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# BRIDGES OF SUPPORT



## SAPCC Makes a Difference: Zoey's Story

BY ANGELA KELLEY, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Zoey Kemp, like many young children in our community, has thrived thanks in part to accessing multiple programs and services provided by SAPCC, including pre-school, playgroups and community events. She also received early intervention through the Children's Integrated Services program. This included occupational, physical and speech therapies. Her mom, Patti, shared, "I used to work there, so I knew they would be great, but to see it in action; the caring and devotion. Tynisa never gave up. She always came up with a different idea and Sarah was right there beside her. The teamwork they gave to my daughter was unbelievable. My daughter would not be where she is without them. It was unbelievable the amount of support she received."

When asked if there was anything she wished parents knew about SAPCC, Patti said, "I hope parents know that everyone at SAPCC is so friendly, open-armed and devoted."

Zoey Kemp happily shows off her artwork in her preschool classroom at PlayWorks Child Center located inside the Springfield Area Parent Child Center. She started out as a virtual student in the online pre-k program and now attends in-person. Zoey loves her school, her classmates, and her teacher, Katie Fluharty. Zoey's mom, Patti, says that the "socialization has been wonderful! It's like she grew up overnight!"



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**"Because of the help SAPCC gave my family, I was able to keep my son in the daycare he loves, which would not have been possible otherwise."**

-LOCAL MOM

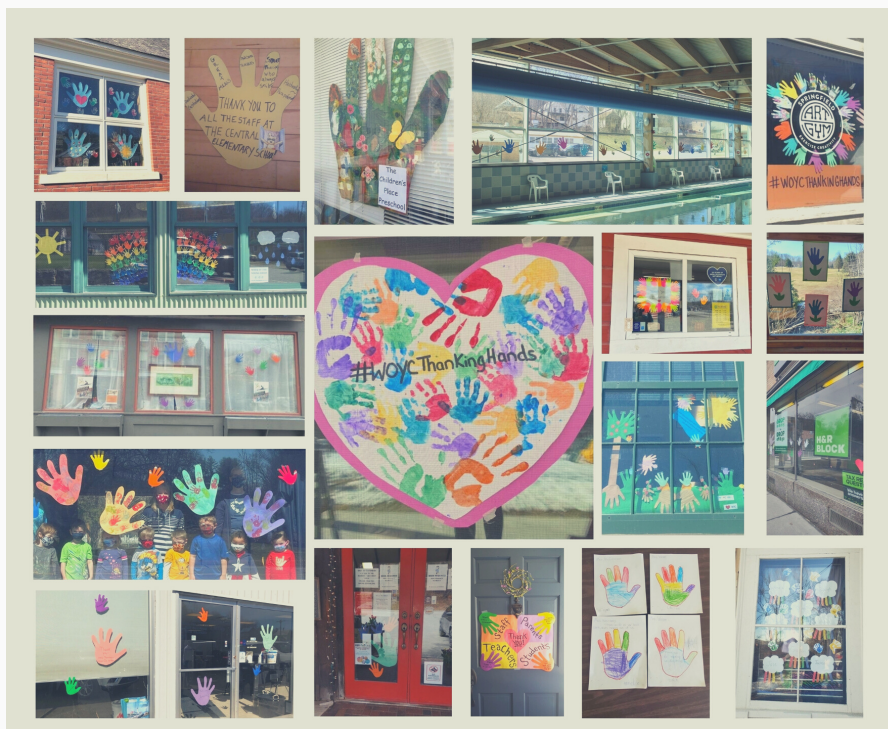


## Week of the Young Child a Success!

BY JO ROBBINS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

We want to thank everyone who participated in this year's WOYC Thanking Hands Campaign. This was a collaborative effort to show appreciation to educators, staff and students, for working so hard throughout the pandemic. Hundreds of handprints were hung in windows and doors across the region. Many photos of the handprints were shared on social media using the hashtag #woycthankinghands.

Special thanks to McGee Chrysler Jeep Dodge of Springfield, Smiling Faces Childcare, Springfield Art Gym, Springfield Learning Garden, Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, SEVCA Windsor County Head Start, Early Childhood Program, Springfield Learning Garden, Vermont Department of Health, The Dance Factory, Holly's Hugs N Kisses Daycare, Sheri's Heads Up, PlayWorks Child Center, Woodbury Florist, Willow Farm Pet Supplies, H & R Block, Whiting Library, Springfield Town Library, Springfield Post Office, Springfield Medical Care Systems, and all of the community members who participated. You gave life to this event, and we look forward to seeing how we can come together again for next year's Week of the Young Child.



## Upcoming Events

Playgroup @ Springfield  
Community Center  
EVERY MONDAY 10-11AM

Connection is Key:  
A Parenting Workshop  
TUESDAYS, JUNE 1-15  
4:00PM-5:30PM

PlayWorks Graduation  
JUNE 16 (RAIN DATE: JUNE 23)

Being An Emotional Container: A  
Parenting Workshop  
TUESDAYS, JULY 20 & 27  
4:00-5:30PM

Duck Run  
JULY 17

Free Children's Activity Bags.  
Email [Kayla.Quimby@sapcc-vt.org](mailto:Kayla.Quimby@sapcc-vt.org)  
ONGOING

## Upcoming Closings

Staff Development Day  
MAY 28

Memorial Day  
MAY 31

Independence Day  
JULY 5

Afternoon Staff Meeting  
JULY 16 @ NOON





## Investing in Families, Children & VT

BY MARGOT HOLMES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This last year the pandemic has upended our families, our communities and our world. Parent Child Centers (PCCs) across Vermont have offered a consistent safety net of support for families through it all. PCCs have provided essential support such as access to food, diapers, technology tools needed to ensure education, and concrete financial resources to sustain or attain housing security. PCCs have served as a lifeline to parents and caregivers with young children who are isolated and at risk both through virtual parent connection and in-person support, including delivering items families needed to get through the pandemic but could not safely obtain on their own.

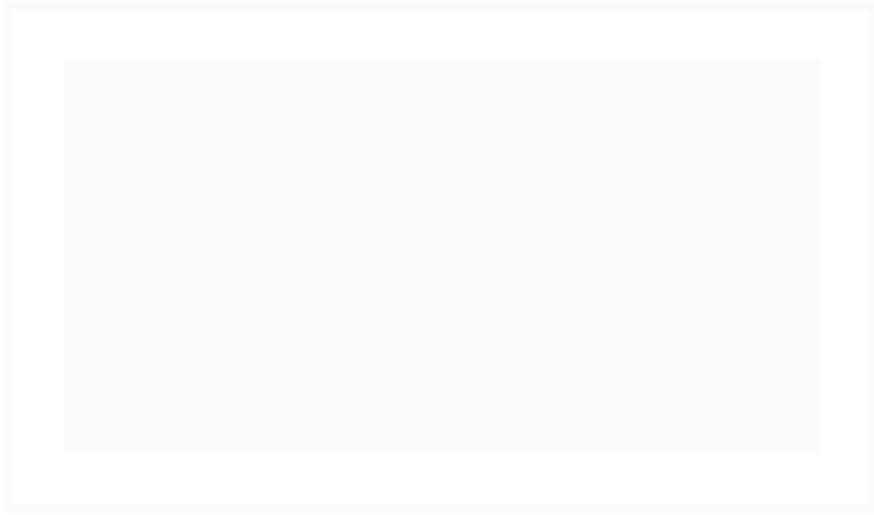
These are just some of the ways that PCCs make a difference in our communities and the reason we work so hard every day to continue providing the wrap-around services that are needed. Thank you to everyone who has supported our efforts over the past year whether it be through a monetary gift, writing to your legislators, or donating items - you've helped make a difference by investing in families, in children and in Vermont.

*-Margot*



Students Enjoying Earth Day and St. Patrick's Day Celebrations at PlayWorks Child Center





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