



Amoskeag Health brings “HOPE” to Manchester Pediatric Services

The 15th annual event marks 42 years of meeting the needs of underserved children.

(April 26, Manchester, NH) – Children with adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and mounting social determinants of health face a 70% increase of risky behavior, chronic disease, and toxic stress in adulthood.

Manchester-based Amoskeag Health works to mediate that risk. On Tuesday, May 3, 7:30-9:00 AM, Amoskeag Health will host its 15th Annual Morning Matters fundraiser virtually. This educational presentation and discussion is open to the public. Registration is required at <https://form.jotform.com/220725398817162>.

Funds raised support essential primary and mental health care for Manchester’s youth. This year’s generous Keynote Sponsors are Dartmouth Health and People’s United Bank.

Morning Matters continues to support the pediatric services at Amoskeag Health’s Dr. Selma Deitch Center for Children & Teens (formerly Child Health Services). Focusing on the social determinants of health (SDOH), the external factors that impact a person’s health, the Dr. Selma Deitch Center for Children & Teens does more than provide primary care services to the over 5,600 children and teens in their care. Amoskeag Health assesses each family to ensure that they are connected to all of the resources that they need to maintain a healthy life.

NH’s elected officials, Governor Sununu; Senator Jeanne Shaheen; Senator Maggie Hassan; Congressman Chris Pappas; and Mayor Joyce Craig wrote letters of support for Morning Matters. “Across our state, public awareness has grown of ‘ACEs’ – adverse childhood experiences – and their detrimental effects that may linger into adulthood, thanks to the tireless efforts of Amoskeag Health and New Hampshire’s many community partners. We know when provided with the correct services and attentive care, children can begin to recover from past traumas by reinforcing positive healing experiences,” said Congressman Pappas.

This year’s virtual event hosts Dr. Dina Burstein, MD, MPH, FAAP, the Project Director for Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences (HOPE) program at Tuft’s Center for Community-Engaged Medicine. Dr. Burstein is an experienced physician, healthcare project designer, and leader with over twenty years of success in enhancing the well-being of individuals and community by leveraging proficiency in research, care management, injury prevention, and clinical effectiveness.

Amoskeag Health is enthusiastic in sharing their mission: “HOPE, grounded in science that demonstrates the formative role of positive experiences in human development, seeks to inspire a HOPE-informed movement that fundamentally transforms how we advance health and well-being for our children, families, and communities.”

Attendees will have the opportunity to take part in a Q&A and conversation at the end of the program with Dr. Burstein and Allison Stephens, MED, PHD, Program Manager for the HOPE team. Please join us for this FREE virtual presentation to learn more about HOPE, a new way of seeing and talking about experiences that support children’s growth and development into healthy, resilient adults.

“Each year, Morning Matters sparks important dialogue about children’s health care. And for the last 15 years, this breakfast raises funds to ensure that every child who needs physical and behavioral health care receives it, along with necessary connections to social services that help them thrive and succeed,” said Amoskeag Health’s Director of Advancement, Rhonda Bernstein.

If you would like to attend Morning Matters or donate to support the services at the Dr. Selma Deitch Center for Children & Teens, please visit: www.amoskeaghealth.org/morning-matters/.