



Director's Report June 28, 2018

HNH Foundation- Spark NH applied for and was awarded an operating grant of \$30,000. The grant period will be July 1 2018 through June 30 2019.

Spark NH Public Awareness – since our last meeting Spark NH has done 7 Bedrock presentations. On May 2 we held a legislative luncheon where we did the presentation combined with a presentation about the importance of family resource centers. 120 legislators attended. We also did presentations for the Capital Area Public Health Advisory Council, the Franklin Office of Student Wellness, the Oversight Commission on Children's Services, and the League of Women Voters. The Coos Coalition for Young Children and Families also did a Bedrock presentation this month. Finally, Spark NH presented the Bedrock presentation at the first of what we hope will be a series of presentations to educate communities about the importance of family resource centers in their own communities. The first event was at the Lakes Region Family Resource Center in Laconia.

On May 23, Spark NH, Project LAUNCH, NH and the Endowment for Health co-hosted a training for pediatric primary care providers about adverse childhood experiences. The keynote speaker was Heather C. Forkey, MD, an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School who spoke about how ACEs can derail development and how to spot the effects of ACEs in children and treat and refer. She was followed by Holly Tutko of the NH Pediatric Improvement Partnership (PIP) who presented the latest research by the PIP on Addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences and Social Determinants of Health in Pediatric Primary Care. Then Christine Tappan, the Associate Commissioner for Human Services & Behavioral Health at the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services shared information about the array of services available at DHHS and the work to better the focus on prevention at the Department. Linda Douglas, the Trauma Informed Services Specialist at the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence spoke about the work Coalition Member Agencies are doing with domestic violence and sexual assault victims and their children. Finally, Cassie Yackley, therapist and certified Child Parent Psychotherapy trainer, presented about Child-Parent Psychotherapy and trauma informed training.

Gubernatorial Forum – Spark NH's second Gubernatorial Forum on Young Children will be August 27 at St. Anselm's College Institute of Politics in the morning (exact time TBD). We hope to have all three candidates in attendance. Scott Spradling will moderate and we expect to have a full house. Council members will each have access to one ticket. If your organization is interested in co-hosting the event and has not yet signed on, let us know. We already have 41 organizations signed on. A task force of the Policy Committee is working to plan the event.