

THE CLINICAL TEAM

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Our facility has been built using sustainable building practices, energy efficient fixtures, and recycled materials, where possible. We have donated an easement to the Vermont Land Trust for 560 of our 700 acres, so they will remain forever wild.

Common Ground Center is a nonprofit, multi-age arts, education and outdoor recreation and retreat center. We are dedicated to environmental sustainability and strengthening families and communities in all their diversity by hosting and running a wide range of programs and events.

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OVERCOMING BARRIERS

Bringing Families Together at Common Ground Center

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Overcoming Barriers Family Camp is designed to help children and families where one or more children are in danger of losing a relationship (or have lost a relationship) with one of his/her parents.

The psycho-educational part of this family camp will help both parents see the value of the other in the child's life as well as help children become more free to feel and show connection to both parents. Families will learn how to repair ruptured relationships in a safe and healthy environment nestled in a beautiful valley in Starksboro, Vermont.

In addition to traditional camp activities like yoga, arts and crafts, hiking, and campfires, families will participate in specially designed Children and Adult Programs each morning.

In 2008 families from across the US and Canada participated in the pilot program:

- Every child had contact with an estranged parent
- The majority of participants rated their experience a 5 on a 5 point scale
- All but 1 family left with a mutually agreed on after care plan
- Both parents in each family, some of whom had not spoken outside of the courtroom in years, met together successfully at least once

This camp with its relaxing camp activities and skilled, supportive staff who understand the complexities of these relationships provides a unique opportunity to create new beginnings and new memories for families.

For more information on fees and the application process, please contact Sheara Friend at 978-264-6666/sfriend@friendreinhardt.com or Carole Blane at 802-881-8278/carole@cgcvt.org

