



Maine Parent
Federation

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2020 Annual Conference

“It takes a village to raise a child”

-African Proverb

Agenda

Saturday March 14, 2020

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Governor Hill Mansion, 136 State St Augusta ME, 04330

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:15 AM – Noon Parent and Youth Breakout Sessions

Parent Session - Panel of peer mentoring programs

- G.E.A.R. Parent Network -*Parent Peer Mentoring*
- Maine Parent Federation -*Family Support Navigator Program*
- Autism Society of Maine – *Information Specialists*
- Vocational Rehabilitation – *College Step-up Programs*
- Best Buddies - *What it looks like, what stage ME is in, and the goal for ME*
 - *“Best Buddies will share their mission of inclusion, friendship, and leadership development with all families and schools in Maine. They will include the values and purpose of Best Buddies International, the goals for bringing the program to Maine, steps to starting friendship programs at school, and ways that families can be involved.*

Youth Session - Youth can choose between

- Networking
- Participating in recreational activities
- Attending self-advocacy and supported decision-making workshops
- Watching the film “Intelligent Lives”.

Noon - 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Keynote Speaker - Jake Shumbo – “My Story, My Disability Doesn’t Define Me”

Jake Shumbo is young adult who suffered a traumatic brain injury in December of 2011. This injury has led Jake down a pathway of recovery which has included becoming a strong Disability Advocate. Jake will share his story with us; his injury, his recovery, how he coped with losses he experienced, and his experiences with public perception of Disability. Jake’s message of “Different Ability” versus “Disability” inspires his audiences to look beyond labels and how despite your ability you can be the leader of your own destiny.



2:15 PM - 3:45 PM Parent and Youth Breakout Sessions

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3:45 PM - 4:00 PM Wrap Up and Drawing for Door Prizes