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Jennifer Peterson, Town Clerk
Select Board Members
Town of Waitsfield
9 Bridge Street
Waitsfield, VT 05673

Dear Ms Peterson and Select Board Members:

With this letter, the Family Center of Washington County respectfully requests \$500 in the budget to go before the voters of Waitsfield in 2011, the same as last year's request.

During our last fiscal year, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010, it was our pleasure to serve 37 members of the Waitsfield community through our array of child development and family support services. A completed town summary report is enclosed with this letter. We look forward to continuing our activities in Waitsfield during the coming year.

Thank you for your on-going assistance in facilitating this request to be on your town meeting ballot.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee S. Lauber'.

Lee S. Lauber
Executive Director

Enclosure





FAMILY CENTER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

....serving families in Waitsfield

The Family Center of Washington County fosters the positive growth and development of young children and their families. The Family Center's array of services includes: infant, toddler and preschool child care, playgroups for children from birth to five, parent education and outreach activities – for mothers and fathers, training for child care providers, assistance to parents in finding and paying for child care, and planning and coordinating the Central Vermont Building Bright Futures Council's region-wide programs for parents as first teachers of their children.

Among the individuals in Waitsfield who benefited from the Family Center's programs and services from July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 were:

- * **4** who consulted our **Child Care and other Resource and Referral services**, receiving assistance in finding suitable child care to meet their needs, answering questions related to child care and child development, and receiving information about other community resources available to them.
- * **8 families** who received **assistance paying for child care**.
- * **11 licensed and registered child care providers** and other support agencies who consulted our **Provider Support services**, and received monthly newsletters and training on a wide variety of topics through home visits, conferences and workshops.
- * **1 child and 1 adult** who participated in our **Playgroups**. Playgroups are free, open to all families with children birth to five, and have no eligibility requirements. Children have a chance to play with others in a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment. Parents talk to other parents, draw upon each other for support, learn new skills from Playgroup Facilitators and get information about community resources.
- * **1 child** who attended our nationally accredited **Early Education program**.
- * **9 individuals** who were served by one of our specialized **Home Visiting services**, providing parent and family education and support.
- * **2 community members or child care professionals** who planned local and regional **Building Bright Futures Council activities**.

We are grateful for the support shown by the voters of Waitsfield. For more information about any of our programs, please contact Lee S. Lauber, Executive Director, at 262-3292, Ext. 118, e-mail us at familycenter@fcwcv.org, or visit our website at www.fcwcv.org.

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