, a volunteer with It Takes a Village, and Susan Buhlman, have offered to volunteer to facilitate the initial round of these groups. We are hoping they can start in August and run for 6 weeks. The location will likely be here at Winston Prouty. More info will be coming...stay tuned!

Thanks, Sally and Terrill, for participating and devoting your time and energy into these initiatives!!

The YMCA bus has stopped running as of June 15th, following the state centralization of transportation grants. Tonya has been working with Family Services to find a temporary alternative solution for transportation for Protective Service children who were riding the bus. Windham Child Care is currently hiring a bus driver and bus monitor and plans to take over this operation as soon as they have hired for these positions through September 11th. WCCA has interviewed three candidates for the bus monitor position. A bus driver was interviewed last week and another interview is scheduled for this Thursday.

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/

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Attention ALL RECENT PAST, CURRENT and SOON TO BE
Winston Prouty Center Families

Save the date: **Tuesday, August 18th**
Summer BBQ

More details to come ~ stay tuned :)

During the summer, the classrooms work in true multi-aged groupings for about an hour in the morning. They get to be with children and teachers from other classrooms—young and old! Each group rotates through a process oriented craft, a field game, and sensory activity 3 times a week. The focus of this model is to create friendships and unity among and across all of our classrooms—and to work on a project over time as a whole. Our hope is to build a miniature nature town to show families at the summer BBQ, as well as teach the children how to play basic kick ball—and if families are up for it play a game at the BBQ as well.

We also spend as much time as possible outside. All School Sing, snack and sometimes even picnic lunches all happen in our grassy field and playground :) Then there is everybody's favorite, our once a week visit to the POOL at Living Memorial Park!



Congratulations again to all our
graduates :)

Thank you to all the family and
friends who came and helped
out on this beautiful afternoon!





All of the ELC classrooms have taken field trips to the Retreat Petting Farm over the past few weeks. The baby goats (also called kids) were a big hit with our kids :)



hello JULY

July Happenings

National Blueberry Month
National Hot Dog Month
National Ice Cream Month

July 4th Independence Day

July 2015

Upcoming
Events:

AUGUST

18th ELC Family BBQ
21st Summer/Program Year Ends
24th-26th ELC Closed for Staff In-Service & Prep
27th-28th CENTER Closed for Staff In-Service & Prep
31st 2015-2016 Program Year Begins



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy Bday Danielle!	2 Happy Bday Sally!	3 Caleb is 3! <div>Center CLOSED for July 4th Holiday Weekend</div>	4
5 Oliver is 2!	6	7	8	9 Layla is 2!	10	11 Ava is 3!
12	13 Jaxon is 2! Tenley is 3!	14	15	16 Donald is 3!	17 Lucas is 6! Owen is 3!	18 Elise is 4!
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Shane is 3!	27 Happy Bday Katrina!	28	29	30	31	