

Spark NH Newsletter

Impact Monadnock Update

September 2017

In July, Impact Monadnock (IM) officially merged with Monadnock United Way (MUW). The merger comes at a time when MUW and IM are focusing efforts in addressing similar needs in the region. MUW has served as a “backbone” organization since IM’s inception, providing staffing support, in-kind office space and oversight. Spark NH, IM’s other backbone organization, has provided state-level insight and support in early childhood development and will continue to do so. The merger with MUW will bring IM new opportunities for growth, increased fundraising capacity and greater visibility across the region, with no anticipated changes to IM’s identity or workplan.

IM has hired Jill Morgan as its new Program Director, who will start on September 27. Jill brings 8 years of community impact leadership at United Way of Tucson & Southern Arizona, as well as expertise in early childhood education, K-12 education, and youth development. IM is excited to introduce Jill to the Monadnock region and to NH’s advocates for young children and families.

IM’s Project Teams met in August to discuss strategies and activities for Year 2 of Strategic Plan implementation. The year ahead will include strong focus on increased use of ASQ-SE developmental screenings by pediatricians and early care providers, continued community education on the importance of early childhood development and its role in prevention, and increased adoption of family-friendly policies at Monadnock region businesses.