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Gina Jenkins, Town Administrator
Town of East Montpelier
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Dear Ms. Jenkins and Select Board Members:

With this letter, the Family Center of Washington County respectfully requests to be added to the Town Meeting Warning on Town Meeting Day 2026 with a funding request for \$500, the same as last year.

During our last fiscal year, July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, it has been our pleasure to serve **131 individuals of the East Montpelier Community** through our array of child development and family support services. A summary report and funding request application are included with this letter.

In East Montpelier we provided the following services to community members:

- 1 individual was assisted in finding childcare through our referral services
- 15 individuals received help paying for childcare
- 18 children and 14 adults engaged in our weekly playgroups
- 1 child and 2 adults participated in our Parent Education sessions
- 2 families benefited from Welcome Baby supports
- 10 individuals benefited from our food pantry
- 1 family benefited from our diaper bank
- 47 individuals participated in our community events
- 7 individuals participated in parents support groups
- 13 individuals used CIS childcare supports

In Central Vermont we provided the following Services:

- **22 children** enrolled in our 5 STARS Early Childhood Education program.
- **340 children** received Early Intervention support for children from birth to age 3.
- **47 families** participated in Family Support Home Visiting.
- **20 families** benefited from Parents as Teachers Home Visiting curriculum.
- **200 individuals** received Specialized Child Care support.
- **75 families** were assisted in finding childcare through our referral services.
- **584 families** received help paying for childcare.
- **71 parents** received information and general services referrals.
- **28 parents** and 31 children participated in Parent Education sessions.

- **299 parents and 335 children** engaged in our weekly playgroups.
- **206 parents and 214 children** joined us in community events.
- **72 parents and 27 children** participated in parent support groups.
- **817 children** received diapers, with **21,772 diapers** distributed.
- **210 parents and 245 children** benefited from our food pantry.
- **663 parents and 939 children** received food deliveries through our gleaning program.
- **1512 ready-made meals** were distributed to families in need.
- **217 parents and 340 children** received financial support during times of hardship.
- **87 families** received case management for housing services.

In total, we served **over 3,580 individuals** in Central Vermont that were positively impacted by The Family Center from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

Your support is important – it helps us continue our work in the community and demonstrates to government agencies and private foundations that we have the support of communities where we provide services. We look forward to continuing our activities in your town during the coming year.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Claire Kendall

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Executive Director