



SPRING/SUMMER
2024

NEWSLETTER



"We first learned about SAPCC when Carter* got his **Welcome Baby Bag** at his first doctor's visit. When he started showing signs of a developmental delay, SAPCC's **Early Intervention services** set up a **home visit** and he began receiving **developmental education** and **speech therapy** services.

At about a year and half old, Carter's delay progressed- he developed self-injurious behaviors and was getting at most two hours of nonconsecutive sleep each night. We were desperate for help but the wait list for an official diagnosis was so long, and no one else would help him. *But SAPCC found a way.*

Their **mental health clinician** and **physical therapist** worked together to get Carter the help he (and we) needed. Through their expertise and advocacy they worked with my insurance company and helped him get a safety bed. Now he regularly sleeps six hours a night and no longer engages in self-injurious behaviors!

We were petrified to send him to any child care facility with his delays and behavior challenges. He now attends SAPCC's high-quality childcare, **Playworks**, where he is thriving due to the individualized support.

Carter is now officially diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder- level 3. He has access to a safe sleeping place, is learning to communicate with an Augmentative and Alternative Communication device (AAC), enjoys SAPCC's free **Playgroups**, and we as a family feel so supported and prepared for just about anything our unique parent journey may bring!

This is all thanks to the incredible **wrap-around services, support, and resources that SAPCC offers us** and we are eternally grateful for the profoundly positive impact they have had!"

- Local mom supported by SAPCC's programming.
*Name has been changed

UPCOMING EVENTS AND FREE PLAYGROUPS

contact us for more info

Annual Duck Run
July 6 2024
4pm-7pm

Monday Morning
Playgroup
10-11:30am on the
Commons (*just show up!*)

Mom Walking Group
Thursday mornings

I Am Me - accessible
Playgroup
Last Saturday of each
month

Adventure Together
Thursdays in July and
August

Summers Together:
Parenting Workshop
Series
Tuesday evenings
July 16 - August 6

Babysitter Certification
Course at SAPCC TC
July 31

Bingo to support SAPCC
Training Center
Fridays 6pm and Sundays
1:30pm

Follow us on facebook and
subscribe to our email mailing
list for a complete list,
including the full monthly
schedule for our new
**Workforce Training &
Development Center!**

What is a Parent Child Center? A Message From Our Executive Director

BY DANNA BARE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As SAPCC's new Executive Director, it's been a joy to get to know staff, programs, and community members and partners over the past ten months!

SAPCC is one of 15 independent, locally based non-profit Parent Child Centers across Vermont that provides informal and formal supports and services promoting family health and well-being to families with young children. Each center is unique in its design and responsive to individual community needs. We welcome all regional families through the delivery of our eight Parent Child Center core services: Parent Education, Family Support, Home Visits, Early Childhood Services, Concrete Family Supports, Play Groups, Community Development, and Information & Referral.

The Springfield Area Parent Child Center has served families in our region for 32 years and I am honored for the opportunity to lead such a vibrant and impactful community organization. Each day SAPCC's campus is buzzing with activities, programs, resources, and classes that are led by an incredibly passionate staff who love the work they do with families and young children.

SAPCC is our community's Parent Child Center—please consider supporting our region's young families by joining us—whether that's through a donation that supports this work, volunteering in our programs, or making sure all families with young children know we are here, ready to welcome them and support their journey!



- Danna

Help children and caregivers thrive in our community by making a gift to SAPCC

Your generosity makes a big difference. *Below are just a few of the many ways to give:*

Join our
Board

Monthly
Sustainer

Cash,
Check, or
Card

Stock or
Asset

Will or
Trust

Charitable
Gift
Annuity

Springfield registered voters – We need your help!

Please visit our front desk or look for the clipboard at our events to sign the petition and help us be on the ballot for town appropriations next year.

email christine.colascione@sapcc-vt.org or call 802-886-5242 for any questions

Interested in being on the Board? Come to our Duck Run board recruitment booth on July 6 or reach out to find out more!

Loving Hearts Sewing Group



from left: Theresa Methot, Diana Kentfield, Lauren Palmer, and Terri Conover

THANK YOU

Springfield Rotary Club



from left: Springfield Rotary president Emma McGuirk and PCC Co-Coordinator Kayla Bapp

Thank you to the Loving Hearts Sewing Group for handmaking these beautiful diaper bags for our Welcome Baby Bag program! These bags were filled with handmade bibs, burp clothes, PJs, hats, soft blocks, stuffed animals, and blankets. Loving Hearts has been one of our biggest supporters of this program throughout the years and new parents and babies can most certainly feel the love put into these bags.



The Welcome Baby Bag program provides new babies throughout S. Windsor and N. Windham Counties with a bag full of essentials, toys, gifts, and resources, regardless of income. Know a baby under 1 who would like one? Reach out!

Thank you to the Springfield Vermont Rotary Club who hosted a successful diaper drive in April to benefit our Diaper Bank! Thanks to the response by the community, 2,639 diapers and 1,500 wipes were collected, as well as \$800 in monetary donations!



Our Diaper and Formula Bank provides diapers, wipes, pull-ups, and formula on a weekly basis for any primary caregiver to pick up at our office each weekday.



Some of our free fun events this Spring!



Tienna's Closet

SAPCC's free community clothing closet is now open!



By Appointment only - email sapcc@sapcc-vt.org or call to set up a time to come in. Maternity, baby, children's, and adult clothing and limited accessories



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FIT 'N FUN DUCK RUN

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024

**4 - 7 PM: Free family fun at SAPCC
80 Jack & Jill Lane, N. Springfield, VT.**



Food, music, raffles, foam cannon, bounce house, water slide and more!

Prizes from Fox Run Golf Club, Bromley Mountain, Montshire Museum of Science and more!

A Fundraiser for the Springfield Area Parent Child Center.
Sponsor your ducks to race at sapcc-vt.org or QR Code

