Arlington Area Childcare dba Happy Days Playschool
2019 Annual Report

For more than 30 years   Arlington Area Childcare has provided quality early childhood education with a focus on family and child centeredness. We also provide services to the children of the area, providing vision and hearing screening, partnering with Children's Integrated Services, Vermont Childcare subsidy, and many other support services and community connections.

Each year Happy Days strives to bring families together by hosting individual classroom family events, fundraisers, and center-wide gatherings. Events are planned throughout the year to help strengthen families and build a community amongst children, staff and families. Each family event is geared toward encouraging family bonding between our children and the people who care for them. Spending quality time as a family promotes better communication, improves relationships between caregivers and children while also providing a designated time for families to concentrate on each other with limited distractions.

For the first time in the center's history, a new director has taken the reigns at Happy Days. We will all miss Carol Barbierri and thank her for her commitment to quality early care and the community. Under the new director, Jean Edwards, Happy Days is looking toward becoming NAEYC accredited and jumping from our 4 STAR status to a 5-STAR status.

 This past year Happy Days supported, or is supporting, 6 different staff members in receiving the education needed to be certified in their positions. We do this through the TEACH program, which helps teachers receive their Early Childhood Education degree, through the Childcare Fundamentals course, through higher education and through ongoing professional development. We just attended the VTAEYC conference as an entire center to receive nationally renowned professional development, which we can immediately use in the classroom.

Thank you to the Sandgate Community for continuing to support our programs, goals and mission.