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### **LAMOILLE FAMILY CENTER RECEIVES GRANT TO INCREASE PHYSICAL SAFETY AT FACILITY**

Montpelier, VT, May 2, 2007 - The Lamoille Family Center in Morrisville, VT will use a \$3,160 Community Facility Grant from USDA Rural Development to increase the safety and security of their facility.

Safety glass, door entry keypads, buzzers, additional lighting and security cameras are a few of the safety items that the Lamoille Family Center plan to install at their facility that serves residents of Johnson, Johnson Village, Morristown and Morrisville Village.

The Lamoille Family Center works toward the prevention of child abuse by providing educational and support services to parents. "We work with families experiencing various issues and strive to guide them towards an awareness of healthier relationships and positive family environments," said Stuart Senghas, MSW, Program Coordinator. "This grant will help us provide the secure environment our participants deserve."

"This funding is in support of the President's Child Care Initiative, said Jolinda H. LaClair, State Director of USDA Rural Development. "Safe and affordable, quality child care is a necessity for all working families and we are pleased to help Lamoille Family Services provide those very necessary services."

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