

SPECIAL EDUCATION: UNDERSTANDING YOUR RIGHTS AND GETTING RESULTS!

A day-long workshop for Parents, Foster and Surrogate Parents, and Family Members.

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 – 2:30 PM

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

This workshop brings you key information about special education and the rights of foster and surrogate parents. Foster 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:

- Dispute Resolution and Advocacy: Legal vs Non-legal Remedies
- Educational rights of foster and surrogate parents
- Resources for foster and surrogate parents, including the Maine Surrogate Parent Handbook.
- Q and A with a Special Services Administrator

Learning Objectives:

- Define the various special education legal options and remedies available
- Understand various non-legal advocacy strategies to resolve conflict and build relationships with schools
- Learn the educational rights of foster and surrogate parents
- Identify specific resources available to foster and surrogate parents, including the Maine Surrogate Parent Handbook.

Presenters:

- The Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies: Kathy Son, Research Associate
- DOE Special Services: Cliff McHatten, Consultant
- KIDS LEGAL: Sara Meerse, Attorney
- Maine Parent Federations: Margaret Degon, Program Director and Jan Diechio, Parent Training and Information Specialist

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

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:

- March 3rd, St. Mary's – Lewiston (Snow Date March 4th)
- March 10th, Unified Technology Center - Bangor (Snow Date March 12th)
- March 17th, University of Maine at Machias – Machias (Snow Date March 19th)
- March 24th, University of Maine at Presque Isle – Presque Isle (Snow Date March 26th)
- March 31st, Casey Family Services – Portland (Snow Date April 2nd)

Attending: (Please Check One)

- Parent
- Foster Parent
- Surrogate Parent
- Other _____

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

Mail Form to
Maine Parent Federation
ATTN: Penny
PO Box 2067
Augusta, Maine 04338

Register by Phone:
(207) 623-2144 or
1-800-870-7746
Ask for Penny

Fax Form to:
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visit our website at www.mpf.org or email psteeves@mpf.org**

Once registered, directions and confirmation will be sent by email or mail.