

## Impact Monadnock Community Grant Project

The Monadnock United Way has received funding through the New Hampshire Preschool Development Grant! This funding will be managed through MUW's signature initiative, Impact Monadnock. Impact Monadnock's focus areas are Early Childhood Program Quality; Family Support and Parent Education; and Early Childhood System Coordination.

The funding from this one-year community grant will be used to develop a cross-sector team of professionals and to implement Family Cafes to better support the needs of children and families in the Monadnock region. This community grant project builds on information gathered from the IM Family Listening Sessions project (2019).

The cross-sector collaborative team will include professionals from programs and agencies with a relationship to young children and families. The goal of the team is to share resources, develop projects and move IM's mission forward to benefit the children and families in the Monadnock region.

The community grant will also fund an opportunity to expand the current services utilizing the Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework and to implement Family Cafes through the Monadnock Alliance for Families. Family Cafe's will provide parents/caregivers with the opportunity to learn new strategies and utilize the collective wisdom of the group.

The cross-sector team will meet through-out the 2020-2021 calendar year lead by the PDG Project Manager Annie Dintino-Cucchi, MEd and PDG Leadership Consultant Dottie Bauer, Ed.D. The Monadnock Alliance for Families project will be coordinated by Alicia Deaver, MS, CCLS and Penny Vaine. Family Cafes will be implemented across the region in the Spring of 2021

The Monadnock United Way invests in programs and community initiatives that create success for children, education and financial stability throughout our region. As MUW's signature early childhood initiative, Impact Monadnock's mission is to prepare children birth to age eight in the Monadnock Region for future academic, career and life success. These targeted priorities help to achieve success in MUW's focus areas of educational attainment, economic opportunity and child welfare by creating the foundational support that families need to thrive. When we empower families, children are able to learn and grow in safe, caring environments, and have the foundation they need to achieve success.

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