



# Maine Developmental Disabilities Council

## Who We Are

The Maine Developmental Disabilities Council (MDDC) is a partnership of people with disabilities, their families, and agencies which identifies barriers to community inclusion, self determination, and independence. The Council acts to effect positive change through advocacy, training, demonstration projects, and support for other inclusive and collaborative systemic change activities.

## Our Mission & Purpose

The purpose of the Council, as required under the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, is to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of, and have access to needed community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self determination, independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion in all facets of family and community life.



# Our Mission

*Maine Developmental Disabilities Council is committed to creating a Maine in which all people are valued and respected because we believe communities are stronger when everyone is included.*





## GOAL # 1

People with developmental disabilities, families, and communities will have increased opportunities for choice, self-determination, and community membership.



# Promote Civil Rights

## 22.1.3

### Protect Rights, Promote Choices Toolkit

Protecting **Rights**,  
Ensuring **Choices**

UNDERWAY

Goal: MDDC will provide funding and other support for the development of a toolkit for protecting rights and promoting choice (supported decision making) for adults with developmental disabilities who have guardians.

### Partnerships for Health

Evaluation aims to understand the factors and information that will help inform the content of the guardianship toolkit. This includes understanding the current climate and opinions around guardianship practices in Maine.



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PFH is helping us understand the current climate and opinions around guardianship practices in Maine to identify needs and inform the content of the toolkit.



**WHO**

Individuals with lived  
experience

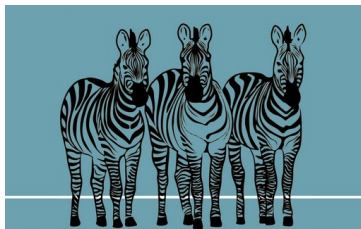
**HOW**

Electronic survey about  
current practices,  
challenges, successes,  
and recommendations

**WHEN**

Survey will be open  
through December 2022

**QUESTIONS?**



Scan the QR Code below to  
take the survey now!



Share the survey  
with your Maine  
network!



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# 22.2.2.2 Improve access, quality, and integration of services & supports

## Self Directed Services

Support Broker Mini Grants



# Support efforts to expand access to information and services for underserved individuals with developmental disabilities and families.

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## Digital Access

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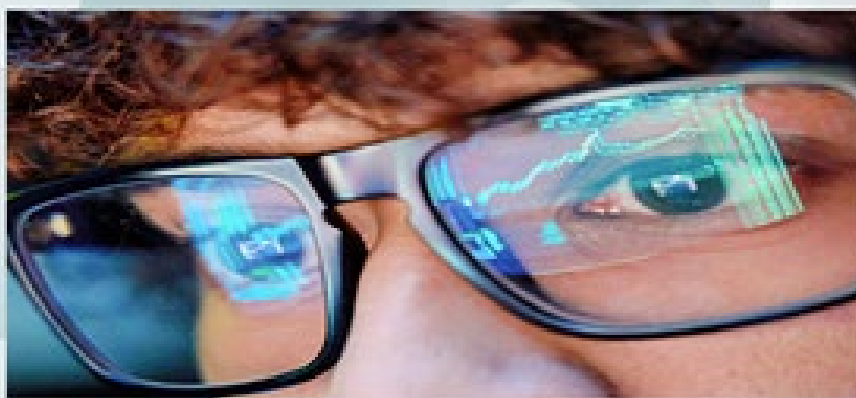


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### Digital Equity in Maine

The Maine Developmental Disabilities Council is excited to announce its partnership with the National Digital Equity Center, a nationally recognized organization with a mission to close the digital divide. This partnership will address the disparities experienced by digitally underserved rural Mainers with developmental disabilities by providing access to devices and training that enable full community engagement through connection to family and friends, to services and telehealth, and to opportunities for self-advocacy.

Eligibility requires rural residency in the state of Maine, experiencing a developmental disability, and being digitally underserved. Selection for participation in the program is subject to additional criteria withing available resources.

<https://digitalequitycenter.org/mddc/>



## Maine CDC Breast and Cervical Health Program (MBCHP)

The Maine CDC Breast and Cervical Health Program (MBCHP) is funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) under the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP), and with Maine General Fund dollars. Maine first received CDC funding in the fall of 1994 and began providing early detection services in 1995. The mission of the MBCHP is to provide breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services to underserved women, to provide public and professional education, and to support community partnerships to enhance statewide cancer control activities.



# Out of the Shadows

THE LEGACY OF PINELAND



<https://shadowsofpineland.org/#page>

Pineland Center opened in 1908 as the “*Maine School for the Feeble Minded*” – built with the best of intentions “*to ameliorate and better the condition of this unfortunate class*”.

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