



Rutland County Parent-Child Center  
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***"Life itself is your teacher, and you are in a state of constant learning."*** Bruce Lee

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## Learning Together

RCPCC educates young adults in its high school program and helps students to develop work based goals. RCPCC is committed to young adults who need a different learning experience to help them achieve their goals.

Our Learning Together program serves youth ages 14 to 26 supporting them as they complete their high school requirements for graduation. Additionally, students

gain employability skills in a structured environment including Tami's Farm, Early Childhood Education, Maintenance, and Office work.

Recently RCPCC celebrated the graduation of two students. These students graduated because they made a choice to live out their commitment to themselves to graduate. They showed up and they had the support of a dedicated staff providing wrap around supports. Now they will go out in the world to apply what they have learned in their high school program. The support of RCPCC continues to follow them even after graduation.

Students and staff traverse the learning journey together learning from life and each other simultaneously. We are so very proud of the work we accomplish in supporting this unique population of future workers and members of the Rutland Community.

**Support the work at Rutland County Parent Child Center in educating young adults.**

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## Learning Together Program News



Tami's Farm (a.k.a. Crazy dog farm) was developed in March 2019 as a new work study program for RCPCC. Chris Laro, the 'guy with the green cap', was hired in March 2019 to help support the Learning Together, a program where teens can earn their credits towards their high school diploma and a monthly stipend for working jobs at the RCPCC offices and at the farm.

Complementing academics, students learn to care for horses and dairy cows, horse boarding and rehab, maintaining a community garden - much of what it takes to work a rural job.

In addition to the farm program, when school begins again in the fall, students will be able to immerse themselves in a forestry initiative. Students will earn environmental science credits in order to graduate. The course will take place once a week at the farm and involve land stewardship, what it

means symbolically and literally to maintain a natural landscape, and how the forest is a living metaphor for our own lives.

Mr. Laro has been working in the social service field in Vermont for nineteen years. He's worked with special needs, teens, gang youth, the elderly, and addicted adults.

*'The intense support in Learning Together and all the staff at RCPC, is unlike any other agency I ever worked for', says Laro.*



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***"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much"*** Helen Keller

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### **Working at RCPC**

Hi, I am Heidi Daub, an educator in our Learning Together Program, an alternative High School Program for pregnant, parenting and "at risk" youth. As an educator, in our Learning Together Program, I support the needs of our youth with their needs that are centered around, academics, parenting, housing, career readiness and wellness/life skills.

I received my bachelor's degree in Social Work from Southern Vermont College in 2001. I have been working at RCPC for 13+ years, supporting and meeting the needs of children, youth and families in our community. When I am not at work, I enjoy spending time with my family and being outdoors. Some of my hobbies include gardening, arts & crafting and listening to podcasts and audiobooks.

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### ***Try This at Home!***



#### **Cool Summer Fruit Cubes!**

Wash and peel the fruits and extract the pulp

Mix a pinch of sugar, fresh cream and cinnamon powder and blend along with the fruit pulp.

Put the mixture in a tray and top it up with small kiwi pieces.

Put the tray in the freezer and remove it when the mixture is semi frozen.

**Cut into cubes and serve cold.**