

FVUW OVERALL

J.D. Ostergaard - Executive Director

Operations:

Little Green Light has been fully downloaded with Andar information and the new CRM will be ready to take on fiscal year 2025-2026 with a clean break from Andar on June 30.

Henry Izaguirre was hired on June 5th, 2025 in the role of Director of Development and Communications.

Tricia Hoover was hired on June 30th, 2025 in the role of Community Impact and Administration Manager.

Finances:

Birth to Five Grant was discovered to have not been submitting the correct Grant Reimbursement checks to SPARK. Steps to rectify the situation are being taken currently.

Accounts costing money are being reviewed by J.D. and SPARK to see if their investment is worth the amount charged and alternatives are being researched if the conclusion reached is to change.

Events:

Annual Meeting “Ice Cream Social” is being planned for the end of August to gather advocates and supporting businesses for an afternoon of networking and updates for the upcoming 2025-2026 year.

Other:

Non-profit F.R.A.M.E filmed short interviews with J.D., Henry, Ambre and Yvette as a part of their middle school video summer camp program which will then share the footage with FVUW to create our own promotional video for our website.

DEVELOPMENT

Henry Izaguirre

Engagement Events:

J.D. attended the School District 308 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 3rd to engage with Oswego advocates and stalwarts.

Henry and J.D. attended Mayor John Laesch's Town Hall to discuss challenges and ideas for the downtown Aurora area.

Henry and J.D. met with Aurora Economic Development Manager, Danielle Tufano; discussed the possibility of having the city of Aurora providing FVUW with additional holiday assistance storage space as well as a possible rent free office location for FVUW

J.D. attended the INC Board Seminar Training on governance best practices, board roles, and organizational strategic alignments on Thursday, June 26th.

Programming:

Henry attended a SPARK Playgroup at the Aurora Public Library on June 24th and discussed the program with several parents.

General / Operations:

Henry and J.D. attended United Way statewide operational meeting in Jacksonville, IL on June 23rd and 24th. Discussed statewide funding challenges and met with several UW counterparts from various cities/towns throughout IL. Discussed best practices and legislative updates from Springfield, IL.

Henry started assessing FVUW website in preparation for immediate updates and adjustments

Data / Donations:

Henry and J.D. assessed 5 year Annual Report and offered support.

Resource Development:

J.D. established starting a campaign with Progress Rail in LaGrange.

Meeting with NBC5/Telemundo's Liz Demattia about media relations and events.

Meeting with the Windy City Bulls about a possible community partnership.

SPARK

Rosaisela Sida

Events & Outreach

SPARK participated in a Juneteenth Celebration on June 14, 2025 from 2:30pm to 6:00 pm

SD131 Summer Fun Day on June 14th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

ASQ Screenings on Fridays from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at Santori Library

Meals on the Move at McCarty Park from 11:00 am to 12pm

Programming

Northern Lights Center every Monday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am

In Collaboration with Fox Valley Park District and Housing Authority, this summer SPARK will be having Play groups on Tuesdays at McCullough Park, Wednesdays at Blackhawk Park, and Thursdays at Spring Lake.

Kindergarten Readiness Playgroups every Tuesday from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm at various sites throughout Aurora.

Staff

SPARK planning day for FY26 in July 17, 2025

Data

See attached graphic

Collaboration

SPARK Collaboration Meeting happened on June 12, 2025 virtually on Zoom.

SPARK is attending the All are Kids Collaboration monthly meeting

SPARK attended the City of Aurora Educational Commission on June 4, 2025.

The Basics National Organization – SPARK is utilizing the basic principles for parents groups which meets on the 3rd Friday of every month.

Grants

Birth to Five (In process)

Illinois Action for Children (Approved for FY26)

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT: Coming August Tricia Hoover

Kane 211

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Non-Profit Partners

Holiday Assistance

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Jen Chabot

Engagement Events:

Kendall County Interagency Meeting

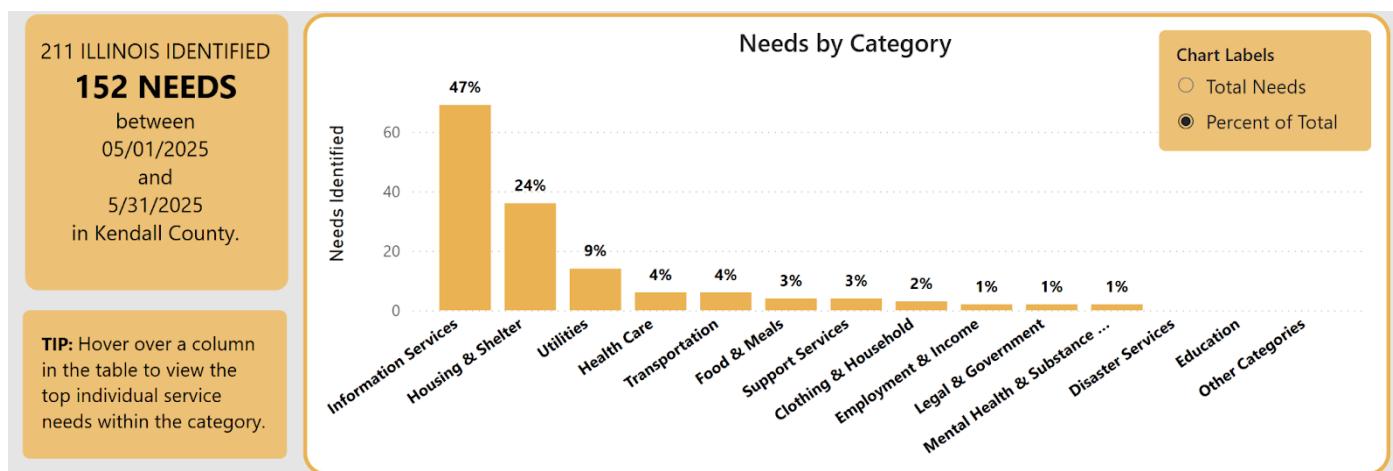
WebEx for IDOC Reentry

PAASSS collaboration meeting

Kendall County Triad Resource Fair

Programming Statistics:

May Contacts Handled: 135, predominantly in the 55-65 age range, calling mostly for information, and utility and rent assistance.



General / Operations:

In July, Jen will be visiting the libraries in Kendall County to drop off 211 information and brainstorm new community outreach ideas with the library directors. I will also be attending the Community Partner Assessment meeting on July 10th along with monthly Kendall County Interagency, Kendall County Triad, Community Action Advisory Board, and PAASSS meetings.

Other:

Continuing to work on finding missing resources in the Midlands Database for Kendall County.

MONTHLY DATA SNAPSHOT

JUNE 2025



15
Play Groups



100% to
goal!

145 ASQ SE-2 YTD
100%



ASQ SE-2
Screenings
Completed

ASQ-3
Screenings
Completed

10

11

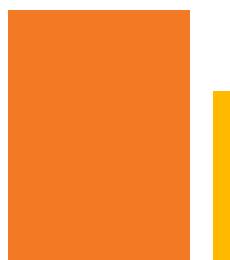
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Spark helped me find a daycare program, developmental screening, and speech therapy. They also provide me with parent cafe's and play groups. I am very grateful and this program is the best. A thousand blessings.

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3
Car Seats



2
CCAP



SPARK
was excited
to begin a new
partnership with
Meals on the Move

297

Total people reached



185

Children
Logged

19

New Families
(Gateways)



SPARK offered free developmental and social-emotional screenings at Aurora Public Library on Fridays for parents to come in and learn about their child's milestones and receive referrals.