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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Community invited to Laraway Youth & Family Services' Grand Opening Celebration on September 18th**

Transforming a long-dormant barn into a school and therapeutic space was a challenge. Helping young people experiencing difficulties transform their lives is also a challenge---and an opportunity---Laraway Youth & Family Services' staff take on each day.

Members of the community are invited to Laraway's Open House Celebration on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Guests will be treated to games and hands-on activities. Sample foods from Laraway's garden, check out displays, and enjoy live music performed by kids and staff. Handicap parking is available on site at 275 VT Route 15 in Johnson. All others are invited to park at Vermont Electronic Cooperative and walk the short distance.

"The Grand Opening is a chance to meet youth and staff and learn about how this place is making a real difference in the lives of the youth and families we serve," said Greg Stefanski, Executive Director.

The event will be held, rain or shine. For more information and/or to RSVP, contact Katherine Stamper at [KatherineS@Laraway.org](mailto:KatherineS@Laraway.org) or (802) 635-2805 x 106.

Laraway responds to the needs of at-risk youth and their families by offering innovative, strength-based services through alternative education, therapeutic foster care, and public school based support programs. For more information about Laraway, please visit [www.Laraway.org](http://www.Laraway.org).

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