

STATEWIDE INITIATIVES SUPPORTING SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION IN SCHOOLS

- *Communities for Children and Youth (C4CY)*. This initiative of the Governor's Children's Cabinet aims to measurably improve the well-being of children in every Maine community and to increase educational attainment and achievement levels of all Maine children. This has occurred by supporting 72 communities over the past 12 years. C4CY and currently works with 15 communities and supports three grant projects: Diversion to Assets, College-Community Mentoring Project and Assets Getting to Outcomes for Maine.
- *Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN)*. GLSEN is a national education organization making schools safer for ALL students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. There are two GLSEN chapters in Maine: Downeast GLSEN (based in Ellsworth) and GLSEN-Southern Maine (based in Portland). Members of both chapters consult with school staff and provide resources and support for over 50 Gay Straight Alliances in Maine's secondary schools.
- *Jobs for Maine Graduates*. A private, non-profit that provides drop-out prevention and school-to-work transition services for at-risk youth. The high school program is delivered as a for-credit course in conjunction with the student's regular course load. Project Reach is a project-oriented and adventure-based program designed to address the challenges of middle school. JMG also supports a number of other initiatives, such as the Maine Mentoring Partnership, the Maine Municipal Literacy initiative, programs specifically for incarcerated youth, and Opportunity Passport, a financial literacy and matched savings program.
- *Healthy Maine Partnerships (HMP)*. The HMP infrastructure represents a collaborative effort of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Maine Office of Substance Abuse, and the Maine Department of Education. At the State level, the Healthy Maine Partnerships are programs and organizations dedicated to promoting health all over Maine and focus on eight areas: tobacco prevention; drug and alcohol use prevention; coordinated school health; heart attack and stroke; physical activity, nutrition and obesity; asthma; diabetes; and cancer. The statewide partners support 28 local HMPs with training, technical assistance, evaluation, program development, and media help in order to reach the communities at the local level.
- *Maine After School Network (MASN)*. The purpose of the Maine After School Network is to enable every child to have access to quality, inclusive, affordable after school programming that meets the needs of the child, the family and the community. The network is a collaboration of individual and organizational partners across the State and works to foster communication among policymakers and providers, assist in securing resources to develop and/or sustain programs, and assist with training and technical assistance.
- *Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence*. MCEVA aims to create and encourage a social, political, and economic environment in which domestic violence no longer exists, and to ensure that all people affected by domestic abuse and violence are supported and that batterers are held accountable. MCEVA mobilizes and coordinates community action through a statewide network of domestic violence projects.

- *Maine Families Home Visiting*. The Maine Families Home Visiting Program is administered by the Early Childhood Division of the Maine DHHS by providing grants to community agencies which maintain local sites within each of Maine's 16 counties. Through home-based appointments, home visitors help first-time parents and parents-to-be to access information and resources that can support the physical and emotional health of their baby and entire family.
- *Maine Mentoring Partnership*. The Maine Mentoring Partnership (MMP) was established in 2001 by the Maine Children's Cabinet and is a statewide public-private partnership of mentoring program providers and supporters. MMP's primary role is to increase the number of formal mentoring relationships available to Maine's children and youth. MMP came under the Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) umbrella in 2006 and is a formal partner of Communities for Children and Youth (C4CY).
- *Maine Youth Action Network (MYAN)*. The goal of MYAN is to empower and prepare youth and adults to partner for positive change by offering them training, networking and leadership opportunities. MYAN's work is grounded in the models and philosophies of positive youth development. Annual events include the Peer Leadership Conference
- *Project LAUNCH*. This federally-funded initiative in Washington County is administered by the Community Caring Collaborative (CCC) and involves 33 agencies and tribal entities. The three goals are: to establish a public health model that combines early intervention, mental and behavioral health, substance abuse prevention, and primary care; increase best practices in intervention at earliest possible ages; and develop and disseminate a sustainable, cost effective model of integrated service delivery for rural settings.
- *School-Based Health Centers*. School-Based Health Centers (SBHC) are administered by the Family Health Division of the Maine DHHS and provide grants to partnerships between a school and a medical provider/agency in order to keep students healthy and in school. Currently Maine funds 17 SBHCs that have over 7,000 students enrolled in the health centers. SBHCs provide primary and preventive health care with mental health and oral health services integrated into most of the centers. Students are seen in a youth-friendly environment by providers experienced in serving adolescents. They are assessed for health risks such as alcohol, tobacco, physical activity, nutrition, and unintentional and intention injuries and treatment is provided or referrals are made to community providers, as appropriate. SBHC staff receive additional training in suicide prevention and dating violence and work with their schools in developing appropriate policies and providing support to school personnel, students and their families.
- *Restorative School Practices Collaborative of Maine (RSPM)*. In 2006, the Restorative Justice Project of Midcoast Maine began to apply the principles and practices of restorative justice in the area of education, known as Restorative School Practices. In partnership with the University of Maine Peace & Reconciliation Studies Program and the Maine Law & Civics Education Program at University of Southern Maine, RJP formed Restorative School Practices of Maine (RSPM) which is a program of the Restorative Justice Project. RSPM is a coalition of trainers that assist and support Maine educators in understanding and implementing restorative practices, values and skills, including restorative discipline, in schools throughout Maine.
- *Youth Empowerment and Policy Project (YEPP)*