

**OFFERING A VOICE TO  
CONCERNS & NEEDS OF MAINE  
FAMILIES SINCE 2010**

**MAFO**

MAINE ALLIANCE  
OF FAMILY  
ORGANIZATIONS

*MAFO is a dynamic group of organizations, working together to better serve families across Maine*

**HOW DOES MAFO SERVE  
MAINE FAMILIES?**

***Member organizations work both independently  
& collaboratively to enhance the experience of all families by:***

Focusing on skill building activities that foster family strength and resiliency

Utilizing the existing training and resources to reduce service duplication

Ensuring statewide reach through participating member organizations

Sharing information about relevant legislation and policy changes

Establishing a shared vision of family and peer-to-peer support



**Maine Parent Federation**  
*Since 1984 . . . because every family matters*



**Adoptive & Foster  
Families of Maine, Inc.**  
& The Kinship Program





## **MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **ADOPTIVE & FOSTER FAMILIES OF MAINE AND KINSHIP PROGRAM**

(800) 833-9786  
[WWW.AFFM.NET](http://WWW.AFFM.NET)

AFFM provides statewide support services for adoptive, foster, and kinship families. Special services are available to kinship caregivers in which there is no DHHS involvement. AFFM is supported by a contract with DHHS. Services include: 24/7 listening support, training, navigating systems, lending library, support groups, appreciation events, clothing, material goods, allegation support, problem solving assistance, 1-on-1 mentoring & referral services

### **AUTISM SOCIETY OF MAINE**

(800) 273-5200  
[WWW.ASMONLINE.ORG](http://WWW.ASMONLINE.ORG)

The Autism Society of Maine's mission is to promote lifelong access and opportunity for all individuals on the autism spectrum to become participating members of their communities. Education, advocacy, support and public awareness form the cornerstones of ASM's effort to carry forth our mission. Statewide services include: information and referral services, workshops, autism information specialist, family retreat weekend, summer camp, lending library, and family support groups.

### **G.E.A.R. PARENT NETWORK**

(800) 264-9226  
[WWW.GEARPARENTNETWORK.ORG](http://WWW.GEARPARENTNETWORK.ORG)

Through parent-to-parent sharing of experiences and knowledge, G.E.A.R. empowers parents of children with behavioral health needs to build on their family's strengths and to advocate for their family's needs. Free statewide services available to parents include: support by phone, 1:1 support, monthly support groups, parenting education and skill development, health, legal and leadership trainings and social opportunities. We are parents helping each other; we offer unconditional support – no blame, no shame and no judgment. We want you to know that you are not alone!

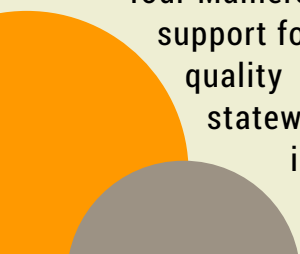
### **MAINE PARENT FEDERATION**

(800) 870-7746  
[WWW.STARTINGPOINTFORME.ORG](http://WWW.STARTINGPOINTFORME.ORG)

Through its projects, MPF provides statewide services including information and referral, workshops, printed material, library services, a newsletter and parent to parent support including our Family Support Navigator program which provides 1:1 support for families needing help navigating the various systems. Staff at MPF are parents of individuals with disabilities so they really understand your issues. Our services are offered at no cost to parents. MPF services are only a phone call away!

### **NAMI MAINE**

(800) 464-5767  
[WWW.NAMIMAINE.ORG](http://WWW.NAMIMAINE.ORG)



Through support, education and advocacy NAMI Maine is dedicated to building better lives for the one in four Mainers who are affected by mental illness. Services include: social and emotional support for all persons affected by mental illness; advocacy for the improvement of service quality and public policy; help line offering information and resources; coordination of a statewide family respite program, connecting providers with families for planned and intentional breaks; facilitation of NAMI Basics education program, a free course for parents/caregivers supporting children with emerging behavioral and emotional concerns. All of NAMI Maine's services are offered statewide.