



Resources

MaineCare in Education Webinar

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MaineCare Eligibility: DHHS: Office of Family Independence (OFI)

- Eligibility and Benefit Questions Phone: 1 (855) 797-4357
<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/about-us/contact>
- For help logging into your My Maine Connection Account: MMCHelp.DHHS@maine.gov

MaineCare Member Services:

- Questions about covered services call 1-800-977-6740. TTY users dial 711.
- MaineCare Member Services email: mainecaremember@gainwelltechnologies.com
- MaineCare Bulletins <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/about-us/mainecare-bulletins>
- MaineCare Email Updates:
<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MEHHS/subscriber/new?preferences>
- MaineCare in Education <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/providers/school-health-related-services>
- Trista Collins State Medicaid Educational Liaison 207-624-4094
Trista.collins@maine.gov MaineCareinEducation.DHHS@maine.gov

Maine Department of Education

The Maine Department of Education - Office of Special Services & Inclusive Education is dedicated to improving results for students with disabilities by providing leadership, support and oversight to local education agencies. The Office of Special Services and Inclusive Education is committed to ensuring the provision of a free appropriate public education in the [least restrictive environment](#) for children with disabilities (ages 3 to 22) as well as early intervention services to infants and toddlers (birth through age 2). Our work is accomplished through collaboration with families, school districts, public and private agencies, and other programs.

Contact Info <https://www.maine.gov/doe/index.php/learning/specialed>

Federal Education Law:

- IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act <https://sites.ed.gov/idea/>

Maine Education Laws and Resources:

- Chapter 101: Maine Unified Special Education Regulation Birth to Age Twenty (MUSER) <https://www.maine.gov/doe/cds/muser>
- Maine Department of Education Office of Special Services and Inclusive Education Effective Dispute Resolution
<https://www.maine.gov/doe/index.php/learning/specialed/duprocess>
- Consent to bill Medicaid Sec. 300.154 (d) (2) - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- <https://sites.ed.gov/idea/regs/b/b/300.154/d/2>



- MaineCare Benefits Manual Ch II, Section 96 Private Duty Nursing
<https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/144/ch101/c2s096.docx>
- Maine Department of Education Office of Special Services and Inclusive Education
<https://www.maine.gov/doe/learning/specialed>
- Effective Dispute Resolution
<https://www.maine.gov/doe/index.php/learning/specialed/dueprocess>

Additional Resources

Access Maine

Access Maine is an online resource guide with information to connect people living in Maine to public programs, services, and other resources that are available to provide support they need to be safe, happy, healthy, and successful.

Contact info: <https://www.accessmaine.org/>

Autism Society of Maine

We create connections, empowering everyone in the Autism community with the resources needed to live fully.

Contact Info: <https://www.asmonline.org/> p: 1-800-273-5200

Be There for Me, Maine

Supporting Parents and Caregivers in Maine. Be There for ME is for all parents and caregivers in Maine, and the people who support them. Finding support can be hard and take time. Make that first step today, even if you're not sure where to go. The resources on this website are judgement-free places to start to find support.

Contact info: <https://bethereforme.org/>

Child Development Services (CDS)

The Child Development Services system is an Intermediate Educational Unit that provides both Early Intervention (birth through two years) and Free Appropriate Public Education (for ages three through five years) under the supervision of the Maine Department of Education. The CDS system ensures the provision of special education rules, federal and state regulations statewide, through a network of regional sites.

Contact info <https://www.maine.gov/doe/learning/cds>

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

CHADD empowers people affected by ADHD by providing evidence-based information, supporting individuals, their families, and professionals who assist them throughout their journeys and advocating for equity, inclusion, and universal rights.

Contact Info <https://chadd.org/>

Children and Youth with Specific Healthcare Needs- Healthcare Coordinator

The CYSHN Care Coordinator is responsible for promoting the health of children and youth with specific healthcare needs through state-wide initiatives and collaborations. The goal is to assist



families and providers in finding services that will help the child or youth acquire optimal health, development, well-being, and the best quality of life. This service is available to families of children from birth to age 21 who have, or are at risk for, chronic medical conditions, behavioral and emotional conditions. The Healthcare coordinator can assist with insurance appeals, application processes, advocacy, navigation of healthcare systems, referrals, finding resources, and connecting families to other support systems and services.

Contact info-Healthcare Coordinator email: MCH.CDC@maine.gov p:(207)287-5753

Children's Behavioral Health Services – Office of Behavioral Health, DHHS

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/support-for-families/childrens-behavioral-health/cbhs-contacts>

Courageous Parents Network

Courageous Parents Network (CPN) is a nonprofit organization and a digital web, (mobile app) platform designed to support families of seriously ill children and the clinicians who care for them. All of this content is offered free of charge, 24/7, and is easily accessible on all devices (computer, phone, tablet). There are videos (featuring mostly families & some clinicians), downloadable guides, curated pathways and blogs. They also sponsor virtual events monthly and offer newsletters with the latest assets featured.

Contact info: courageousparentsnetwork.org

Disability Rights Maine

DRM is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and is Maine's designated Protection & Advocacy agency for people with disabilities. This means we represent people whose rights have been violated or who have been discriminated against based on their disability. We also provide training on rights and self-advocacy and we advocate for public policy reform.

Contact Info: 1-800-452-1948 <https://drme.org/>

G.E.A.R Parent Network

The G.E.A.R. Parent Network, a program of Crisis & Counseling Centers, is the place where Gaining Empowerment Allows Results. G.E.A.R. is run by parents for parents who have kids ages 0-21 providing services for parents of children with emotional and behavioral health concerns.

Contact Info <https://gearparentnetwork.org/>

Help Me Grow Maine

Help Me Grow (HMG) Maine is a free service available to children up to eight years of age and their families. Help Me Grow Maine connects you to information and services about child development and community resources. In partnership with 2-1-1 Maine, any parent, caregiver, or provider can call for support. The Help Me Grow team will listen, link you to services, and supply ongoing support when needed.

Contact info If you know a family who may need support, please refer with their permission by dialing (207) 624-7969

Maine CITE

Maine CITE program helps people of all ages and all abilities explore tools and technologies to make life easier. Maine CITE also provides services to caregivers, family members, employers, educators, health care providers, social service providers and others seeking assistive technology information.



Contact Info <https://mainecite.org/>

Maine Hands and Voices

Parent led organization that provides support to children who are deaf or hard of hearing. They answer questions, provide parent to parent support and offer opportunities to meet other families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Contact info www.mainehandsandvoices.org, [Facebook-
www.facebook.com/mainehandsandvoices](https://www.facebook.com/mainehandsandvoices) or email at mainehandy@gmail.com

Maine Parent Federation

Family organization which is granted and assists families of children with disabilities and/or special health care needs navigate and access all systems of care. All services are free of charge to families and there is no qualifying criteria to access the services.

Contact info <https://www.mpf.org> (207) 588-1933 or (800) 870-7746

Pine Tree Society

Provides a variety of resources for children with developmental disabilities-communication, summer camp, case management.

Contact info www.pinetreesociety.org; (207) 443-3341

Ronald Mc Donald House Charities of Maine

Provides comfort for the families of pediatric patients and supports programs that directly improve the health and wellbeing of all children.

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