



Monadnock United Way

Special Update from MUW President Liz LaRose

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Dear Friends of MUW,

I am thrilled to announce that U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-NH, was at Keene State College to formally announce that a joint project between the college and the Monadnock United Way to expand access to high-quality birth-to-five childcare in Cheshire and Hillsborough counties is getting a \$1 million boost.

“We all know the challenge,” Senator Shaheen told invited guests. “We have 1,500 open slots for (childcare) teachers, and the number of childcare centers has been cut in half nationwide. Rebuilding that infrastructure is important.”



L to R: Chris Coates, Cheshire County Administrator, Melinda Treadwell, President KSC, George Hansel, Keene Mayor, Sen. Shaheen, Liz LaRose, President MUW, Deirdre McPartlin, Director, KSC Child Development Center, Nancy Peck, Assoc. Professor, KSC

This collaborative project builds upon a group started by the Keene Family YMCA and MUW in late 2020 to address the shortage of childcare openings for working families. Other participating partners include Impact Monadnock, Keene Day Care Center, Monadnock Community Early Learning Center, Rise for Baby and Family, River Valley Community College, and the Winchester Learning Center, to name a few.

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With the support of this funding, we hope to accomplish the following:

- Fast-track education and certification to increase the pool and quality of Early Childhood teachers.
- Provide a path to affordable training and credentialing to support childcare teachers.

Deirdre McPartlin, Director, Keene State College Child Development Center said, "I've been doing this for 38 years. This (funding and initiative) is the highlight of my career. We know that teachers in the field will stay in the field when they are highly trained and incentivized."

This is a huge step toward addressing the needs of childcare facilities and has greater implications for the region. We are excited to attract more individuals into the field of childcare so that they may have a rewarding career. With greater options and an abundance of well-staffed, well-compensated, qualified childcare providers, the Monadnock Region may become more attractive to those seeking jobs from surrounding areas, helping to drive our economy as well.

I am excited by the possibilities this project presents and look forward to updating you on our progress!

Sincerely,
Liz LaRose, President

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