

Dear Friend,

Why donate to the Winston Prouty Center? Maybe you know someone who has benefited from our services, or maybe you have appreciated your own experience here. As each year passes we are honored to continue to make a difference in the lives of families and children. We are able to do this because of the support we receive from friends like you.

How do we make a positive impact? We do not do things to people; we invite people to join our community and be actively engaged in making a difference in their own lives. They do this with the support of the services we are able to offer and through their connections to other families and children. One of the greatest assets of our community is the broad range of experiences and backgrounds people bring. There are not many places where such a diversity of people comes together in an inclusive environment. A child can have a disability regardless of class or culture, and this is a great equalizer in some respects. Having families and children be able to interact with one another and learn together about how to navigate whatever complications they face is a critical component of what we do. A child who is unable to grasp an eating utensil will be able to learn from peers and adults. A parent struggling with the night-time routine with their two-year-old will gain a lot from talking with another parent in the same situation.

Your donation allows us to create sustainable change over time by being able to provide services that both address needs and help connect people to a larger community. When people are understood and understand, and when they are connected, they can make a difference for themselves and others. Please consider helping in whatever way you can.

Warmly,

Chloe Learey, Executive Director



“The Prouty Center is a unique place, and a snapshot of what I hope my daughter’s world will look like as she grows older.”



“We have amazing families who are willing to give their time and energy to make our school a better place.”



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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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“Part of Prouty's strength is the wonderful professional staff who believe in this community and that all children have strengths and deserve opportunities to flourish.”



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1969 *First Chance*, the pioneer pre-school program for children with special needs, enrolls 10 children in Brattleboro and Townshend, Vermont

1972 The Winston L. Prouty Center for Child Development incorporates

1984 The Early Learning Center is established as a respite care facility, evolving into a full-time child care program in 1985. The program becomes inclusive in 1990

1994 The Family, Infant, Toddler Program begins, renamed CIS Early Intervention in 2009

2008 Children's Integrated Services (CIS) emerges as Vermont's hub for programs supporting young children and their families

FY 2010 CIS Program Highlights

- ☞ Prouty continues to be a vital partner as the State of Vermont streamlines services offered to families with young children.
- ☞ We recently hired a CIS Nurse to provide home visiting to pregnant and postpartum women, newborns, and young children.
- ☞ Our Family Support Worker has helped 29 families secure housing, employment, and/or access to health services.
- ☞ Our Early Intervention program (formerly FIT) remains a crucial resource for families with young children with developmental delays or who are at risk for a delay. This past year, our staff of six provided services to 121 young children and families.



“When my daughter is three, she will not be in the Early Intervention Program any more. I am so thankful that the program was available to me. I know that I wouldn't have been able to afford private early intervention services, and I know there are a lot of families like mine who have been helped so much by FIT/EI. It will be a huge, huge loss for all of us when my daughter leaves the program.”



FY 2010 ELC Program Highlights

- ☞ The Early Learning Center celebrated its 20th year providing inclusive education.
- ☞ Named “Best Child Care” in the 2010 Best of Brattleboro Reader's Choice Awards.
- ☞ Our staff had a turnover rate of 20%, compared to the national average of 40%. We have several long-term staff members, with an average of almost 8 years of service.

