

# SPECIAL EDUCATION: KNOW YOUR RESOURCES AND RAISE YOUR AWARENESS

A day-long workshop, for Parents, Surrogate and Foster/Resource Families

SPONSORED BY: KIDS LEGAL, Maine Department of Education-Special Services, Maine Parent Federation and University of Maine Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies UCEDD

**This is a \*FREE\* Workshop!**

**8:30 AM – 3:00 PM**

## WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

This workshop brings you key information about special education and the rights of foster/resource families and surrogate parents. Foster/Resource Families and surrogate parents play a unique and critical role in supporting the special education rights and needs of children. This workshop will provide participants with information they can use to partner with their child's school, resolve conflict, address concerns, access resources and get answers to burning questions.

*Specific areas to be covered include:*

- Transition from school to adulthood.
- Resources for foster and surrogate parents, including the Maine Surrogate Parent Handbook.
- Identifying the critical issues that make you an equal partner on the IEP Team.

*Learning Objectives:*

- Know time lines throughout the Special Education process.
- Identify what you want your child's teachers to know and be able to do when working with your child.
- Learn effective advocacy strategies.

*Presenters:*

- The University of Maine Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies: Kathy Son, Research Associate
- DOE Special Services: Cliff McHatten, Consultant
- KIDS LEGAL: Sara Meerse, Attorney
- Maine Parent Federation: Jan Avery, Parent Training and Information Specialist

**\*\* Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. \*\***

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

If you register, but are unable to attend, please contact MPF to cancel.

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We reserve the right to cancel a workshop due to low attendance or inclement weather.  
Cancellations will be made by noon the day before the workshop.

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**Attendees will receive:** Certificate of Attendance  
**Also available:** CEU's (fee applies) and GAL Continuing Education Credits

**Please check the location you are registering for:**

- September 15<sup>th</sup>, DHHS - Biddeford
- September 22<sup>th</sup>, Unified Technology Center – Bangor
- September 23<sup>th</sup>, University of Maine at Presque Isle – Presque Isle
- November 4<sup>th</sup>, DHHS, Machias

**Attending: (Please Check One)**

- Parent
- Foster Parent
- Surrogate Parent
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name:	Child's Age: _____
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone #:	
Email:	
Accommodations Needed:	

**What are you hoping to learn from this workshop?** \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b><u>Mail Form to</u></b> Maine Parent Federation ATTN: Jan PO Box 2067 Augusta, Maine 04338</p>	<p><b><u>Register by Phone:</u></b> (207) 623-2144 or 1-800-870-7746 Ask for Penny or Jan</p>	<p><b><u>Fax Form to:</u></b> (207) 623-2148</p>
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Once registered, directions and confirmation will be sent by email or mail.**