



LAMOILLE FAMILY CENTER

Celebrating 35 Years!

Spring 2011



The Lamoille Family Center, established in 1976, affirms the right of all children to grow up in an environment that enables them to become healthy adults by encouraging, educating and celebrating families. As one of fifteen Parent Child Centers across the state, the Family Center offers early care and education services, home visiting, parent education, playgroups, child care resource and referral, youth services, and emergency assistance.

Note from the Executive Director

The Lamoille Family Center staff, Board and community partners are currently engaged in many exciting efforts. I hope this update provides you with a snapshot of our work. We are committed to effectively serving families, while maximizing resources and reducing redundancies.

Please let us know what you think we are doing well and what could be improved. I can be reached at 888-5229 ext 124 or sjohnson@lamoillefamilycenter.org.

Scott Johnson
Executive Director

Children's Integrated Services

In November, the Family Center became one of three Children's Integrated Services pilot regions across the state. This opportunity involves the Family Center implementing five early childhood programs totaling \$670,000 annually across three organizations. Staff partner to provide physical, developmental and social emotional supports for young children and their families in an effort to best meet the needs of families while reducing duplication and streamlining access. As a pilot program, the Lamoille Family Center is expected to set a standard for the rest of the state including: utilizing research based approaches, implementing family centered practices, and ensuring program accountability.



Lamoille Family Center Learning Together participants enjoyed a musical performance courtesy of the Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center in February 2011. After the show, they were thrilled to talk with TEATRO and have their photo taken!

LFC Holiday Activities

Thanks to generous community support, the Lamoille Family Center's 2010 holiday activities once again served hundreds of children and families.

With your contributions of time, funding and items:

- ◆ 147 families, with 325 children, received gifts through the Holiday Project
- ◆ 27 families, with 39 adults and 67 children, received gifts through the Adopt A Family program

"It seems like the past few years have been a struggle for almost everyone, including myself. Christmas is always a big stressor, but with the Holiday Project, I know my girls will have something under the tree. That alone means the world to me."



Employee "elves" from Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley donated gifts to the Lamoille Family Center's Adopt A Family program.

LFC Expands Parent Education Services

Thanks to generous community support, including Concept2 and Ben & Jerry's, the Family Center has hired a part-time parent educator to:

- * Be a resource to parents seeking group education and support
- * Coordinate a variety of parent education opportunities
- * Maintain a database of parent education & support opportunities

A number of activities are planned for the coming months. Please help to sustain this work by making a contribution.

LFC Emergency Assistance Fund

From November 2010 - February 2011, the LFC provided emergency assistance to 63 families with 96 children. Assistance included gas cards, food cards, diapers, and financial contributions toward rent and fuel.

"I'm writing to show my thanks and appreciation for your help with my electric bill so I don't get disconnected. I have two young children and bills that exceed the income I have. This last month I had car problems that were not expected and fell back on my electric bill. So, I greatly appreciate the help you have chosen to give me today!"



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THANK YOU...

Community support is critical to the sustainability of the Lamoille Family Center. Thank you to the numerous individual, business, foundation, and State and Federal government supporters that make it possible for us to continue to serve more than 1,600 children, youth, parents and caregivers annually. We could not do this work without you!

Your help is always needed. Your contribution will support the ongoing operation of the Family Center, ensuring that families continue to have access to child care, parenting support, playgroups, emergency resources, the Holiday Project, a teen center, an alternative high school for pregnant, parenting and at-risk young women, and many other services provided by our dedicated and caring staff.

Contributions can be made at www.lamoillefamilycenter.org/make-a-donation or sent to 480 Cadys Falls Road Morrisville, VT 05661. To discuss opportunities to support the Family Center, contact the LFC Development Director, Becky Gonyea, at 888-5229 ext 125 or bgonyea@lamoillefamilycenter.org.



Jack Manning of Hyde Park donated money he received for his 8th birthday to the Lamoille Family Center in October 2010.

Upcoming Activities

April 16th - Parents and others who interact with children are invited to attend a Behavior Support training with Jeanine Fitzgerald.

May 6th - Lamoille Valley attorneys are invited to a LFC open house.

June 22nd - Join us for the LFC Annual Meeting.

July 4th - LFC staff will decorate bikes & distribute books at the Morrisville celebration.

August - Please donate diapers and pull-ups to the LFC Diaper Drive.

August 2nd - Join us for the 2nd Annual Revisiting Our History, a gathering of early LFC staff, Board members and supporters.

September 24th - Participate in the 2nd Annual LFC Climb for Kids fundraising hike.

October 2nd - Attend the 3rd Annual Pumpkin Chuckin' Festival at the Boyden Farm in Cambridge. Proceeds benefit the Family Center and the Cambridge Rotary Club.

December 17th - Help support the LFC Holiday Project. Donations of new toys, games, puzzles, hats, and mittens/gloves are accepted all year at the Family Center.

Watch for more details about these activities at www.lamoillefamilycenter.org.

Check out the Lamoille Family Center web site for more information about our programs and upcoming activities including playgroups & parenting classes
www.lamoillefamilycenter.org

"The problems and hardships I am having in life came so fast and I didn't know who to go to or what to do. I was told about the help you have given to a dear friend of mine when she was having a life crisis. I called and you were so sympathetic and helpful to me and my 20 month old daughter."