

Community Connect

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SAVE THE DATE

**will meet in Bangor, L/A, and the Midcoast
January 2016!**

We are excited to announce the launching of a new family-driven effort called **Community Connect** that will be starting in January of 2016.

The first meeting will provide some background on what **Community Connect** is about and what we hope to offer. It will also allow us to hear from you and members of your community. Our goal is to share and discuss what matters most to *you* as local family and community members involved with supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities and/or autism in your area.

Agenda for our first meeting:

- Welcome and Introductions
- What is **Community Connect**? - *Background and aspirations*
- Local activities and resources - *How are you already connected?*
- What challenges are you facing? - *Your stories, concerns and dreams*
- Current systemic issues update - *What is happening in the state right now?*

The initial **Community Connect** meetings will be held in three regions:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bangor	1/28	4:30-6:00PM	
Bath/Brunswick midcoast	1/26	4:30-6:00PM	(to be decided – see below)
Lewiston/Auburn	1/27	4:30-6:00PM	

Please RSVP to this event by e-mailing Kim Humphrey at khumphrey.phadv@gmail.com or call 207-754-3435 to receive information on final locations and details. These details will also be posted at Maine Coalition of Housing and Quality Services website:

<http://www.maineparentcoalition.org/postings.html>

OUR AIM:

We envision **Community Connect** to be an avenue for providing opportunities to partner with existing state and community resources. We want to support efforts to develop, expand, strengthen and sustain individual, family and community resources. Our goal is to improve the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities and for those that represent, support and care for them.