**To get information about and to sign up for SPPS Director’s listserv:** <http://maillist.informe.org/mailman/listinfo/mesppsdir>

**ZOOM recording (chat at end)**:



**“Inclusive education seeks to address the learning needs of all children, with a specific focus on those who are vulnerable to marginalization and exclusion. The goal is to promote opportunities for all children to participate and be treated equally.”**

1. **Announcements:**
   1. **Erin Frazier’s Director of Office of Special Services updates**:

* **2023 What Really Works in Education Conference: Administrators, special educators, general educators, and techs are all invited!** Please join us at our upcoming inclusion conference showcasing national, international, and local experts on creating inclusive educational experiences! [Register here](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fevents.egov.com%2Feventreg%2FME%2Fregistrant.htm%3Faction%3Dnew%26_event%3Dwhatreallyworksconference&data=05%7C01%7CGaye.Erskine%40maine.gov%7C101a2d34965540c0196208dbab04f948%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638291810612902548%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zbr5VJ9d5BUcEa94XRT3xMpc6EdxuZbQnTt%2B94ww2io%3D&reserved=0) [Conference Information](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.maine.gov%2Fdoe%2Flearning%2Fspecialed%2Finclusionconference&data=05%7C01%7CGaye.Erskine%40maine.gov%7C101a2d34965540c0196208dbab04f948%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638291810612902548%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zndnkLtv%2FIK3csljqVKUB4rTqlyr4D3QUMrmCP2k1PM%3D&reserved=0)
* Erin reviewed the newly released **OSEP Guidance** on general supervision and monitoring. The Office of Special Services & Inclusive Education (OSSIE) will be continuing to update you on changes in our monitoring system as required by this guidance. Attached is the OSEP Dear Colleague Letter on General Supervision Responsibilities. Here is the link to the updated guidance. This replaces any previous guidance issued by OSEP. [State General Supervision Responsibilities Under Parts B and C of the IDEA](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsites.ed.gov%2Fidea%2Ffiles%2FGuidance_on_State_General_Supervision_Responsibilities_under_Parts_B_and_C_of_IDEA-07-24-2023.pdf%3Femci%3D54f52009-4735-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73%26emdi%3Dc564ed91-5435-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73%26ceid%3D11623735&data=05%7C01%7CGaye.Erskine%40maine.gov%7C101a2d34965540c0196208dbab04f948%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638291810612902548%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2B3hmMoRombSzIvracAPnXHHW%2FSStnfCM023ItoilG%2BY%3D&reserved=0)
* **Reminder:** There is no emergency certification in special education. However, there is a way! Pathway 4 is a newly developed pathway to support conditional certification in Maine. Please email Amanda Castner for further information.
* **Jodi Bossio-Smith** shared that the Assessment Team has the following upcoming trainings available this fall: Assessment, Test Coordinators of Alternate Assessment and Alternate Academic Achievement Standard. Also scheduled for September is Accessibility training through year assessment. To contact her for more info: [jodi.bossio-smith@maine.gov](mailto:jodi.bossio-smith@maine.gov)

[Here is the Alternative Assessment Homepage for more information](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.maine.gov%2Fdoe%2Flearning%2Fspecialed%2Fassessment&data=05%7C01%7CGaye.Erskine%40maine.gov%7C101a2d34965540c0196208dbab04f948%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638291810612902548%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zKRBdMoMaciVvHx6RIwTfZHnbRwREPK62i%2BMTHawzEs%3D&reserved=0)

[DOE Professional Development Calendar](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.maine.gov%2Fdoe%2Fcalendar&data=05%7C01%7CGaye.Erskine%40maine.gov%7C101a2d34965540c0196208dbab04f948%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638291810612902548%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=CPhacGWRY9b3DW7tGvE69BPgjwv1DAKjTkR%2Fv0%2BQP7g%3D&reserved=0)

* **Maine is featured in a data podcast!**   [A Date with Data:](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpodcasts.apple.com%2Fus%2Fpodcast%2Fa-date-with-data%2Fid1620226102&data=05%7C01%7CGaye.Erskine%40maine.gov%7C101a2d34965540c0196208dbab04f948%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638291810612902548%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=EDC2FYCNirroYMGlvlv3WJ4JYhZUyt%2FKC9Mx9gYX8lA%3D&reserved=0)  **Maine Narrative: Using Data to** **Tell a Story in the Pine Tree State, Part I and Part II**. A job well done from some very familiar voices……………………. Find this podcast at: <https://ideadata.org> under podcasts. Episode 30 is Part One from August 10, 2023, and Episode 31 is Part Two from August 24, 2023.
* **College and Career Success Coordinators Provide Academic and Career Supports and**

**Help Students Transition to College**

The Maine Department of Education (DOE) and the Maine Community College System announced that current and prospective community college students across the state now have access to College and Career Success Coordinators to provide them with academic and career supports and assist them with the transition to college. Through Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan (MJRP) funding, the Success Coordinators have already served more than 1,000 students and helped nearly 400 students develop career and academic plans. **Prospective and current students can find the dedicated College and Career Success Coordinator in their county**[**here**](https://www.maine.gov/doe/jobsandrecovery/successnavigators)**.**

<https://mainedoenews.net/2023/07/13/media-release-college-and-career-success-coordinators-provide-academic-and-career-supports-and-help-students-transition-to-college/>

1. **Legislative Updates**:

The Legislature is now in the process of reviewing reports from committees to be informed for the upcoming new session starting in Januay. The HHS committee meeting in on Wednesday, September 20 at 10:00am in CSBOB 209 (The HHS committee room).

**10:00 am**

Child welfare presentations pursuant to [Resolve 2021, chapter 142](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mainelegislature.org%2Flegis%2Fbills%2FgetPDF.asp%3Fpaper%3DSP0605%26item%3D3%26snum%3D130&data=05%7C01%7CMary.Adley%40maine.gov%7Cfe5126e728a442a5890708dbb3c1d2b9%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638301417279689443%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=E412gDvzFpuTym%2BJF55GvFG3YWG%2Fm%2B4nDzLMtNMqGVo%3D&reserved=0) and [Public Law 2023, chapter 261](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mainelegislature.org%2Flegis%2Fbills%2FgetPDF.asp%3Fpaper%3DSP0542%26item%3D3%26snum%3D131&data=05%7C01%7CMary.Adley%40maine.gov%7Cfe5126e728a442a5890708dbb3c1d2b9%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638301417279689443%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=5AmEWPHxbfgxpaOgRFtiS6lVMpLc6fLy21EFm%2BSynQI%3D&reserved=0):

* Maine Child Welfare Advisory Panel presentation
* Child Death and Serious Injury Review Panel presentation
* Justice for Children Task Force (reports to the Supreme Judicial Court) presentation
* Child Welfare Ombudsman presentation
* Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services, quarterly child welfare report presentation

**1:00 pm**

Department of Health and Human Services

* General Assistance presentation
* Next step for GA and October 4th meeting

The committee meeting can be viewed on the Legislature’s website through the calendar by clicking on September 20 and HHS:

<https://legislature.maine.gov/Calendar/#Weekly/2023-09-17>

1. **Maine DHHS Updates**

# **RESCHEDULED: Draft Rate Model Public Review and Comment for Providers of Section 97, Private Non-Medical Institutions (PNMI), Appendix D, Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) Services** Sept. 8, 2023

MaineCare will hold an online public meeting on Friday, September 29, 2023, from 2:00-3:30 PM, to present the draft rate models along with the rationales for the recommended models. The Department will post the models online and will accept written comments. They will announce the comment deadline at the public meeting and post it along with the models. The Department will respond in writing to comments with an explanation of whether and how the feedback was incorporated into the final rate determination.

As providers and interested stakeholders, your feedback is important during the rate determination process. We encourage you to participate in these meetings as OMS discusses the draft rate model recommendations and collects feedback on these important changes.

Please contact [Jessica Levesque](mailto:jessica.l.levesque@maine.gov), MaineCare’s Rate Setting Project Manager, with any questions related to this determination process.

This notice is sent pursuant to [Public Law 2021 Chapter 639](http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?item=3&paper=HP1377&snum=130).

Providers of Section 97, PNMI Appendix D, Therapeutic Foster Care Services – Draft Rate Presentation

**Date/Time:**Friday, September 29, 2023, 2:00-3:30 PM

**ZOOM:** <https://mainestate.zoom.us/s/87031465957>

**Meeting ID:** 870 3146 5957

* [**E-Bulletins Webpage Update: How to Sign up, and New Formatting**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHA6Ly93d3cubWFpbmUuZ292L2RoaHMvP3V0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzA4MTguODEzMzI4MTEifQ.UuBTeTFHdKktOg-24Mc03ybe-402-beBEd50lVqR6kY/s/1191514404/br/224469260884-l)

August 18, 2023, A message for new directors

**Sign up now**

To sign up for MaineCare topics please go to the [E-mail Updates](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vcHVibGljLmdvdmRlbGl2ZXJ5LmNvbS9hY2NvdW50cy9NRUhIUy9zdWJzY3JpYmVyL25ldz9wcmVmZXJlbmNlcyIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzA4MTguODEzMzI4MTEifQ.-PjiwvPMnezK4mW6sb2yRoJFhn2tjpRMFs3-KsDBMKA/s/1191514404/br/224469260884-l) subscription webpage and enter your email address. You will then see a subscription list that includes other state offices. Scroll down to “MaineCare Stakeholders” and select the topics you would like.

You can select which e-message topics interest you. They are organized by policy to ensure the messages you receive are service specific. We encourage you to sign up for as many topics as you would like. We have made updates to ensure that you will not receive the message more than once if you have signed up for more than one topic and we send the message through multiple topic lists. We’ve also added a description of which listserv an e-message was sent to, as well as a search by word feature.

* [**MaineCare in Education: New Resources and Updated MaineCare in Education 2023 Guide​**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHA6Ly93d3cubWFpbmUuZ292L2RoaHMvb21zL3Byb3ZpZGVycy9wcm92aWRlci1idWxsZXRpbnMvbWFpbmVjYXJlLWVkdWNhdGlvbi1uZXctcmVzb3VyY2VzLWFuZC11cGRhdGVkLW1haW5lY2FyZS1lZHVjYXRpb24tMjAyMy1ndWlkZS0yMDIzLTA4LTE4P3V0bV9tZWRpdW09ZW1haWwmdXRtX3NvdXJjZT1nb3ZkZWxpdmVyeSIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMzA4MTguODEzMjc0ODEifQ.oj9a2zX_NJ6khXSivQ6tGlfkv88wDtdK3BrdCudzKmw/s/1191514404/br/224467502023-l) August 18, 2023

The Office of MaineCare Services has updated the [MaineCare in Education web page](https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/providers/childrens-services/school-health-related-services).

**You are invited to:**

* Sign up for MaineCare’s E-Messages and Bulletins.
* Review the newly updated [2023 MaineCare in Education Billing Guide- Revised August, 2023](https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/sites/maine.gov.dhhs/files/inline-files/Final%20August%202023%20MaineCare%20in%20Education.pdf).
* Access Joint Resources Developed by MaineCare and the Maine Department of Education.
* Sign Up for Virtual Meetings and Trainings.
* Participate in New MaineCare in Education Courses developed specifically for Parents, Guardians, MaineCare Providers, School Administrators, and other stakeholders.

**For Parents and Guardians**

My Student and MaineCare

**For School Administrators and MaineCare Providers**

MaineCare 100:  Introduction to MaineCare

MaineCare 101:  Introduction to School Health-Related Services

MaineCare 102:  Advanced School Health-Related Services for Providers

As a reminder, all providers who deliver services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) must ensure all services are documented in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services/Maine Department of Education [Joint Guidance](https://www.maine.gov/doe/sites/maine.gov.doe/files/inline-files/Guidance%20on%20Required%20Documentation%20for%20MaineCare%20updated%20%20May%202021%20final.pdf) on Individualized Education Plan (IEP) documentation.

For technical assistance regarding the billing and processing of MaineCare claims email [MaineCareinEducation.DHHS@maine.gov](mailto:MaineCareinEducation.DHHS@maine.gov) or [Pamela.Grotton@maine.gov](mailto:Pamela.Grotton@maine.gov).

For all other questions related to the provision of School Health-Related Services, please email [Trista.Collins@maine.gov](mailto:Trista.Collins@maine.gov).

1. **DOE Calendars**

* NEO DC&R calendar

<https://neo.maine.gov/DOE/neo/DCAR/Calendar>

* Maine Department of Education Event Calendar

<https://www.maine.gov/doe/calendar>

1. **Recent SPPS inquiry topics/clarification**:
   * DOE continues to work on clarification of what date the Emergency Rule regarding billing for enrollment rather than attendance took effect.
2. **Questions and Comments from and for SPPS group:**
   * Some SPPSs got an email from the Census Bureau. This has happened also in the past.
   * Jody Raymond and Eric Campbell are starting the SPPS monthly meeting for this school year on the 3rd Friday of the month from 10:00 – 11:30. Please email Eric to be on the invitation list. [ecampbell@spurwink.org](mailto:ecampbell@spurwink.org)
3. **Upcoming PD Options:**

* **Maine’s 2023 Statewide Early Childhood Education Conference**: Portland October 27-

28, 2023. Save the Date for Maine’s 2023 Statewide Early Childhood Education Conference! The Maine Department of Education (DOE) is proud to collaborate with the Maine Association for the Education of Young Children to provide this professional learning opportunity geared to educators working across the birth to grade 3 spans. This year’s conference has an incredible lineup. <https://mainedoenews.net/2023/06/05/leading-early-learning-a-professional-learning-series-for-elementary-school-administrators-3/>

* **NEW 2023 MHTTC Grief Sensitivity Virtual Learning Institute** August 30th

National Grief Awareness Day

As a nation since 2014, we mark this day to support our colleagues and those we serve by committing to furthering our understanding, education, and professional development on grief, loss, and bereavement. Since 2020, the MHTTC Network has been developing free grief, loss, and bereavement resources, and holding Grief Sensitivity Virtual Learning Institutes (“GSVLIs”) to provide a no-cost, high-quality learning experience that strengthens MHTTC grief skills, knowledge, and support capacities. MHTTC is thrilled to announce their 2023 GSVLI! Please join us on

November 1st and 2nd to enhance your perspectives and practices to ensure grievers get the support they need.

Join us for a two-day, no-cost, training experience for the mental health and school mental health workforce. This coming November, in honor of Children's Grief Awareness Month, join the MHTTC Network and leading grief experts across the country to strengthen grief sensitivity skills, techniques, and interventions. The theme for our 2023 GSVLI is Working with grief in the context of violence: Strengthening our skills to strengthen ourselves.

[**Day 1- Wednesday, November 1st, 2023: General Mental Health Workforce Sessions**](https://stanford.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xi_n2oluTpGDrlhXBoHFqQ#/registration) - Special focus on gender-based violence, institutional violence, community violence and grief

[**Day 2- Thursday, November 2nd, 2023: School Mental Health Workforce Sessions**](https://stanford.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PK3552o4S2iFd1B5NiXsEA#/registration) - Special focus on school violence & grief

Please note: This is a 2-day event. Session programming for both days will run from 9:00 am-3:00 pm PT \* 10:00 am-4:00 pm MT \* 11:00 am-5:00 pm CT \* 12:00-6:00 pm ET.

Come for some or all the Institute; please register at the links provided above for the day(s) you wish to attend. Should you wish to attend both days, you will have two separate links, one for each day. <https://mhttcnetwork.org/centers/global-mhttc/2023-mhttc-grief-sensitivity-virtual-learning-institute>

* [***Journalists in the Classroom: Experiential News Literacy Learning***](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.everyaction.com%2Fk%2F68984399%2F424721822%2F-962041947%3Futm_source%3Djitc-pe-aug31-reg-noncvc%26utm_campaign%3Dback-to-school-2023%26utm_medium%3Demail%26nvep%3Dew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAwMi8xLzY0OTIwIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogIjZjM2JhMTI3LTBiNDgtZWUxMS1hM2YxLTAwMjI0ODMyZWI3MyIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAic2FyYWguZmVyZ3Vzb25AbWFpbmUuZ292Ig0KfQ%253D%253D%26hmac%3DSUSbumz4R7MyFWHZ2gHBiS88XnASCwtHWFcQOW6EQU4%3D%26emci%3Dcec07110-5147-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73%26emdi%3D6c3ba127-0b48-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73%26ceid%3D12081796&data=05%7C01%7Csarah.ferguson%40maine.gov%7C0fad5dd0f6774b37e81008dbaa2f135f%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638290891392771747%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=3dW3fbGMJ3N15sVC0hEWMh8nB6sTwyB95zAENeyzCX8%3D&reserved=0), presented Aug. 29 by the News Literacy Project via edWeb. [**The recording is now available here**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.everyaction.com%2Fk%2F68984400%2F424721823%2F522676133%3Futm_source%3Djitc-pe-aug31-reg-noncvc%26utm_campaign%3Dback-to-school-2023%26utm_medium%3Demail%26nvep%3Dew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAwMi8xLzY0OTIwIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogIjZjM2JhMTI3LTBiNDgtZWUxMS1hM2YxLTAwMjI0ODMyZWI3MyIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAic2FyYWguZmVyZ3Vzb25AbWFpbmUuZ292Ig0KfQ%253D%253D%26hmac%3DSUSbumz4R7MyFWHZ2gHBiS88XnASCwtHWFcQOW6EQU4%3D%26emci%3Dcec07110-5147-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73%26emdi%3D6c3ba127-0b48-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73%26ceid%3D12081796&data=05%7C01%7Csarah.ferguson%40maine.gov%7C0fad5dd0f6774b37e81008dbaa2f135f%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638290891392771747%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=aFfnpmct%2BTXKhyxXEhlUrje%2FBLQP9uybt22wxLb2Urg%3D&reserved=0). 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Looking for the links that were shared during the event? [**Access the webinar resource list here**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.everyaction.com%2Fk%2F68984402%2F424721825%2F1286787606%3Futm_source%3Djitc-pe-aug31-reg-noncvc%26utm_campaign%3Dback-to-school-2023%26utm_medium%3Demail%26nvep%3Dew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAwMi8xLzY0OTIwIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogIjZjM2JhMTI3LTBiNDgtZWUxMS1hM2YxLTAwMjI0ODMyZWI3MyIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAic2FyYWguZmVyZ3Vzb25AbWFpbmUuZ292Ig0KfQ%253D%253D%26hmac%3DSUSbumz4R7MyFWHZ2gHBiS88XnASCwtHWFcQOW6EQU4%3D%26emci%3Dcec07110-5147-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73%26emdi%3D6c3ba127-0b48-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73%26ceid%3D12081796&data=05%7C01%7Csarah.ferguson%40maine.gov%7C0fad5dd0f6774b37e81008dbaa2f135f%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638290891392771747%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Rlm9LZzpHf%2BwgYjg3yAwSY8vxiO0iqvHKF2IaBJr1%2Fg%3D&reserved=0). 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We truly had an all-star lineup. Thanks again to Pennsylvania English teacher Mindy Katz and journalists Indira Lakshmanan, Shane Harris, and Adriana Lacy! These speakers shared their unique experiences with the [**“Newsroom to Classroom” program**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.everyaction.com%2Fk%2F68984404%2F424721827%2F-109584814%3Futm_source%3Djitc-pe-aug31-reg-noncvc%26utm_campaign%3Dback-to-school-2023%26utm_medium%3Demail%26nvep%3Dew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAwMi8xLzY0OTIwIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogIjZjM2JhMTI3LTBiNDgtZWUxMS1hM2YxLTAwMjI0ODMyZWI3MyIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAic2FyYWguZmVyZ3Vzb25AbWFpbmUuZ292Ig0KfQ%253D%253D%26hmac%3DSUSbumz4R7MyFWHZ2gHBiS88XnASCwtHWFcQOW6EQU4%3D%26emci%3Dcec07110-5147-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73%26emdi%3D6c3ba127-0b48-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73%26ceid%3D12081796&data=05%7C01%7Csarah.ferguson%40maine.gov%7C0fad5dd0f6774b37e81008dbaa2f135f%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638290891392928039%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=19gw%2B1CIMhjh4J8B1bptHgnfABPYKeHg4%2Bm%2B2%2BRAV58%3D&reserved=0), a free opportunity exclusively available for educators and students through the [**Checkology**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.everyaction.com%2Fk%2F68984405%2F424721828%2F-1624679035%3Futm_source%3Djitc-pe-aug31-reg-noncvc%26utm_campaign%3Dback-to-school-2023%26utm_medium%3Demail%26nvep%3Dew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAwMi8xLzY0OTIwIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogIjZjM2JhMTI3LTBiNDgtZWUxMS1hM2YxLTAwMjI0ODMyZWI3MyIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAic2FyYWguZmVyZ3Vzb25AbWFpbmUuZ292Ig0KfQ%253D%253D%26hmac%3DSUSbumz4R7MyFWHZ2gHBiS88XnASCwtHWFcQOW6EQU4%3D%26emci%3Dcec07110-5147-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73%26emdi%3D6c3ba127-0b48-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73%26ceid%3D12081796&data=05%7C01%7Csarah.ferguson%40maine.gov%7C0fad5dd0f6774b37e81008dbaa2f135f%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638290891392928039%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bcpuvmHAdUtEOvf7ClnyvxhxaDxQVd3EDFqXBwWsc%2Fo%3D&reserved=0) e-learning platform.
* **2023/2024 Community of Practice for New Special Educators** - Are you a new special education teacher in your first year or two of teaching? Beginning in September 2023, the Office of Special Services & Inclusive Education’s Special Educator Engagement, Development & Supports (SEEDS) project will host a community of practice for you! – This announcement and many more are found in the DOE update from Sept 1. https://us2.campaign archive.com/?e=4bb1694fe4&u=a582edd6473e477ef6307c769&id=44e2851a1c

# To register for the New Special Educator Community of Practice, please fill out this [survey](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.office.com%2Fg%2FZbMGLcNmMZ&data=05%7C01%7CGaye.Erskine%40maine.gov%7Cd37c0a3281a7415c202108dbae1bfe54%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638295207511171174%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7EG15%2BJgr6yawhf6%2B2cOkXmvsxRuo8gAVjrGPz66%2FZA%3D&reserved=0).  The sessions for the 2023-2024 school year are from 3:30-4:45 pm on September 11, October 10, November 8, December 14, January 8, February 13, March 13, April 11, May 13, and June 11.

8) **Resource Topics:**

* **Adventures in News Literacy: Back to School with NLP Education and Checkology**®, presented Aug. 23 by the News Literacy Project.
* [**The recording is now available here.**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fclick.everyaction.com%2Fk%2F68793007%2F424168272%2F-1497266025%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dback-to-school-2023%26utm_source%3Dainl-pe-aug28-reg-noncvc%26nvep%3Dew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAwMi8xLzY0OTIwIiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvblVuaXF1ZUlkIjogImQxMzBiZWQ4LWJkNDUtZWUxMS1hM2YxLTAwMjI0ODMyZWI3MyIsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHJlc3MiOiAic2FyYWguZmVyZ3Vzb25AbWFpbmUuZ292Ig0KfQ%253D%253D%26hmac%3DWG-97QaDnXlMho2Sxip-jd0iiN4mJcdgHSj5FAxkOt0%3D%26emci%3D8e9481e1-4643-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73%26emdi%3Dd130bed8-bd45-ee11-a3f1-00224832eb73%26ceid%3D12081796&data=05%7C01%7Csarah.ferguson%40maine.gov%7C4525377690fe458c3ad608dba7e1cda5%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638288360486666128%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xs9Z5bQSViuSg7JICvuZEkugGFSB0fFzxAGvXr4x4NE%3D&reserved=0)
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* **Learning Heroes** - Team up with Families for Student Success - Families and teachers are a team with a shared goal: student success. When we build trust and a solid game plan, nobody can stop us. <https://gobeyondgrades.org/> ; <https://bealearninghero.org/>
* **How School Culture Must Change, Post-Pandemic** By [Andrew Boryga](https://www.edutopia.org/profile/andrew-boryga) June 9, 2023, Edutopia

Doug Lemov explores the urgent need for schools to prioritize reconnecting with student’s post-pandemic, providing strategies for fostering a sense of belonging, resilience, and academic excellence.

In 2022 he and several co-authors, wrote a book: ***Reconnect: Building*** ***School Culture for Meaning, Purpose and Belonging***. This book suggests that many of the issues we link to the pandemic precede it, and probably arise, at least, partly, from the detrimental effect of smartphone and social media use on mental health, trust in institutions like government and schools, and our sense of social connectedness.

To read more visit:<https://www.edutopia.org/article/how-school-culture-must-change-post-pandemic>

* **Advancing Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems Guidance from the Field** This report offers collective insight and guidance to local communities and states to advance comprehensive school mental health systems. Contents were informed by examination of national best practices and performance standards, local and state exemplars, and recommendations provided by federal/national, state, local and private leaders. <https://www.samhsa.gov/resource/ebp/advancing-comprehensive-school-mental-health-systems>
* **Consent for services by minors Message from Amy Taranko 8/29/2023**

It was brought to Ms. Taranko’s attention that some questions came up at a recent meeting regarding consent and refusal of mental health services by minors. She has sent links that you will find helpful.

**Title 22- Consent of Minors for Health Treatment** <https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/22/title22sec1502.html>

**Title 34B- Involuntary Hospitalization** <https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/34-B/title34-Bsec3864.html>

**Rights of Recipients of Mental Health Services Who Are Children in Need of Treatment** [https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/sites/maine.gov.dhhs/files/inline-files/Rights%20of%20Recipients%20of%20Mental%20Health%20Services%20Who%20Are%20Children%20in%20Need%20of%20Treatment.pdf](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.maine.gov%2Fdhhs%2Fsites%2Fmaine.gov.dhhs%2Ffiles%2Finline-files%2FRights%2520of%2520Recipients%2520of%2520Mental%2520Health%2520Services%2520Who%2520Are%2520Children%2520in%2520Need%2520of%2520Treatment.pdf&data=05%7C01%7CGaye.Erskine%40maine.gov%7Cc483d4cac93e480b7c2308dba8c577fb%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638289338293912474%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Z3yTD%2Fdgmwr5g9EI6sKRQ1XiLVZpgSWd%2BciUrglwmjw%3D&reserved=0)

**More information on Maine.gov site** <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/obh/supportservices/rights-and-legal-issues/involuntary-admissions>

* **National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments** is funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary School's Office of Safe and Supportive Schools. The Center offers information and technical assistance to states, districts, schools, institutions of higher education, and communities focused on improving school climate and conditions for learning. We believe that with the right resources and support, educational stakeholders can collaborate to sustain safe, engaging, and healthy school environments that support student academic success. <https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/>
* **Using Diagnostic Data to Inform Intervention Planning** Within the data-based individualization (DBI) process, educators often have an overall sense of student needs, but it is important to use data to develop a hypothesis for why the student has not yet made sufficient progress. Diagnostic data can help make this process more systematic by providing the information necessary to develop a hypothesis that is accurate, specific, and actionable. This brief offers recommendations to support educators to efficiently collect, analyze, and use diagnostic data within DBI. <https://intensiveintervention.org/resource/using-diagnostic-data-inform-intervention-planning>
* **17 Brain Breaks Tailored for High Schoolers** Edutopia: Paige Tuff 9/1/2023.

Kids, like adults, cycle through periods of attention and inattention-though the duration of the interval changes with age and is variable across individuals. By high school, according to neurologist and classroom teach Judy Willis, concentrated study of “20-30 minutes for middle and high school students calls for a three-to-five-minute break. Regardless of attention spans, brain breaks can prevent older students from feeling overwhelmed and provide space for reflection, joy, and connection during a packed school day. They are also a crucial part of the learning process! Read more at: <https://www.edutopia.org/article/17-brain-breaks-tailored-for-high-schoolers>

**For Your Health**

* **What is Teacher Self Care and How to Practice It: Waterford.org**

Because teaching is such an intensive job, educators can greatly benefit from learning about activities for practicing self-care. Unfortunately, teachers may worry that taking care of themselves can lead to self-absorption and distract them from their students. However, despite the misleading title, self- care isn’t all about selfishness. In fact, practicing self-care can be in the best interest of everyone in your classroom! Self-care is all about taking care of your health and making sure that you have everything you need to thrive as a teacher. Without taking care of yourself, you won’t have the energy to help your students! Self -care can keep you at the top of your game and ready to handle challenges that come up during your teaching career. Read more to discover what self-care is, why it’s important for educators, and how to bring it into your daily life as well as into your school! <https://www.waterford.org/education/teacher-self-care-activities/>

**Recently added to the Padlet:**

* + **2023 What Really Works in Education: info and registration.**
  + **2023/24 Community of Practice for New Special Educators info and registration**
  + **2023 Statewide Early Childhood Education Conference info and registration**

**Link:** [Padlet of Resources](https://padlet.com/gayeerskine/it-s-a-jungle-out-there-6ip20lenh9odtu15)

**CHAT:**

10:09:33 From Eric Campbell - Director of Educational Services - Spurwink To Everyone:

We were all excited! An emotional rollercoaster.

10:22:36 From Eric Campbell - Director of Educational Services - Spurwink To Everyone:

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10:22:49 From chrissacoco To Everyone:

csacoco@morrison-maine.org