



United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania



# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

# JESSE SPRAJCAR

### What is your name, title, and department?

Jesse Sprajcar, Director of Regional Impact Initiatives, Community Impact

### Can you tell me about your role at United Way?

My primary role is to build relationships with community partners throughout all 3,200 square miles of Armstrong, Butler, Fayette and Westmoreland Counties. I oversee 50 partner agencies operating 62 programs in our Meeting, Moving and Building investment priority areas. Through our Building for Success in School and Life, my team and I manage a group of 32 school districts and more than 150 pre-k classrooms to help prepare young learners and their families for kindergarten. I represent United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania on nearly a dozen community human service groups throughout the region, with leadership roles on several, while also leading our regional impact cabinets in Armstrong, Butler, Fayette and Westmoreland.

### What do you love best about working here?

My favorite part about working for United Way is knowing that I have a role to play in helping our neighbors in need from our region's rural communities to our more populated areas. Building new relationships and deepening existing ones with our partners is great, but knowing what they need to better serve their program participants and being able to actively address those needs through volunteerism, materials, financial support and resources really drives me in the work we do.

### What are your interests outside of work?



I enjoy watching my daughter participate in Karate tournaments and play soccer. I'm a huge English soccer fan, Arsenal Football Club specifically. The family and I also like spending time fishing and boating at our "used to be" run down camp.

### Do you have a talent or skill we'd be surprised to know you have?

I've always been kind of handy around the house – thanks in large part to my father teaching me over the years. Recently, I have installed a bathroom from scratch and I generally enjoy fixing and upgrading the house. Everything from electrical, to plumbing, to flooring. Still hate painting though.

### SPEED ROUND: CHOOSE ONE!

Morning person **or** night owl?

Breakfast **or** dinner?

Coffee **or** tea?

Dog person **or** cat person?

Jesse says: *Be the person your dog thinks you are.*  
– C.J. Frick

Beach **or** mountains?