

Help Children Thrive, Parents Work, and Careers Blossom

Dear MUW Supporters,

Nothing motivates or inspires everyone connected to MUW more than seeing the real impact of programs that support what we care about most – our region's [children](#), [education](#) for success and career growth, and the [financial stability](#) of families. Today we're excited to share two impactful and interconnected programs that do just that: [Monadnock Region Afterschool Collective](#) (MRAC) and Monadnock Region Afterschool Partnership Project (MRAPP).

Enhancing the lives of Children and Families

In 2019, MRAC formalized partnerships among afterschool programs in our region. The collective seeks to empower, support, and sustain afterschool collaborations that lead to positive social, health, and educational outcomes for children in the Monadnock Region.

MRAC shared the following successes in 2024:

- 1,217 youth were served in 12 area towns
- 91% of afterschool attendees felt safe, supported, and confident they 'belonged'
- 92% of parents believe having a child in the program improved their family's financial stability

Greater Access to Childcare Through Workforce Development

The MRAPP initiative:

- Supports internship placements in local afterschool programs
- Creates career awareness and pathways for young people
- Addresses staffing shortages in area afterschool programs

Since launching, over 20 interns in afterschool programs across the region have contributed more than 1,500 hours of direct service to children and families.



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Intern Shayla checking in a student at Hinsdale After School Program

The feedback from participants has been fantastic! 95% of interns report satisfaction with the experience and 100% of site directors report that MRAPP interns improved program quality and adult-to-student ratios. Thanks to this support, many sites were able to increase enrichment offerings afterschool and serve more students than staffing levels previously allowed.

***"I am beyond thankful for this. As my child's only active parent, I wouldn't be able to work without it. I am very happy with all the young adult students that work there – the kids love them!" --
Afterschool Program Parent***



One of our recently placed interns, Shayla, helping students at the Hinsdale After School Program.

MUW is proud to invest in local projects like MRAC and MRAPP because they not only support children and families today, but also build a stronger community for tomorrow. These efforts are a great example of how collaboration, creativity, and your support come together to make lasting change.

Let us know if you'd like to learn more or get involved. You can [fill out this form](#) or contact katie@muw.org—these programs are just one way your support is



Intern Sarah outside with students at Franklin School, part of the Keene School District's Project KEEP

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