

Brattleboro's Chloe Learey named to Governor's Child Care Blue Ribbon Commission

BRATTLEBORO, VT --- (August 24, 2015) --- Chloe Learey, executive director of Winston Prouty Center for Child Development in Brattleboro, has been named to the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Financing High Quality, Affordable Child Care.



The purposes of the Commission are: (1) to inventory and review reports and recommendations issued over the past 10 years relating to high quality, affordable child care; (2) to determine the elements inherent in all quality child care programs; and (3) to make recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor on the most effective use of existing public funding and additional opportunities.

The Commission, comprised of 17 members and chaired by Secretary of Administration Justin Johnson, will report its findings to the Governor and selected legislative committees on or before November 1, 2016.

Learey will be the representative of licensed center-based early learning and development programs in the State. She has been the executive director of Winston Prouty Center over eight years. She has written many articles on early childhood development and is the host of a monthly cable show, *"Family Matters."*

In accepting the Governor's appointment, Learey said, "It is important for voices from southern Vermont to be represented in state-wide forums such as the Blue Ribbon Commission. There is a lot of attention focused on the importance of the early years both nationally and at the state level in Vermont as we enter our 2nd year of the Early Learning Challenge grant."

Learey added, "If we are going to successfully support our youngest citizens to develop optimally we need to have groups like this commission zero in on critical issues that affect families and young children such as high quality affordable early learning programs."

Learey concluded, "I want to be part of creating solutions to the challenges we face in early childhood services today and being on the Blue Ribbon Commission is one way I can do that."

The Winston Prouty Center for Child Development, incorporated in 1969, provides inclusive education and family support to promote the success of children and families. Children's Integrated Services (CIS) is the state of Vermont's program for providing support to young children (0 to 6) and their families. For more information, visit www.winstonprouty.org. For more information about the Blue Ribbon Commission, visit : <http://www.letsgrowkids.org/blue-ribbon-commission>.