



MDS Welcomes New Staff in Keene

*March 18, 2008...*Monadnock Developmental Services welcomes two new Adult Service Coordinators to its team of professionals who work with individuals with developmental disabilities in the Monadnock region.

Chris Callahan comes to MDS as a Program Manager following six years as Executive Director at the Keene Senior Center where he stabilized operations and revitalized programs for seniors in the Keene community. Prior to that he served as Physical Director at the Keene Family YMCA, running athletic leagues, classes, sports programs, adventure camps and special events. A past president of the Keene Lions Club and Advisory Board chair for RSVP, Callahan graduated from Conant High School and received a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from Keene State College. He lives in Keene with his wife and two children.

Alison Walsh of Keene joins MDS having spent several years as High School program manager for Best Buddies in New Haven, CT where she coordinated leadership development training for students, working to develop relationships with community leaders, donors, parents, administrators and students. She has also worked as a Direct Support Professional for MDS and as a Special Education Teacher/Assistant in Monadnock area schools. Walsh is a graduate of Springfield College in Springfield, MA where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Sport Biology.

Monadnock Developmental Services (MDS) provides services to children and adults with developmental and other disabilities – 700 families, more than 1,000 individuals in the Monadnock region. MDS has as its mission to work toward inclusion, participation and mutual relationships for all people who are at risk of isolation from the community.

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