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Family Support Alliance of Maine

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Prevention Councils are located in each of the 16 counties in Maine coordinated by nine local community agencies. The Councils use a structured approach to build a system of support for local communities and families by focusing on primary and secondary child abuse prevention strategies. They utilize the social-ecological model and the Strengthening Families Protective Factors framework, provide evidence-based and informed curricula and supports, conduct an annual needs assessment, create an annual prevention plan, offer activities in response to unique county-specific needs, and use SMART objectives for each county. The Councils have Advisory Boards comprised of diverse community leaders, leverage community partnerships, and evaluate parenting education and professional training to ensure families' voices are heard.

At a Glance

- Network Structure: Independent Nonprofit
- Types of Members:
 - o Community-Based Programs: 9

Network Functions

- Connecting Members Through Regular Meetings
- Training/Technical Assistance
- Working on Systems Change/Policy/Advocacy
- Pass-Through Funding to Members
- Marketing/Public Awareness Activities/
Public Awareness Activities
- Shared Data Management System

YEAR
FOUNDED

2020

NETWORK
MEMBERS

9

Member Service Areas

- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Child Development Activities
- Family Economic Success Activities
- Educational Activities
- Health/Wellness Activities
- Intentional Multiple Family Member Engagement Activities
- Community Development Activities



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MISSION STATEMENT:

Maine Children's Trust works to strengthen families, promote healthy relationships, and support communities to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Highlights

- The Prevention Councils have all been certified in the Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support, have been recertified, have conducted the Standards Program Self-Assessment, and are working through action steps to implement strategies to move on the continuum toward High Quality.
- Prevention Councils have participated in a series of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility educational opportunities provided by Maine Children's Trust as a learning community to deepen understanding, learn how to provide support for all families, as well as provide pathways for accessing services and support that are reflected in the Standards of Quality.

Outcomes

- Prevention Councils match their programming to local needs based on annual community needs assessments and feedback from their local Advisory Boards made up of 234 local community leaders, as well as community requests.
- During the state fiscal year, the Councils:
 - provided 265 trainings for family-serving professionals that included 1,178 educators, 876 childcare providers, and 681 social services professionals.
 - assisted families through multi-session parenting education groups with 1,571 caregivers participating.
 - provided supportive environments for families to connect and share, resulting in 649 caregivers participating in support groups.
 - provided infant formula, clothing, and 13,711 diapers through partners to support families' concrete needs.

Standards of Quality Implementation

Standards of Quality



for Family
Strengthening & Support

STANDARDS
TRAINERS

2

CERTIFICATION
TRAININGS

3

CERTIFIED
INDIVIDUALS

58

