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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

Storytellers on a Mission

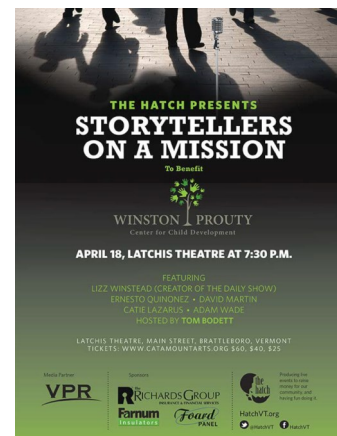
In case you missed the news, The Prouty Center is the beneficiary of this spring's Hatch event, "Storytellers on a Mission" on April 18th at 7:30 p.m. This is the 4th fundraiser the Hatch has hosted at the Latchis, and it will be a wonderful evening of live storytelling by outstanding performers. This is the type of talent you do not get to see regularly in Brattleboro so make sure to get your tickets soon – it will sell out!

The evening's storytellers will be hosted by Hatch co-founder Tom Bodett, a Vermont-based humorist and regular panelist on National Public Radio's (NPR) *Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me!* Featured performers include co-creator of *The Daily Show* Lizz Winstead, Ernesto Quiñonez, Catie Lazarus, David Martin and Adam Wade. All are veterans of critically acclaimed stages that include *The Moth*, *This American Life*, *The Daily Show*, *Comedy Central* and even the *New York Times* best seller list. **Check out page 9 for more information on each performer.**

The evening's host is radio personality, author and Moth performer **Tom Bodett**, who has been a regular panelist on NPR's *Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!* for 10 years. He has been the brand spokesman for the Motel 6 lodging chain for more than 25 years. The author of seven books and numerous audio publications, Bodett's work has appeared in a wide variety of national newspapers and periodicals.

Tickets to Storytellers on a Mission are \$60 front orchestra, \$40 rear orchestra, \$25 balcony and can be purchased online at CatamountArts.org. As the lineup of storytellers has been known to tell late-night stories with late-night content, this event is not suitable for children. The event begins at 7:30 pm. I look forward to seeing you there!

Many thanks to our major sponsors The Richards Group, Brattleboro Savings and Loan, Brattleboro Subaru, World Learning and Trust Company of Vermont. Other supporters of the event include Foard Panel, Farnum Insulators, and media sponsor Vermont Public Radio.



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Some Important Phone Numbers

Please make a note of them!

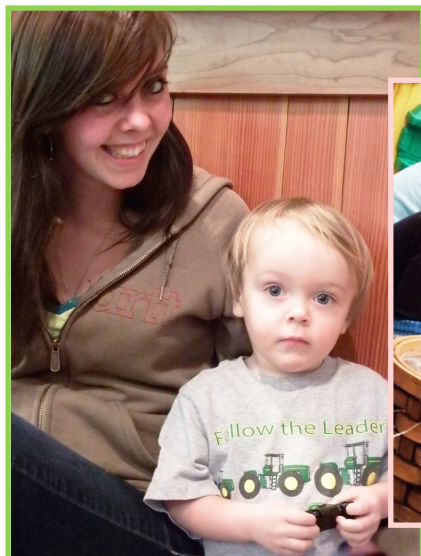
To reach the ELC after 4:30 pm, call 257-2101 ext. 23

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ELC Annual Family Potluck at the VFW

Wish List

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



**Thank you to
all families
and staff who
were able to
attend!**



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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!

Month of the Young Child



April 2015 Free and Fun Events for Families

Sponsored by:
Windham Child Care
Association,
Brattleboro Area Early
Childhood Educators
Network and the
Building Bright
Futures Council of
Southeastern Vermont

Magical Musical Art Time at The Future
FRIDAY, APRIL 3
3:00 - 5:00pm
The Future Collective
17 Elliot St, Brattleboro

Young Children's Art Exhibit
SATURDAY, APRIL 4
10:00 - 12:00pm
Brooks House Atrium
(corner of Main & High St),
Brattleboro

Steve Leicach Drumming
SATURDAY, APRIL 4
10:30am
Timson Hill Preschool
Williamsville

FREE Day at KidsPLAYce!
SATURDAY, APRIL 4
9:00am - 1:00pm
20 Elliot St, Brattleboro
KidsPLAYce

Story Stars presented by Teaching Creatures
FRIDAY, APRIL 10
Two sessions:
9:30 - 10:15am
and 10:30 - 11:15am,
Hilltop Montessori School
99 Stafford Farm Hill
Brattleboro

Wild Carrot Farm
SATURDAY, APRIL 11
9:00 - 11:00am
511 Upper Dummerston Rd,
Brattleboro

Hip Hop at Brattleboro School of Dance
SATURDAY, APRIL 11
9:00 - 10:00am
22 High St., Brattleboro
Ages 7-10

Creative Dance at Brattleboro School of Dance
SATURDAY, APRIL 11
Ages 3 - 4 from
9:30 - 10:00am
Ages 5 - 6 from
10:15 - 11:00am

Parent/Tot Circus Class
SUNDAY, APRIL 12
10:00 - 11:00am
(1½ yrs-4 yrs with parents)
11:00am - 12:00pm
(5-8 yrs)
New England Center for
Circus Arts, The Cotton Mill,
Brattleboro

Fun with Food at the Co-op
MONDAY, APRIL 13
9:30 - 11:30am, Brattleboro
Food Co-op Community Room,
Brattleboro

3rd Annual Bellows Falls Children's Art Walk
FRIDAY, APRIL 17
4:30 - 6:30pm
Opera House Lower Theater,
7 The Square, Bellows Falls

A Festival of Numbers
SATURDAY, APRIL 18
9:30 - 11:30am, Centre
Congregational Church,
193 Main St., Brattleboro

River Gallery School Explorations in Collage
SUNDAY, APRIL 19
10:00am - 12:00pm
River Gallery School,
32 Main St, Brattleboro

Parent/Tot Open Gym
MONDAY, APRIL 20 & THURSDAY, APRIL 23
10:00 - 11:45am
Gibson Aiken Center
Gymnasium, Brattleboro

Animal Tea Party & Stories
TUESDAY, APRIL 21
9:30 - 11:30am,
Brattleboro Food
Co-op Community Room,
Brattleboro

Music For Littles
TUESDAY, APRIL 21
10:00 - 11:00am
KidsPLAYce,
20 Elliot St, Brattleboro

Toddler Dance Party
FRIDAY, APRIL 24
10:30 - 11:15am
The Meeting Room,
Brooks Memorial Library

Super Bike and Fun Day
FRIDAY, APRIL 24
10:00am - 12:00pm, Living
Memorial Park, Brattleboro

PUNSCHI Puppet Show
SATURDAY, APRIL 25
10:00am
Hilltop Montessori School,
99 Stafford Farm Hill,
Brattleboro

Babes in the Woods
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29
9:30 - 11:00am,
Bonnyvale Environmental
Education Center, 1221
Bonnyvale Rd, Brattleboro

ONGOING EVENTS

KidsPLAYce Healthy Snack & Story Time
Fridays from 10:30-11:30am
20 Elliot St, Brattleboro

FREE Play at KidsPLAYce
Thursdays, 5:00-6:30pm
20 Elliot St, Brattleboro

Preschool Story Time
Thursdays, 11:00am
Putney Public Library

Rhyme Time
Wednesdays, 10:30am
Brooks Memorial Library, Brattleboro

Children's Art Exhibit
Crowell Art Gallery at Moore Free Library,
Newfane

Brattleboro Children's Story Exhibit
Brooks Memorial Library, Brattleboro

Putney Children's Story Exhibit
Putney Public Library

Cheshire Children's Museum
Half-price admission with voucher
Located in the Colony Mill Marketplace,
Keene, NH

The Nature Museum of Grafton
Thursdays 10:00am-4:00pm
186 Townsend Rd, Grafton

All-School Sing with Mary Kay Bress
Thursdays from 9:00-9:30am
Neighborhood Schoolhouse, Brattleboro

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center
- Brattleboro Food Co-op
- Brattleboro Recreation & Parks Department
- Brattleboro School of Dance
- Brooks Memorial Library
- Brown & Roberts Ace Hardware
- Centre Congregational Church
- Cheshire Children's Museum
- Hilltop Montessori School
- Little Red House Early Learning Program
- Michigan Association for the Education of
- Neighborhood Schoolhouse
- New England Center for Circus Arts
- Brooks House
- The Nature Museum of Grafton
- Westminster Area Starting Points Network
- Winston Prouty Center for Child Development
- KidsPLAYce
- Young Children
- Moore Free Library
- Parent Express
- Putney Public
- River Gallery School
- The Future Collective
- Timson Hill Preschool
- Wild Carrot Farm
- Zephyr Designs

Artwork by Nina, age 7

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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.

Danielle Southwell will start here as CIS Family Support Worker on 3/30. She will start her full-time hours on the week of April 6th. Let's all welcome Danielle to the Prouty community!

The first workshop sessions for the Renters 101 course will be on April 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th in the evening (5:30-7:30) here at Prouty. The planning group finalizing child care, food and an incentive for participants. Topics will include budgeting, tenant rights & responsibilities, housing search, and application support. There will be guest speakers, including Sara Kagle from VT Legal Aid and Peter Lynch from the Town of Brattleboro. Participants will be given a certificate of completion that can be included with housing applications. Reach-up will allow participants to fulfill work requirement hours by participating.

Home visitors in CBS continue meeting with Laura Kelloway for clinical consultation once a month. At the most recent meeting on 3/18, the team reviewed ideas of how to structure this meeting now that we have had time to meet as a group several times. We focused on wellness during the meeting this month, and are hoping to focus on the topic of domestic violence during our next meeting on 4/15.

Sally, Terrill and Alison have been participating in meetings with community partners to work on establishing a system of care to help woman experiencing perinatal mood disorders and other mental health issues have timely access to needed clinical and pharmacological evaluation and treatment. These meetings have included Susan Stember Buhlmann, LICSW, Clinical Outreach Representative at the Brattleboro Retreat, Megan Arthur and Debra Kitzmiller, providers at the Brattleboro OBGYN office, Jane Vincello, nurse with the Nurse Family Partnership, Carol Castine, Family Services Director at Early Education Services and Amanda Pizzollo, Maternal Child Health nurse at the VDH Health. At the most recent meeting, the team explored the possibility of offering a local group to this population in the near future. Another meeting will take place in April to discuss this possibility in more detail.

Jillsen has been accepted into a study to look at common core competency processes for certification or credential in Early Intervention. Thank you, Jillsen, for your willingness to participate in this!

The next annual CIS Conference will be on May 13th and 14th in Burlington. We have been asked to participate in a workshop on housing with Paul Dragon, who oversees the Family Supported Housing Programs in VT. Alison will be on a panel with Kellyn on the first day of the conference and with Emily on the second day. Registration information came out this week and the deadline to register is 4/3. We have 10 slots for CIS staff (not including the three of us who are presenting) and each region has been given 5 slots to invite community partners. We are encouraged to invite our local BBF rep, Head Start/ Early Head Start, DCF Family Services, and a school partner.

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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Floaters: Kathy Wright, Lyn Call and Martha Rath

As you all know by now, we will be saying our goodbyes to Ylan Roy (Lead Teacher in EL4). Her last day will be Friday, April 17th. Thank you, Ylan, for all that you have done for the Prouty Community including kids, families and staff! We all wish you the best of luck on your new adventures and hope that you will come back to see us :)



LITERACY OR PRE-LITERACY FOR THE EARLY AGES ~ BY AMY FULTON, EL4 TEACHER

As an early childhood educator, special education teacher, and mother, literacy is a passion of mine. I love to read, but mostly I love to read to children. I have enjoyed books and writing since I was very young, and have shared that passion with my two daughters, and the children I teach. Thus, when picking topics for the Prouty Voice, I jumped at the chance to write about Literacy. I will include some information about literacy, some important events to celebrate literacy, and lastly a list of our favorite stories and activities for young children.

According to Vermont Early Learning Standards, "Literacy is the foundation for creating a well-educated and responsible citizen." Literacy is by definition, the ability to read and write with meaning, and is part of the Vermont Standard, "Language, Literacy, and Communication." Children are typically born ready to talk and listen, expressing themselves in a variety of ways. When it comes to reading and writing, they will need your help to teach them about sounds, letters, words, and books.

Let them Play!

The first and possibly most important focus is play! Children are developing their language skills as they play. They have conversations with their peers, and tell stories about their experiences and ideas. They make up imaginary stories about the toys they are engaged with, or even what they ate last night, or whom they saw at the store. Children listen to stories, songs, finger plays, poems, nursery rhymes etc. They listen to and understand simple to multi-step directions, and they learn to take turns in conversations. They learn verbal and non-verbal ways to express themselves. Children use gestures, actions, expressions or words to express their needs or thoughts. As they mature, they use longer sentences, and speak clearly so that they are understood by other children and adults. They learn new words to increase understanding and express their ideas. (Recently I've heard students use the words *exhibit*, *galaxy*, *potentially* and *actually*.)



Events to Celebrate Literacy

D.E.A.R. (April) “Drop Everything and Read” a reminder to folks of all ages to make reading a priority activity in their lives. It is celebrated on April 12th, the children’s author Beverly Cleary’s birthday! She wrote about D.E.A.R. in the book, *Ramona Quimby*, age 8. Share the love of reading in your home, school, library, and community! The idea is to pick a time of day (EVERYDAY) when you stop everything you are doing, pick a book you like, and read for 30 minutes. Read just for the fun of it!

National Library Week- April 12-18th (ala.org) A national celebration to encourage people to read! Visit the local library and enjoy a book or two, play with Legos, or listen to a story.

Brooks Memorial Library- Open M-W from 10am-9pm Thursday from 1-6 Friday from 10-6pm and Saturday from 10-2pm. Lindsay Bellville is the Youth Services Librarian and Paige Martin, (formerly an EL4 teacher) is the new Assistant Youth Services Librarian.

Wednesdays from 10:30-11:00 is Rhyme Time

National Book Mobile Day 4/15/15-annual celebration of the contributions of our national bookmobiles and dedicated professionals who make quality bookmobile outreach possible in their communities (A Great Big Shout of Thanks to the **Windham Child Care Association** Bookmobile and Miss Emily for providing us with regular visits, read aloud and books to borrow!)

In addition to National events there are everyday activities we can do to help our children have fun learning literacy skills. A very brief sample follows:

Pre-writing skills ~Writing in sand, writing in the snow (please no more snow), paint brushes and water, cotton swabs and paint, chalk, shaving cream, etc.

Pre-reading ~Listening to sounds and identifying sounds, Simon Says, making fun books about shapes, food, and animals, playing memory games, sorting objects, sequencing cards(the stages of growth) puppy to dog, seed to flower, etc.

Rhyming ~Lots of rhymes, stories, songs and finger plays! When reading a book leave the rhyme at the end out, let your child fill in the blank. Read with expression and feeling; did the speaker whisper or yell, were they happy or sad! Children love your expressions and it makes them love the story!

Vocabulary ~Learning lots of new words! Explain the meaning of new words, even familiar words like grocery, or hardware. It’s amazing how many words we use and assume children know. ~Amy Fulton EL4 Teacher



Sound Box in EL4



The sound box has 26 drawers, each with a different letter of the alphabet on it. Inside each drawer are items which begin with that sound. So letter K has a kangaroo, keys and a koala. The kids can explore each box and try to figure out what the sound is, whether or not they recognize the letter. Sometimes I mix two drawers and have the kids resort them. ~Ylan



April Happenings

Autism Awareness Month

National Poetry Month

National Library Month

April 1st National Walking Day
 April 7th World Health Day
 April 16th Holocaust Remembrance Day
 April 22nd Earth Day



Our Favorite Books!

EL2

The Little Mouse, Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Bear
 The Very Hungry Caterpillar
 Harold and the Purple Crayon

EL1

Mother Goose
 Raffi Song Book
 Goodnight Moon
 I Went Walking
 Goodnight Gorilla
 Truck Board books
 All Sandra Boynton books
 DK Photo Picture books

EL3

Chicka, Chicka,
 Boom, Boom
 The Runaway Bunny
 Owl Babies
 Good Night Gorilla
 The Missing Piece

EL4

Blueberries for Sal
 Super Heroes ABC
 Gingerbread Man
 Pattern Fish
 The Snowy Day
 Dogzilla
 Pete the Cat

The **Center closes** at 3:30 on the first Wednesday of each month for Staff Meeting.



Upcoming Events:

May 6th: Center Closes at 3:30 for ALL Staff Meeting

May 25th: Center Closed for Memorial Day

April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Center CLOSSES @ 3:30 for ALL Staff Meeting	2	3	4
5 Chloe is 4!	6 Happy B-Day Lyn!	7	8 Happy B-Day Jordan!	9	10	11
12 Braydin is 3!	13	14	15 Reed is 3!	16	17	18  To benefit Prouty Center!
19 Isabell is 1! Avery is 3!	20	21	22	23 Haydan is 3!	24	25
The Early Learning Center is CLOSED~ For Spring Break Administration & Community Based Services will remain OPEN this week						
26	27 Happy B-Day Susan!	28 Chunyima is 1!	29  Annual Book Drive at Prouty !	30		

STORYTELLERS



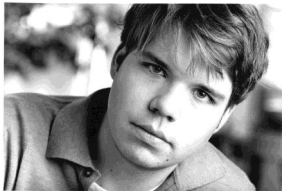
Lizz Winstead, co-creator and former head writer of The Daily Show, as well as Air America Radio cofounder, has helped changed the very landscape of how people get their news. In addition to her behind-the-scenes prowess, she is a natural performer. She was a correspondent on The Daily Show, a co-host of Air America Radio's Unfiltered, and has made numerous appearances on stage and TV showcasing her wit and humor. She can be seen regularly doing hilarious and insightful commentary on MSNBC.



Ernesto Quiñonez is an American novelist. His debut novel Bodega Dreams was chosen as a Los Angeles Times Notable Book of the year and The New York Times claimed it a "New Immigrant Classic." It has become a landmark in contemporary American literature as it is required reading in many high schools and colleges around the country. Quiñonez is a frequent Moth storyteller, a Sundance Writer's Lab fellow and is an associate professor in the English Department at Cornell University's MFA program.



Catie Lazarus is a writer and hosts the talk show Employee of the Month at New York City-based Joe's Pub, where she is an Artist-in-Residence. She also types for a living. ECNY (Excellence in Comedy in New York) selected her as "Best Comedy Writer" and she has contributed to The New York Times Magazine, Marie-Claire, Cosmo, Funny or Die, Sundance, Tribeca Film Festival and Out Magazine. Lazarus has also done storytelling at The Moth, RISK, Slideshow Goshko, The LIAR Show, and Asscat at UCB.



David Martin

David Martin is a long-standing performer at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre in New York City. He is also the host and producer of The Nights of Our Lives, the second-longest running storytelling show in NYC and is the author of the book Officespeak.



Returning for his fourth Hatch event, crowd favorite **Adam Wade** has been performing in New York City for more than 10 years. A graduate of Keene State College, he is an 18-time StorySLAM Champion at The Moth. Wade has been called "New York's hottest and hippest literary ticket" by The Wall Street Journal. Wade has been featured on both The Moth Radio Hour and The Moth Podcast, and with the Upright Citizens Brigade.