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**The Poultney DREAM Update
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Greetings from DREAM! Here is a summary of the exciting events and developments that occurred during December. You can always look back at past monthly reports or other programs' reports by going to: <http://www.dreamprogram.org/about/localprograms.htm>. And please, do not hesitate to contact us with questions or ideas.

December was such an exciting month for the Poultney DREAM Program! Although the Green Mountain College academic calendar only allowed for two days of programming, both days were full of fun, smiles, and excitement!

Highlights from this month include:

- Holiday arts and crafts,
- Holiday party and Foosball,
- WAC Planning!

Wednesdays: The core of Poultney DREAM happens every Wednesday when DREAM mentors meet with their partners in group and one-on-one settings. The meetings occur on college campuses, onsite at the children's homes, and at spaces around the community. This month, Wednesday's program included:

- Fun and Games: Poultney DREAMers spent the afternoon together further strengthening their 1:1 relationships.
- Holiday Party: For their last day of programming together, till the spring semester, Poultney DREAMers enjoyed movies, games, crafts, snacks, and each other's company. After exchanging holiday gifts and a final goodbye, mentors and mentees parted ways, excited for what next semester will bring!

Camp Specific: DREAM's beautiful 50 acre camp is a resource for everyone involved in the program. It is equipped to run program and overnights all seasons. Activities at camp this month included:

- Winter Adventure Camp Planning: Poultney DREAMers are currently planning the details for their WAC. WAC can take on many different shapes depending on what a local program wants and needs. Perhaps it is a time for mentors and mentees to come together and have a great time building snow forts, drinking hot cocoa, and trying their skill at snow shoeing or cross-country skiing. It can also be a time for a mentor retreat with teambuilding activities, goofy songs, and an improv show at the firebowl. High Adventure with teens, Culminating Experience with everyone ... the possibilities are about as endless as the number of snowflakes that will fall at Camp this winter!



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Other:

- Green Mountain College students are set to return to campus the week of January 20th, programming will soon follow.
- The DREAM office began its Annual Appeal which raises essential funds for DREAM to operate and be able to provide programming to its 13 different communities throughout Vermont.
- The Central Office has also started the planning for hiring summer staff. Summer staff will be hired to work throughout the summer at each of DREAM's communities as well as at Camp DREAM.

Keep DREAMing!

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