Resources

**Advocacy and Legal Rights**

**Developmental Disabilities Council**  
(207)287-4213  
139 State House Station  
(800)244-3990  
Augusta, ME 04333-0139  
(207)287-8001(fax)  
[www.maineddc.org/](http://www.maineddc.org/)

The Developmental Disabilities Council’s goal is to see that individuals with disabilities and their families participate in seeking access to community services, individualized supports, and other assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion.

**Disability Rights Center**  
(207)626-2774(v tty)  
P.O. Box 2007  
(800)452-1948 (v tty)  
Augusta, ME 04338-2007  
(207)621-1419(fax)  
[www.drcme.org/](http://www.drcme.org/)

The Disability Rights Center (DRC)'s mission is to support individuals with disabilities by promoting equality, self-determination, independence, integration and inclusion through education, advocacy and legal representation.

**High Fidelity Community Based Wraparound**  
(207)626-5267  
Michael Edwards  
(207)626-5088(fax)  
State Coordinator, Wraparound Maine  
(207)626-5282(tty)  
Muskie School of Public Service  
45 Commerce Drive, Suite 11  
Augusta, ME 04330  
medwards@usm.maine.edu  
[http://wraparoundmaine.com](http://wraparoundmaine.com)

High Fidelity Community Based Wraparound provides a way to improve the lives of children and families with complex needs. The Wraparound primarily looks at children and youth ages 5-18, with serious emotional or behavioral disturbance who are either in residential care or at high risk of such placement. Youth who are involved with the Child Welfare or Children’s Behavioral Health systems or meeting Department of Education special education requirements are eligible up to age 21.

**Cumberland County**  
Lead Agency  
Youth Alternatives  
[www.youthalternatives.org](http://www.youthalternatives.org)  
(207)874-1175  
Michael J. Tarpinian, President  
50 Lydia Lane  
South Portland, ME 04106
Mobilization Specialist
Sarah Dowling
sdowling@youthalternatives.org

Northern York County
Lead Agency
Sweetser
www.sweetser.org
Carlton Pendleton, President and CEO
50 Moody Street
Saco, ME 04072
Mobilization Specialist
Chris Ladakakos
cladakakos@sweetser.org

The National Wraparound Initiative
The wraparound process is a widely-implemented approach to community-based
treatment for children with emotional and behavioral disorders and their families.
www.rtc.pdx.edu/nwi/NWIAbout.htm

Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project
309 Cumberland Avenue, Suite 201
PO Box 17917
Portland, Maine 04112
www.ilapmaine.org/
(207)780-1593
(207)699-2313(fax)
(800)497-8505

Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP) provides free or low-fee legal services to
immigrant individuals and their families on matters related to immigration.

Kids Legal Aid of Maine
Bangor Office
61 Main Street, Room 41
Bangor ME 04401
www.kidslegalaid.org/
(207)942-8241 x217
(207)942-1060(tty)
(207)942-8323(fax)
(866)-624-7787

Kids Legal provides legal services addressing the needs of low-income Maine children by
offering direct representation, consultations and group trainings.

Lawyer Referral and Information Service
Maine State Bar Association
PO Box 788
Augusta, ME 04332-0788
(800)860-1460
The Lawyer Referral and Information Service helps individuals to locate information, resources, and an appropriate attorney. Follow up services are provided when needed.

**Local Case Review Committees (LCRC)**

**Cumberland County LCRC**
Lisa Salger  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Children’s Behavioral Health Services  
Lisa.salger@maine.gov  
(207)822-0249

**York County LCRC**
Michelle Armstrong  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Children’s Behavioral Health Services  
Michelle.armstrong@maine.gov  
(207)822-0243

Local Case Resolution Committees are regionally coordinated case review committees that are overseen by the Regional Children’s Cabinet that respond to and process individual and group family cases with Pooled Flexible Funds where there is an identified barrier to service. The goal of the LCRCs is to find an immediate solution for the family whose child is in immediate need, but where the service is not reimbursable.

**Maine’s Children’s Alliance**  
(207)623-1868  
Children’s Ombudsman  
(866)621-0758  
303 State Street  
Augusta, ME 04330-7037  
[www.mekids.org/am/publish/ombudsman.shtml](http://www.mekids.org/am/publish/ombudsman.shtml)

Maine’s Children’s Alliance Ombudsman program is a resource for families who are concerned about the State of Maine’s Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) involvement with their children. This program helps families by providing technical assistance to State of Maine’s DHHS caseworkers and managers.

**Maine Civil Liberties Union**  
(207)774-5444  
401 Cumberland Avenue  
Suite 105  
Portland, ME 04101  
www.mclu.org/  

Lawyers at the Maine Civil Liberties Union select cases based the potential to break new ground and to establish new precedents that will strengthen the freedoms we all enjoy.

**Maine Department of Corrections**
The Department of Corrections works with juvenile offenders to reduce the occurrence of re-offending, by providing practices, programs and services which are evidence-based and hold the offenders accountable.

629 Westbrook Street  (207)822-2850
South Portland, ME 04106 (207)822-0810(fax)
www.maine.gov/corrections/

Regional Correctional Administrator
Daniel Harfoush
629 Westbrook Street
(207)822-2855
Cell 592-0480

Resource Coordinator
Mike Mack
629 Westbrook Street
(207)822-2865
Cell 592-2766
Pager 818-6302

Mental Health Program Coordinator
Janice Teasenfitz
629 Westbrook Street
(207)822-2879
Cell 592-1716

Drug Court Manager
Janelle Bainter
629 Westbrook Street
(207)775-5349
Cell 650-2361

Maine Equal Justice Partners (MEJP) work to improve the systems and supports that affect low-income people. MEJP advocates for improvements in the areas of health care, food assistance, income supports, employment, and education and training and represents individuals in the courts, Legislature, and in administrative agencies.

Maine Equal Justice Partners
126 Sewall Street  (207)626-7058
Augusta, ME 04330 (866)626-7059
www.mejp.org/(207)621-8148(fax)

Maine Guardian ad Litem Institute provides information, resources, and a current data base of practicing guardian ad litem’s (a person who is appointed by the court to represent the best interests of children in a court action such as divorces, child protective actions and family law).

Maine Guardian ad Litem Institute
112 Ludlow Street (207)775-0721
Portland, ME 04102
www.galconnection.org

Maine Judicial Branch
P.O. Box 4820  (207)822-0792
Portland, ME. 04112-4820 (207)822-0701(tty)
www.courts.state.me.us/
The State of Maine Judicial Branch’s focus is to “administer justice by providing a safe, accessible, impartial, and efficient system of dispute resolution”. Various legal information, resources and location of Maine courts can be found on their website.

**Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project**
P.O. Box 547
Portland, ME 04112
(207)774-4348
(800)442-4293
(207)828-2300(fax)
http://www.vlp.org/

The Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP) offers low-income individuals a way to obtain help with the civil justice system by coordinating with the services of volunteer attorneys and community members who provide help with civil legal problems.

**Pine Tree Legal Assistance**
(207)622-4731

_Augusta Office_
39 Green Street
P.O. Box 2429
Augusta ME 04338-2429
(207)623-7777
(207)623-7770(tty)
(207)623-7774(fax)

_Portland Office_
88 Federal Street
P.O. Box 547
Portland ME 04112
(207)774-8211
(207)828-2300(fax)
(207)828-2308(tty)
www.ptla.org/index.html

Pine Tree Legal Assistance provides free legal services to low-income Maine people in most areas except those having to do with criminal cases and traffic violations. A HelpMeLaw Maine legal resource link can be found on their website.

**Wrights Law**
Wrights Law provides accurate, reliable information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities. www.wrightslaw.com/

**Assistive Technology**

**ABLEDATA**
8630 Fenton Street
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(800)227-0216
(301)608-8912(tty)
www.abledata.com/
(301)608-8958(fax)

ABLEDATA provides objective information about assistive technology products and rehabilitation equipment available from domestic and international sources. Although ABLEDATA does not sell any products, we can help you locate the companies that do.

**ALL-TECH**
60 Pineland Drive
Lewiston Hall/Bldg 4
New Gloucester, ME 04260-5113
(207)688-4573 x150
(866)688-4573 x150
(866)688-4591(tty)
(207)688-4036(fax)
www.alltech-tsi.org/
ALLTech identifies technology solutions to the educational, daily living, communication, and workplace challenges experienced by people of all abilities and ages. Some of the services that ALLTech provides are: assistive technology assessments and consultation, augmentative and alternative communication, assistive web design, tutoring services, equipment loan program, and workplace services.

**Alpha One M Power Program**

**Consumer Loans**

mPower
Alpha One
127 Main Street
South Portland, ME 04106
www.alphaonenow.com
E-Mail: info@mpowerloans.org

**Business Loans**

mPower
Finance Authority of Maine
P.O. Box 949
Augusta, ME 04332
www.famemaine.com
E-Mail: stompkins@famemaine.com

http://www.mpowerloans.org/
The M Power Program makes it possible for individuals and businesses to obtain low interest loans from $250 up to $100,000 so that assistive technology or improvement to access at home or work is available.

**Maine CITE**

46 University Drive
Augusta, ME 04330
www.mainecite.org/
The Maine CITE Center helps individuals get, keep and use the assistive and universally designed technology they need. “Get AT Stuff”, a new web resource at Maine CITE, is a program that is designed to help people with or without disabilities buy and sell used assistive technology and adaptive equipment.

**Pine Tree Society**

P.O. Box 518
149 Front Street
Bath, Maine 04530
www.pinetreesociety.org/
Pine Tree Society offers programs to individuals with Autism and developmental disabilities so that they may experience a richer fuller, socially connected life. Services
offered are comprehensive hearing evaluations, case management services, effective communication, interpreting services, children’s adaptive equipment, and enriching experiences at Pine Tree Camps.

**UMaine Farmington AT Resource Center**
252 Main Street
Farmington, ME 04938
(207)778-7260
(207)778-7000 (tty)

[http://specialed.umf.maine.edu/at.php](http://specialed.umf.maine.edu/at.php)

“The University of Maine at Farmington Center for Assistive Technology is a resource offered free to UMF students, faculty, professionals in the community, individuals with disabilities, and their families”. The Center works with individuals on how to use assistive technology.

**Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD)**

**CHADD**

**(Children & Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders)**

**Bangor support group**
96 Harlow Street #7
Bangor, ME 04401
Barry Rubin-coordinator
[www.chadd.org](http://www.chadd.org)

CHADD is a membership organization that provides the latest information, research and materials on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD). Materials include; CHADD’s Attention! magazine, the CHADD Information and Resource Guide to AD/HD, and News From CHADD, a free electronically mailed newsletter. CHADD also provides education, advocacy, and support for individuals with AD/HD.

**Autism**

**Autism Society of Maine**
72B Main Street
Winthrop, ME 04364
(800)273-5200
(207)377-9434 (fax)
[www.asmonline.org/](http://www.asmonline.org/)

The Autism Society of Maine provides individuals with autism and their families, professionals, and communities services such education, advocacy, referrals, and resource development.

**Blindness and Visual Impairment**

**American Council of the Blind**
1155 15th Street NW, Suite 1004
Washington, DC 20005
(800)424-8666
(202)467-5085 (fax)
[www.acb.org](http://www.acb.org)

The American Council of the Blind (ACB) serves to develop the abilities of blind and sighted people by providing such services as: toll-free information on blindness,
scholarship assistance to blind/visually impaired post-secondary students, public education, legal assistance on matters concerning blindness, consulting services for employers of blind and visually impaired individuals and governmental monitoring.

**Catholic Charities of Maine**

**Educational Services for Blind & Visually Impaired Children**

P.O. Box 10660  
Portland, ME 04104-6060  
(207)781-8550  
(800)781-8550  
(207)781-8560(fax)

[www.ccmaine.org/](http://www.ccmaine.org/)

Catholic Charities Maine offers over 40 programs serving all 16 counties of Maine. Programs focus on providing services for social and health problems that hinder individual’s ability to become self-sufficient. Some of the services offered are: children and youth services, community programs, volunteer network programs, prescription drug assistance, and dental services for low-income individuals. Other services offered include: disability services, elderly services, mental health, substance abuse, interpretation and refugee and immigration services.

**The Iris Network**

189 Park Avenue  
Portland, ME 04102  
(207)774-6273(v/tty)  
(800)715-0097(Maine only)  
(207)774-0679(fax)

[www.theiris.org/](http://www.theiris.org/)

The Iris Network is a statewide resource for people who are visually impaired or blind and provides services such as: an on-line resource manual, state of the art low-vision clinic, rehabilitation services, access to Maine AIRS (broadcast newspaper information not usually found in audio form) and a low-income, independent housing facility located at Iris Park Apartments in Portland, Maine.

**Maine Bureau of Rehabilitation Services**

150 State House Station  
Augusta, 04333-0150  
(800)698-4440  
(800)794-1110(tty)  
(207)623-7965(fax)

[www.maine.gov/rehab/](http://www.maine.gov/rehab/)

The Division of Deafness (DoD) under the Maine Bureau of Rehabilitation provides a variety of services for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Late-Deafened citizens of Maine, including: information, referral and advocacy, deaf identification cards, vehicle placards for deaf identification and information on legal interpreters.

**Brain Injury and Disorders**

**Brain Injury Association of Maine**

325 Main Street  
Waterville, ME 04901  
(800)275-1233  
(207)861-9900(voice)  
(207)861-4617(fax)

[www.biame.org/](http://www.biame.org/)

The Brain Injury Association of Maine provides information, resources and support to over 3,000 individuals, families and businesses annually. The organization provides
services such as support groups, committees staffed by volunteers, and a toll free helpline available for people seeking information about brain injury.

**Cerebral Palsy**
**United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Maine**
Evergreen Woods  
700 Mount Hope Ave. Suite 320  
Bangor, Maine 04401  
(877)603-0030 (v/tyy)  
(207)941-2952(fax)  
www.ucpofmaine.org

United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Maine serves children and adults living with disabilities by providing early childhood education programs, social work and case management services, resident transitional housing, respite care, physical and occupational therapy and behavioral health day habilitation services.

**Child Abuse and Neglect**
**Caring Unlimited**
P.O. Box 590  
Sanford, ME 04073  
(207)324-1802(helpline)  
(800)239-7298(helpline)  
(207)490-3227(office)  
(207)490-2186(fax)
www.caring-unlimited.org

Caring Unlimited works with the community to end domestic violence in York County by providing support and safe housing to individuals whose lives are affected by domestic abuse. Some of the services provided by Caring Unlimited are: legal advocacy, education and support groups, emergency shelter, transitional housing services, and a community response program.

**Youth Alternatives**
50 Lydia Lane  
South Portland, ME 04106  
(207)874-1175  
(877)42-YOUTH  
(207)874-1180(tty)  
www.youthalternatives.org  
(207)874-1181(fax)

Youth Alternatives and Ingraham deliver services to children and families in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems and adults with behavioral health needs. The children’s services include creating homes for children, supporting families in crisis, preventing child abuse and utilizing family-centered approaches. The adult program offers a crisis response system, employee assistance programs, suicide intervention and residential treatment, case management services, in-home supports and out-patient services.

**Child Abuse Prevention Council of York County**
62 Portland Road Suite 15  
Kennebunk, ME 04043  
(207)985-5975  
(207)985-1758(fax)
www.kidsfreetogrow.org
The Child Abuse Prevention Council of York County is committed to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Some of the services found at the council are; school-based prevention education programs, family services, and community trainings.

**Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)**  
(207)287-3707  
221 State Street  
Augusta, ME 04333  
(207)623-7965(fax)  
www.maine.gov/dhhs/  
(800)452-1999  
Augusta, ME 04333  
(207)623-7965(fax)  
(800)963-9490(tty)

Child and Family Services, under the Department of Health and Human Services looks into child abuse reports on behalf of Maine communities, working to keep children safe and to guide families in creating safe homes for children. DHHS staff work diligently to provide a safe home situation for children by overseeing community-based services, requiring court interventions, orchestrating reunification efforts (when possible), explore care options such as kinship care, and to evaluate foster and adoptive homes as needed.

**Child Care**

**Care Link**  
(207)324-0735  
906 Main St  
Sanford ME 04073  
(207)490-0595(fax)  
www.carelinkrdc.com

CareLink Resource Development Center (RDC) is a non-profit state contracted agency that offers its assistance to York County parents and is committed to making quality, affordable child care available to parents. Programs offered at CareLink RDC are subsidy programs (must be income eligible), childcare referral program, provider training, childcare benefit network, and a USDA food program which offers childcare providers a percentage of reimbursement on the meals they serve to children if the meals meet nutritional guidelines.

**Child Care Connections**  
(207)396-6566  
136 US Route One  
Scarborough, ME 04074  
(207)396-6581(fax)  
www.childcaremaine.org

Child Care Connections is the Child Care Resource Development Center for Cumberland County, Maine. Child Care Connections works with parents, child care providers, businesses, and community organizations to provide child care referrals and information, administer a subsidy program for income eligible families and provide resources on various parenting issues.

**Woodford’s Family Services**  
(207)878-9663  
PO Box 1768  
Portland, ME 04103  
www.woodfordsfamilyservices.org

Woodfords Family Services works to form partnerships that support the inclusion of all children, adolescents and young adults with special needs and their families in Maine.
communities. Skilled team members provide services such as access to school or other community resources, in-home support services, early intervention services, and information about group homes and/or foster care.

**Deafness and Hearing Impairment**

The Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Governor Baxter School for the Deaf
Mackworth Island
Falmouth, Maine 04105
www.gbsd.org

The Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing promotes activities that focus on physical development, emotional maturity, leadership, and fellowship. Services provided at the center are: comprehensive audiological services, occupational services, guidance counselors, health center, American Sign Language (ASL) classes, and a residential life program.

**Maine Center on Deafness**

68 Bishop Street Suite 3
Portland, ME 04103
www.mainecenterondeafness.org

The Maine Center on Deafness (MCD) is an organization that serves people in Maine who are D/deaf, late-deafened or hard-of-hearing by providing services such as: the civil rights program, civil rights, deaf rights and legal workshops, legislative action, equipment program including specialized telephone and emergency alert equipment, health education and referral services, Maine Relay Service Outreach and Education program, and monthly newsletter.

**Community Counseling Center**

Deaf Services
343 Forest Avenue
Portland, ME 04101
www.commcc.org

Community Counseling Center (CCC) has specialty outpatient mental health and case management services which are offered throughout the state to families and individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, and late deafened.

**Maine Division of Deafness**

Maine Bureau of Rehabilitation Services
150 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0150
www.maine.gov/rehab/dod

The Division of Deafness (DoD) under the Maine Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, provides a variety of services for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Late-Deafened Maine
individuals, including: information, referral, and advocacy; deaf identification cards; vehicle placards for deaf identification; resources handbook; legal interpreting information and a listing of legal interpreters.

**Developmental Disabilities**

Department of Health and Human Services  
221 State Street  
Augusta, ME 04333  
(207)287-3707  
(800)-606-0215 (tty)  
[www.maine.gov/dhhs/](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/)

The Department of Health and Human Services works with individuals, families and communities by contracting with providers for services such as: information and referral, respite care, crisis management, outpatient services, behavioral health and habilitation services, community support services, and residential services.

Department of Health and Human Services  
208 Graham Street  
Biddeford, ME 04005  
(207)286-2400  
(800)322-1919  
[www.maine.gov/dhhs/](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/)

Department of Health and Human Services  
169 Lancaster Street  
Portland, ME 04101  
(207)822-0270  
(800)269-5208  
[www.maine.gov/dhhs/](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/)

Department of Health and Human Services  
890 Main Street, Suite 208  
Sanford, ME 04073  
(207)490-5400  
(800)482-0790  
[www.maine.gov/dhhs/](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/)

**NICHCY (National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities)**  
P.O. Box 1492  
Washington, DC 20013  
(800)-695-0285 (v/tty)  
(800)606-0215 (tty)  
[www.nichcy.org/index.html](http://www.nichcy.org/index.html)

The National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY) provides information on: disabilities in children and youth; programs and services for infants, children, and youth with disabilities; information on the IDEA, the nation's special education law and No Child Left Behind, the nation's general education law; and research-based information on effective practices for children with disabilities.

Down Syndrome

National Down Syndrome Society  
666 Broadway  
New York, NY 10012  
(800)221-4602  
(212)979-2873 (fax)  
[www.ndss.org/](http://www.ndss.org/)
The National Down Syndrome Society promotes programs that enhance the quality of life while seeking the potential of all individuals with Down syndrome and their families through education, research and advocacy. Some of the services provided are: information and referral center, disability awareness curriculum, educational materials, *Upbeat*, a magazine written by and for individuals with Down Syndrome, and *Down Syndrome Update*, a quarterly newsletter.

**Down Syndrome Society of Maine**

4 Ginger Avenue  
Winslow, ME 04901  
(207)873-2311

113 North Lancy Street  
Pitsfield, ME 04967

The Down Syndrome Society of Maine provides information, a lending library, newsletter, and offers a support group to Augusta area parents.

**Southern Maine Down Syndrome Family Network**

PO Box 705  
Windham, ME 04062  
(207)588-5080(phone/fax)  
(866)571-2223

[www.downsyndromemaine.org](http://www.downsyndromemaine.org)

The Southern Maine Down Syndrome Family Network is made up of families who have a child with Down syndrome whose purpose is to provide support and education to member families.

**Education**

**Homeless Education**

Maine Department of Education  
23 State House Station  
Augusta, Me 04333-0023  
(207)624-6637  
(207)215-6403(cell)  
(207)624-6789(fax)


Information on truancy, dropout, alternative education, and homeless education can be found at the Maine Department of Education’s homeless education website and by contacting Shelly Reed.  
shelley.reed@maine.gov

**Keeping Maine’s Children Connected (KMCC)**

KMCC is a collaborative endeavor among liaisons from The Department of Corrections, The Department of Education, Muskie Institute of Public Service, The Department of Justice and The Department of Health and Human Services. Liaisons assist in the transition of students who experience school disruption due to homelessness, foster care placement, and/or in-patient psychiatric care to and from school so that they may stay connected with their education programs or to re-connect with their program.
Project Director
Susan Lieberman
(207)822-0126
susan.lieberman@maine.gov
www.maine.gov/education/speced/kmcc/index.htm

State Agency KMCC Liaisons
Department of Corrections
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South Portland, ME 04104
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Judicial Branch
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Augusta, ME 04333
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Department of Health and Human Services
Children’s Behavioral Health Services
Rachel Posner, Team Leader
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Portland, ME 04101
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Department of Health and Human Services
Bureau of Child and Family Services - Cumberland
Brian Walsh, Asst Program Administrator
161 Marginal Way
Portland, ME 04101
(207)822-2212
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Bureau of Child and Family Services - York County
Richard Totten, Program Administrator
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Biddeford, ME 04005
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richard.f.totten@maine.gov
Bureau of Child and Family Services - York County
Sherry Barghi, Assistant Program Administrator
890 Main Street, Suite 208 Sanford, ME 04073
(207)490-5450
sherry.barghi@maine.gov

Department of Corrections Youth Development Facilities
Longcreek Youth Development Center
Project IMPACT
Jeanne Smith
675 Westbrook Street
South Portland, ME 04106
(207)822-2734
jeanne.smith@maine.gov

Maine Department of Education
23 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0023
(207)624-6600
(888)577-6690(tty)
(207)624-6700
http://www.maine.gov/education/
To provide leadership, focus, support, and information to assist Maine school systems and the greater community in achieving high performance for all students.

Office of the Commissioner
Office of the Commissioner has broad responsibilities for both supporting the work of all other organizational units in the Department and representing the Department within these areas of responsibility.
Commissioner
Susan A. Gendron
(207)624-6620

Student Assisted Teams (S.A.T.)
Student Assisted Teams (representatives include members of community agencies as well as educators) operate from kindergarten through grade twelve in order to help students referred for intervention to become more efficient learners. The goal of teams is to develop school wide programs and/or also act as a place where pre-referral for special education services are initiated.

Regional Field Services Consultant
Ansley Newton
23 State House Station
SOUTHERN REGION-SAT CONTACT PEOPLE

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Mildred L.Day School
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jberthiaume@biddschools.org

Biddeford
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Biddeford
Barbara Burgess
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Programs for Children with Special Health Care Needs

Children with Special Health Needs Program

Department of Health and Human Services
Key Bank Plaza, 7th Floor
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The Children with Special Health Care Needs Program (CSHN) is a program that helps to pay for medical care provided by specialists to eligible families, who have children and adolescents with special health care needs.

Labor

To promote the economic well-being of the labor force and employers by promoting independence and lifelong learning.

Career Center
The CareerCenter is the place to find resources of choice for all job seekers, workers and employers who seek workforce development information, products and services. Services found at the CareerCenter include; space for job fairs and tours, facilitating workshops on career decision making, finding jobs, interviewing skills, information on the Maine Apprenticeship Program, and access to resources and information in the Information Centers within each CareerCenter. Specialized employment training services are provided for youth 14-21 which focus on developing skills that lead to employment.

Learning Disabilities
Learning Disabilities Association of Maine
P.O. Box 67
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www.ldame.org/

Learning Disabilities Association (LDA) of Maine assists individuals with learning and attention disabilities through support, education, and advocacy. Some of the services LDA of Maine provides are: information on learning disabilities; special education law and the Americans with Disabilities Act; referrals to community and national resources; individualized face-to-face consultation; lending resource media center; mentoring groups and professional and parent development for schools, employers, and community providers.

Mental Health
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Ingraham is a social service provider along with Youth Alternatives that offers therapeutic services to youth and families and adults with behavioral health needs. Some of the services they provide are: the 774-HELP telephone hotline, residential treatment programs, suicide intervention, case management services, crisis, residential, and support services.

Maine DHHS, Services for Children with Special Needs
Children's Behavioral Health Services (207)287-9915(tty)
11 State House Station (800)588-5511
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Services at the Children's Behavioral Health Services (CBHS), a branch of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) are delivered through contracted community agencies. For more information on services call the regional office and ask for Children's Behavioral Health Services on the following: crisis services, community services, information and assistance in identifying children’s needs, family support groups, help with applying for entitlement programs such as SSI and Medicaid, adaptive equipment resources and national hotlines and web site.

**National Alliance for the Mentally Ill in Maine (NAMI-ME)**

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NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Maine) is a mental health organization whose focus is to provide advocacy, research, support, and education to individuals living with serious mental illness and their families. Some of the ways NAMI does this is by: providing public education and information activities; toll-free HelpLine; public awareness activities such as Mental Illness Awareness Week; In Our Own Voice- an educational speaker’s bureau that delivers presentations by trained consumers living with mental illness to the community; Family-to-Family, NAMI’s Provider Education Program, and support groups.

**Psychiatric Hospitals (In-Patient Bed Capacity)**

**Acadia Hospital**

268 Stillwater Avenue
Bangor ME 04401

http://acadiahospital.org/default.htm

Acadia Hospital specializes in providing acute care for children and adolescents from 5 to 20 years old. An educational program at Acadia is coordinated through the Bangor schools.

**Hampstead Hospital**

218 East Road
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http://www.hampsteadhospital.com/

Hampstead Hospital provides acute care and extended care services to children and adolescents from 10 to 17 years old and for children and young adults with
developmental disabilities from 4 to 26 years old. An educational program at Hampstead is coordinated through Hampstead Hospital.

**Mercy Hospital Eating Disorder Program**
(207)879-3795
144 State Street
Portland, ME 04101
(800) 293-6583(Maine only)
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Mercy Hospital provides a 12-bed capacity unit which includes a partial and in-patient program. Individual arrangements are made for each youth admitted to the program.

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(207)834-4100(tty)
(207)834-2202(fax)

Northern Maine Medical Center provides acute care in a 7 bed unit for youth ages 4 to 18 years old. An educational program is coordinated through MSAD #27(Fort Kent).

**Portsmouth Regional Hospital**
(603)436-0600
Shoal Building
333 Borthwick Avenue
Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801
(800)221-9666
(603)436-6262(tty)

Portsmouth Pavilion offers a 4-bed capacity for adolescents ages 14- 17 on a 22 bed-unit that primarily serves adults. This hospital accepts private insurance and not Maine Medicaid.

**St Mary’s Hospital**
(207)777-8100
Campus Avenue
PO Box 291
Lewiston, Maine 04243

St. Mary’s Hospital provides acute care services for children and adolescents ages 5 to 17 years old. An educational program is coordinated through the hospital.

**Spring Harbor Hospital**
(207)761-2200
123 Andover Road
Westbrook, Maine 04092
(888)524-0080

Spring Harbor Hospital provides acute care to older adolescents, young adults, and children ages 4 to 17 years old. Acute care services and short-term behavioral assessments are provided for children and young adults who are ages 4 to 21 years old. An educational program is coordinated through Spurwink and Portland Public Schools.

**Parent Organizations**
Adaptive and Foster Families of Maine

294 Center Street, Unit 1  (207)827-2331
Old Town, ME 04468  (800)833-9786
www.affm.net  (207)827-1974(fax)

Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine (AFFM) provides support services for adoptive and foster parents and kinship providers. AFFM offers training programs, allegation support, collaborations, support groups and mentoring, liaison services, and a lending library.

Gaining Empowerment Allows Results (GEAR)  (800)264-9224
32 Winthrop Street
Augusta, ME 04330

York, Cumberland, Oxford and Androscoggin Counties
Laurie Cavanaugh  (207)284-0033
Saco, ME 04072
www.gearparentnetwork.com/

Gaining Empowerment Allows Results (GEAR) is a parent run organization that provides opportunities for parents of children with emotional and behavioral health needs to support each other. Some of the services offered by GEAR include support groups, workshops, and resources.

Maine Parent Federation/S.P.I.N.
12 Shuman Ave., Suite #7  (207)623-2144
P.O. Box 2067  (207)623-2148(fax)
Augusta, Maine 04338  (800)870-7746(Maine only)
www.mpf.org

Maine Parent Federation is a family support organization which provides information, education and advocacy. Programs offered at Maine Parent Federation are: information and support offered by parents who have experience as parents of children with disabilities; on-line trainings, workshops, mentoring, parent-to-parent connection program, newsletter, lending library, and handbooks.

Maine Parent Teacher Association  (207)892-5700
28 Webb Road
Windham, ME 04062
mainepta@aol.com

Maine Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
Tammie Breen, President  (207)852-6683
Zone Corporation  (207)848-3754
PO Box 1929
Bangor, ME 04412
tbreen@zoneradio.com
http://www.mainepta.org/
The Maine PTA is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in Maine and is made up of parents, educators, students, and other individuals. Membership in the Maine PTA is open to anyone. Some of the activities the Maine PTO engage in are: school fundraising, regional Parent Teacher Association contacts, classroom initiatives, and online resources.

**Southern Maine Parent Awareness**
(207)324-2337
886 Main Street Suite 303
Sanford, ME 04073
(800)564-9696
(207)324-5621 (fax)
www.somepa.org

Southern Maine Parent Awareness is dedicated to providing information, support and training opportunities to families who have children with special needs. We are a family-centered organization committed to promoting partnerships among families, schools, communities, and policy makers. Southern Maine Parent Awareness’ services include: a quarterly newsletter, individualized family conferences, telephone and email consultation, referrals to community resources, assistance in preparing for IEP (Individual Educational Program), parent-to-parent connections and workshops on topics of special interest.

**Parenting**
**Mainely Parents**
(207)842-2984
188 State Street
Portland, ME 04101
(800)249-5506
(207)842-2998 (fax)
www.mainelyparents.org

Mainely Parents is a Statewide Day One prevention program that serves families by increasing awareness around issues of substance abuse, child abuse and neglect. The program’s services offered are: free mutual support groups, newsletters, education classes, advocacy and a statewide toll-free Talkline for parents under stress.

**Parent Effectiveness in Resolving Conflict (PERC)**
PO Box 7072
Cape Porpoise, ME 04014
(207)423-3763
(207)967-2137 (fax)
www.parentingteens.org

The PERC (Parent Effectiveness in Resolving Conflict) program provides information and new skills that can help parents navigate their child’s teen years with mutual respect and understanding. PERC is a six session course taught by trained facilitators that focuses on conflict resolution, active listening, setting limits, processing mistakes, and tools on how to talk with teens.

**Parent Resource Center**
21 Bradeen Street
Springvale, ME 04083
(207)324-1371
www.parentresourcecenter.info
The Parent Resource Center (PRC) works to empower parents to reach their full potential through support, education and in providing a sense of community with hopes this will reduce the occurrence of child abuse and neglect. PRC provides the following services to parents and caregivers throughout York County: information and referral services, positive parenting series, a program Just for Dads, parent connection support groups, and one-on-one parent education services.

**Public Safety**

**Maine State Police**
42 State House Station  (207) 624-7200
45 Commerce Drive
Augusta, Maine 04333-0042

**24 Hour Regional Communication Centers**

Gray  (207)657-3030
(800)482-0730

Augusta  (207)624-7076
(800)452-4664

Orono  (207)866-2122
(800)432-7381

Houlton  (207)532-5400
(800)924-2261

**Communications Website**

Cellular Calls  911
(888)524-7900(statewide tty line)


The Maine State Police is the state's largest police agency. Maine state field troopers work in the field patrolling all the municipalities in the state that do not have their own police departments. Services the Maine State Police provide are: investigating car crashes, responding to criminal complaints, playing a key role in promoting and providing homeland security, maintaining criminal records (including the Sex Offender Registry) and offering support through the Special Services Unit.

**Special Education**

**Center for Community Inclusion**  (207)581-1084
5717 Corbett Hall, Rm 114  (800)203-6957
University of Maine  (207)581-1231(fax)
Orono, ME 04469-5717
[www.Umaine.edu/cci](http://www.Umaine.edu/cci)
The Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies seeks to improve the quality of life for individuals and the capacity of communities, organizations, and state systems. Services such as; CenterPoint newsletter, resources center, presentation materials, disabilities discussion, early childhood resources are offered by the Center.

**Child Development Services (CDS)**
(207)624-6660
State House Station
(207)624-6661(fax)
Augusta, ME 04333
[www.maine.gov/education/speced/cds/index.htm](http://www.maine.gov/education/speced/cds/index.htm)

Children Development Services (CDS) in collaboration with families, schools, local medical facilities and other agencies, provide children birth through five years old support and services such as: case management, direct instruction, and identification of eligibility through evaluation and screenings for Early Intervention services or Special Education programs.

**CDS-Cumberland County**
(207)781-8881
50 Depot Road
(207)781-8855(fax)
Falmouth, ME 04105
[www.cds-cumberland.org](http://www.cds-cumberland.org)

**CDS-York County**
(207)985-7861
39 Limerick Road
(207)985-6703(fax)
Arundel, ME 04046

**HEADSTART**
(207)287-5099
Marquardt Building
(207)287-5031(fax)
11 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0011

The Office of Child Care and Head Start is responsible for the development and improvement of child care resources across the state.

**Maine Administrators for Services of Children with Disabilities (MADSEC)**
(207)626-3380
675 Western Ave, Suite 2
Manchester, ME 04351
[www.madsec.org](http://www.madsec.org)

The Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities (MADSEC) believes in the professional growth of Maine educators and in making sure that policies and practices used do not impact the quality of education for children with disabilities.

**Maine Department of Education**
(207)624-6650
Office of Special Services
(207)624-6651(fax)
#23 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
[www.maine.gov/education/speced/index.htm](http://www.maine.gov/education/speced/index.htm)
Maine Department of Education’s Office of Special Services seeks to support students with disabilities kindergarten through graduation in their quest to achieve Maine's Learning Results.

**Maine Surrogate Parent Program**
(207)624-6650
Office of Special Services
(207)624-6651 (fax)
23 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
Cliff.McHatten@maine.gov
http://www.maine.gov/education/surr/index.html

The Surrogate Parent Program provides surrogate parents to children with disabilities whenever the natural parents or guardian of a child with a disability cannot be found or when the child is in the custody of the state. Surrogate parents have all the rights that the natural parent has as it pertains to educational issues.

**Wrights Law**
Wrights Law provides accurate, reliable information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities.
www.wrightslaw.com/

**Sports and Recreation**

**Maine Handicapped Skiing**
(207)824-2440 (tty/voice)
8 Sundance Lane
(800)639-7770
Newry, ME 04261
(207)824-0453 (fax)
www.skimhs.org

Participants of the Maine Handicapped Skiing (MHS) program have the opportunity to take part in summer activities such as canoeing, kayaking, golf and cycling and/or in winter activities such as skiing, snowboarding, and snowshoeing. This free of charge program utilizes standard and/or adaptive equipment.

**National Theatre Workshop of the Handicapped**
(207)338-6894
(207)338-6075 (fax)
96 Church Street
Belfast, ME 04915
www.ntwh.org

The National Theatre Workshop of the Handicapped, Inc. (NTWH) is a theatre arts-training institution for persons with and without physical disabilities.

**Special Olympics of Maine**
(207)879-0489
125 John Roberts Road, #19
South Portland, ME 04106
(207)879-0672 (fax)
www.specialolympicsmaine.org

The Special Olympics of Maine invites athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual and physical disabilities.
North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, Inc (NARHA) is a national non-profit organization that promotes changes in the lives of individuals with and without physical, emotional and learning disabilities and for those with special needs by utilizing equine assisted activities.

**Equest Therapeutic Riding Center**
NARHA Premier Accredited Center
(207)985-0374
(207)985-7937(fax)
Sarah Armentrout
P.O. Box 935
Kennebunk, ME 04043
equestmaine.org

**Maplestone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center**
NARHA Premier Accredited Center
(207) 477-2757
Patricia Pearson
2435 Milton Mills Rd
Acton, ME 04001-5014
maplestonetrc@psouth.net

**Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Program**
NARHA Premier Accredited Center
(207) 892-2813
(207)892-6523(fax)
Sarah Bronson
PO Box 1928
Windham, ME 04062
ridingtothetop.org

**Very Special Arts of Maine**
(207)761-3861(tty/v)
142 High Street, Suite 428
Portland, ME 04101
www.vartsmaine.org

Very Special Arts of Maine promotes the creativity in people with disabilities. Programs include workshops for teachers and artists, mentoring for adult artists with disabilities, exhibitions of work by artists with disabilities, and partnerships with others to improve accessibility.

**Substance Abuse**
**Day One**
(207)874-1045
525 Main Street
South Portland, ME 04106
www.day-one.org

Day One provides substance abuse prevention, intervention, treatment, and aftercare.
Maine Office of Substance Abuse  
(207)287-2595  
M.H.I. Complex, Marquardt Building, 3rd Floor  
(800)606-0215  
#11 State House Station  
(207)287-4334(fax)  
Augusta, ME 04333-0011  
www.maine.gov/dhhs/bds/osa  
The Maine Office of Substance Abuse is responsible for the planning, development, implementation, regulation, and evaluation of substance abuse services. The Office provides substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment to enhance the health and safety of individuals through the reduction of the overall impact of substance use, abuse, and dependency.

Transition  
Alpha One  
(207)767-2189  
127 Main Street  
(800)640-7200  
South Portland, ME 04106  
(207)799-8346(fax)  
www.alpha-one.org  
(866) 906-5375(tty)  
Alpha One works to improve the opportunities for people with disabilities to live independently by providing an array of services such as employment services, technical assistance in making private homes and facilities accessible and adaptive equipment through Alpha One Medical.

Maine Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
(207)624-5120  
2 Anthony Avenue  
(800)760-1573(v)  
Augusta, ME 04333-0073  
(800)633-0770(tty)  
www.maine.gov/rehab  
(207)624-5133(fax)  
Portland  
185 Lancaster Street  
(800)315-1192  
Portland, ME 04101  
(207)879-7553(fax)  
Saco  
110 Main Street  
(800)521-5871  
Saco, ME 04072  
(207)286-2608(fax)  
The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program assists individuals who have disabilities to get and keep a job. VR can also help students with disabilities in coordinating information and resources as they transition from high school to adult life.

Maine Transition Network  
(207)621-9878  
P.O. Box 2219  
(800)328-9549  
Augusta, Maine 04338  
(207)623-1677(fax)  
www.mainetransition.org/index.html  
The Maine Committee on Transition supports youth with disabilities in making meaningful choices as they transition to adulthood by promoting collaboration within communities.
Southern Maine Advisory Council on Transition (SMACT)
28 Foden Road, South Portland, Maine
PO Box 2227, South Portland, ME 04116
www.smact.org

The Southern Maine Advisory Council on Transition is committed to providing information, education, and technical assistance for youth with special needs and those with whom they work in York and Cumberland Counties as they transition from school to adult life.