# LAMOILLE FAMILY CENTER FY'17 ANNUAL REPORT July 1, 2016- June 30, 2017









Encouraging, Educating and Celebrating Families Since 1976

Message From the Board Chair and Executive Director,

After 41 years of operation, we remain proud of reaching more than 4,000 children, youth, parents, and caregivers annually. The breadth of our programming—home visiting, youth case management, infant child care, school-based services, parent education, and employment supports—allows us to have a positive impact in many different ways. Here's what we've heard from people we've served:

## "Even when you are not working with the Family Center anymore, they still check up on you. That is what family does."

#### "I'm here because they helped me. Nobody gave up on us."

We are proud of our highly competent staff that encourage, educate and celebrate families every day. The success of our participants helps build strong communities, resilient families, and healthy futures for all of our children, where:

- parents are the first and best teachers for their children,
- children enter kindergarten ready to learn, and
- youth thrive.

We extend our deepest thanks to our donors for their continued support, our staff and volunteers for their dedication and hard work, and to community partners for sharing our commitment to improving the lives of children and families in our region.

We look forward to remaining as a valuable resource to children, youth, and families.

With gratitude,

Bryn Fisher Board Chairperson

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Scott Johnson Executive Director



Teens in the LINK summer program enjoyed a beautiful day of llama trekking



Staff walking the Story Stroll path on our Bridge Street property

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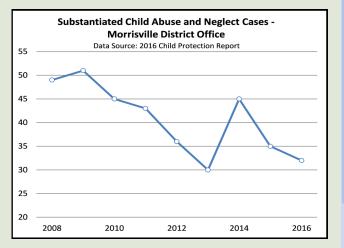


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#### A Community Response to Toxic Stress

Emerging science related to childhood trauma, toxic stress, and resilience is foundational to our work at the Lamoille Family Center. Toxic stress can negatively impact children's behavior, learning abilities, and capacity for healthy relationships. Resilience helps buffer against these things.

"... The time has come to expand the public's understanding of brain development and shine a bright light on its relation to the early childhood roots of adult disease." J. Shonkoff, et al. 2012.



#### The story behind the curve in the Lamoille Valley...

The downward trend in substantiated abuse and neglect cases masks the fact that in 2016 almost 30% of children who came into custody were three years old or younger—meaning, more infants and toddlers are experiencing serious levels of abuse at the most vulnerable time in their development.

Investments in these early years is critical especially in light of experiences related to abuse and neglect. LFC staff deliver trauma-informed supports and services to support the development of resilience. We use the Strengthening Families<sup>™</sup> protective factors framework to help children, youth, and families have a greater ability to bounce back from adversity.

#### HOW MUCH DID WE DO?

- The Children's Integrated Services program provided 4,309 home visits to 256 individuals and families whose children have physical, developmental, or behavioral challenges
- The Holiday Project provided toys, games, puzzles, stocking stuffers, mittens, hats and books to 329 children representing 154 families
- The Outreach program provided emergency assistance with rent, fuel, utilities, food, gas, diapers, and clothing to **123** families, reaching 480 children and adults
- 29 child care programs received training and support to serve 109,670 healthy meals and snacks to 308 children

#### HOW WELL DID WE DO IT?

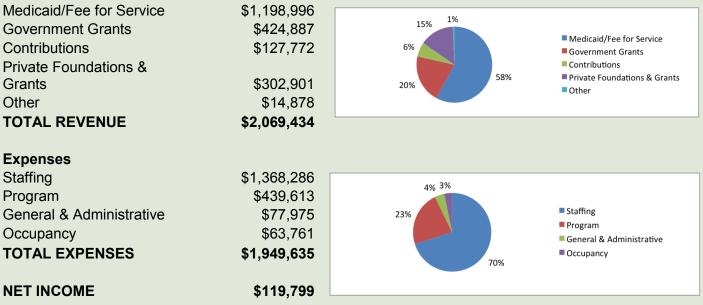
- 100% of survey respondents rated playgroups as "excellent" or "good"
- 98% of Child Care Financial Assistance Program applications were processed within the required timeframe
- **100% of survey respondents** rated their experience with the Child Care Referral program as helpful
- The LFC licensed child care center **maintained 5 STARS**, the highest possible quality rating
- 99% of Children's Integrated Services program participants had services start within the required timeframe
- 46% Workforce Performance Rate for Reach Up participants (nearly double the state average)

#### **IS ANYONE BETTER OFF?**

- Playgroup participants responded that their child has benefited and made progress since joining playgroup: Social/Emotional development (100%), Communication (81%), Cognitive development (78%)
- 56% of Reach Up participants are employed or actively engaged in jobs skills training
- More families have access to quality care and a higher rate of state financial assistance, with 76% of Lamoille Valley early care and education programs participating in STARS
- 48% of survey respondents reported either finding child care or keeping their current arrangement after utilizing the Child Care Referral program
- 90% of participants in the LINK and Learning Together programs reported that they "have a plan for the future"

## FY'17 Operating Revenue and Expenditures

## Revenue





The Lamoille Family Center remained fiscally strong in FY'17, and our Auditors, JMM & Associates, reported no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We remain fiscally conservative and attentive to our primary mission and staff in order to maintain critical services for young children, youth and their families. Net earnings were strong and enabled us to add to our future reserves.

## 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 supporters that made it possible for us to reach more than 4,000 children, youth, parents, and caregivers in FY'17. We cannot do this work without you!

Contributions can be made at <u>http://www.lamoillefamilycenter.org/donate/</u> or sent to 480 Cady's Falls Road Morrisville, VT 05661.

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