

MAINE ALLIANCE OF FAMILY ORGANIZATIONS



Maine Alliance of Family Organizations (MAFO) is a statewide alliance that formed to better serve families of children with disabilities and special health care needs, and to strengthen family voice.

Family concerns, needs and voice are foundational to everything we do. We believe families are the primary decision-makers regarding care of their children, and we promote the family role in influencing policies and procedures governing care for all children.

WHAT WE HEAR FROM PARENTS WHO HAVE JOINED A FAMILY ORGANIZATION...

“I have learned to speak up without so much anger.”

“I had heard this information before, but now I understand it.”

“I no longer feel alone. I love the support from parents who have been there. I now know that I am a GOOD mom.”

“We have moved beyond past prejudice and fear, and are successfully advocating to achieve the best possible outcomes for our family.”



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COMMUNITY ORIENTATION

We contribute to the health and well-being of our communities' families, collaboratives, organizations and networks. We connect families to vital community resources.

Advocacy

We support individuals and causes through our words and our actions. We value individual opinions and experiences, and we support families' efforts to get their needs met.

RESPONSIVE

We listen compassionately and strive to be to be proactive. We encourage family-serving systems and supports to be readily available, strength-based, trauma-informed and culturally competent, to listen inclusively to expressed needs and concerns, and to meet those needs in a timely manner.

EDUCATION

We provide a broad spectrum of resources, programs and trainings to families and professionals. We raise public awareness about family and youth issues, as well as highlight their resiliency and contributions to community.

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MAFO MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Adoptive & Foster Families of Maine
www.affm.net

Autism Society of Maine
www.asmonline.org

G.E.A.R. Parent Network
www.gearparentnetwork.com

Learning Disabilities Association of Maine
www.ldame.org

Maine Parent Federation
www.mpf.org

National Alliance on Mental Illness of Maine
www.namimaine.org

Southern Maine Parent Awareness
www.somepa.org

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