FY2025 Budget - Christine Lynch

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My name is Christine Lynch, I live in Milton, Vermont and am a current employee at the Milton Family Community Center and a parent to a child who attends the Milton Family Community Center's Early Childcare Program. Additionally, I am a Vermont Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor who will be partnering with MFCC to provide therapeutic services to families.

I am writing to state my request to increase base funding for the Parent Child Center INtegrated Grant by \$721,945 to cover health insurance cost increases and support PCCN administration.

In my 15 years of working in the field of social services and mental health I have worked for various organizations and agencies that provide different levels of services for families. The Milton Family Community Center is the first place of employment where I am not just seen as an employee who provides services for families but I am recognized and supported for being a parent myself. PCC's are not just places for families to get services, they are places where you feel like family - and that is because of the employees that work here. I love working at my PCC, I love that my daughter gets to experience being part of our PCC everyday! I, along with others, have the opportunity to work elsewhere for higher wages, benefits, etc..., but we choose to work at our PCC because of what they stand for and the work that they do. In order to continue to keep the employees that make our PCC such welcoming places this request needs to happen.

Again, I would like to state my request to increase base funding for the Parent Child Center Integrated Grant by \$721,945 to cover health insurance cost increases and support PCCN administration.

Thank you