

# In the News

*Addressing five different areas of well-being in Carroll County*

## Carroll County United sets goal and forms work teams for the county

TAMWORTH – After a lot of invigorating discussion over the course of four forums with many diverse people from all over Carroll County, action teams are forming to address five different areas of well-being in Carroll County. Teams include Childhood Readiness and Success (Pre-K to Grade 3), Aligning Education to Careers (Grades 4-12), Balancing Economic Development and Environmental Stewardship, Self-Sufficiency and Health and Wellness.

There will be an orientation meeting on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. in the Sununu Room of the Tri-County CAP Resource building in Tamworth for people interested in participating in these action teams.

“Working together to make Carroll County a place where all generations can live, work and thrive” was the goal established by a group of more than 50 participants at a forum on Nov. 17 in Chocorua. The teams were formed also as a part of that forum around which people will work to achieve the goal.

This work is part of a continuing effort called Carroll County United, bringing people from all sectors together across the county. In May, Jay Connor of the Collaboratory for Community Support, spoke to a diverse group of Carroll County residents about how people in this community could work differently together. Connor’s main idea is that when a community as a whole decides to work on the SAME goal and agrees to work together to achieve it, progress can be



*Attendees at the Nov. 17 forum held at Runnells Hall in Chocorua listen intently as speaker Jay Connor inspires the participants’ efforts, enthusiasm and creativity.  
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and what could be an aspiration for that community. The conversation continued with a steering committee made up of 10 people from around the county to refine and combine the definition of community and aspiration statements.

In November, that information was brought back to people attending a meeting on Nov. 17 at Runnell’s Hall in Chocorua. The group participating at the November forum finalized the focus for the action teams and continued to refine the aspiration statement. Steering committee members who participated in this process included Josh Arnold of Water Village, Bert Astles of Conway, Jessica Blais of Partners in Prevention, Nancy Clark of North Conway, Howard Cunningham of Sandwich, Mike Lancor of Moultonborough, Ray O’Brien of Madison, David Rudewick

of the Mount Washington Valley, Henry Spencer of Effingham, and Leo Sullivan of Intervale.

**Participate in an action team**

Each action team will start putting together more definitive goals as well as a plan on how to achieve and implement them throughout the county.

Anyone interested in participating in any of the five action teams are encouraged to attend an orientation meeting on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. in the Sununu Room at the Tri-County CAP Resource Center in Tamworth.

This meeting is in preparation for a formal action team kickoff session in mid-January. The key purpose of this meeting is to work with you to broaden the circle of people to reach out to invite to the January kickoff.

For more information or to RSVP, call 323-8139 or email [cpaulin@tccap.org](mailto:cpaulin@tccap.org). Carroll County Collaborative is a program of Tri-County CAP and is generously funded through the Annette P. Schmitt Foundation. ▲