



Christine Sanchirico Named IPEI's First Executive Director



The IPEI Board of Directors announces that Christine Sanchirico has been hired as its first executive director.

Sanchirico brings more than ten years of experience directing community-based nonprofits including Catholic Charities, Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance, Women's Community Building, and Literacy Volunteers of Tompkins County. She also has served on many community nonprofit boards. Sanchirico was recently a Cornell administrator. She has an M.S. degree in organizational communication from Ithaca

College and a B.S. from Cornell.

"It is a true honor to join IPEI at such an exciting time in its history and to have the chance to work in partnership with such a dedicated group of board members and volunteers," said Sanchirico. "I am the proud parent of three ICSD graduates. I believe strongly in the necessity for alternative funding sources to provide for those areas in which there are gaps in service and unmet needs."

"We are thrilled to have someone of Chris's experience and level of commitment to our community and its youth join

our organization," said IPEI Board President Terry Byrnes. "Her leadership and energy will allow IPEI to expand our outreach and continue to enhance the programs and initiatives we offer to our students and teachers."

Sanchirico joins Julie Langenbacher, IPEI's administrative and program associate, and many active board and committee members, IPEI has opened its first office in the new Just Be Cause Center for Not-for-Profit Development, 1013 W. State Street. For more information, see www.ipei.org or contact 256-IPEI (4734) or ipei@ipei.org.