



## Communities of Practice

MRTQ is supporting the development of Communities of Practice in all regions within Maine. Formation of the Community of Practice group taps into existing provider groups, groups with a specific early childhood focus and/or support for forming groups to bring those in the early care and education field together. A facilitator is contracted by MRTQ and groups are given opportunities for networking, topical information sharing and/or elective training.

Geographic Location	Facilitator		Member Concentration/ Meeting schedule
Lewiston/Auburn (Androscoggin County)  License-Exempt (Androscoggin County)	Marnie Morneault	(207) 560-7324 <a href="mailto:marnie.morneault@maine.edu">marnie.morneault@maine.edu</a>	Center based and Family Child Care practitioners. Meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at rotating locations.  License-Exempt practitioners (family, friend and neighbor care). In May, they will meet on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at Promise Head Start, 269 Bates Street, Lewiston from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. After that, the day of the week and location may change.

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<p>Caribou (Aroostook County)</p> <p>Houlton (Aroostook)</p> <p>Presque Isle (Aroostook)</p>	Cathy Bohls	<p>(207) 473-0062 <a href="mailto:crbohls@gmail.com">crbohls@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Center based and Family Child Care practitioners. Meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Cary Medical Center, Caribou.</p> <p>Center based and Family Child Care practitioners. Meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at Houlton Regional Hospital, 6:30-8:30 pm.</p> <p>Center based and Family Child Care practitioners. Meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Beckwith Room, Aroostook Medical Center, Presque Isle, 6:30 -8:30 pm.</p>
Fort Kent (Aroostook County)	Pam Caron	<p>(207) 834-6657 <a href="mailto:fosterjourneys@yahoo.com">fosterjourneys@yahoo.com</a></p>	Center based and Family Child Care practitioners. Meet on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month in Ft. Kent at rotating locations, 6-8 pm.
Gorham (Cumberland County)	Diane Hancock	<p>(207) 560-7325 <a href="mailto:diane.hancock@maine.edu">diane.hancock@maine.edu</a></p>	Center based and Family Child Care practitioners. Meet on 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at Gorham Arts Alliance, 34 School Street, Gorham from 6:30-8:30pm.
Greater Portland Directors (Cumberland County)	Diane Hancock (until June)	<p>(207) 560-7325 <a href="mailto:diane.hancock@maine.edu">diane.hancock@maine.edu</a></p>	Center based Directors. Usually meets on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at Northeast Hearing & Speech, Portland from 2:00-4:00 pm.
Greater Portland Infant/Toddler (Cumberland County)	Jennifer Maeverde (until June)	<p>(207) 581-1382 <a href="mailto:jennifer.maeverde@maine.edu">jennifer.maeverde@maine.edu</a></p>	Center based and Family Child Care practitioners focus on Infants and Toddlers. Meet on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at Goldman Family Preschool at the Jewish Community Alliance in Portland from 6:30-8:30pm.

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Greater Portland Preschool (Cumberland County)	Diane Hancock	(207) 560-7325 <a href="mailto:diane.hancock@maine.edu">diane.hancock@maine.edu</a>	Preschool Age Child Care practitioners. Meet on the last Monday of the month at rotating locations from 4:30 to between 7-8 pm.
Farmington (Franklin County)	Erika Neal	(207) 242-0504 <a href="mailto:erika.neal@maine.edu">erika.neal@maine.edu</a>	Center based and Family Child Care practitioners. Usually meets on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at rotating locations. Farmington, Jay, Wilton and Carrabassett Valley.
Ellsworth (Hancock County)	Jamie Spencer	(207) 956-3066 <a href="mailto:jamie.l.spencer@maine.edu">jamie.l.spencer@maine.edu</a>	Center based and Family Child Care practitioners. Meet on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the UMA Ellsworth Center, 248 State Street – Suite 1, Ellsworth from 6-8pm.
Augusta (Kennebec County)	Robin Holman	(207) 956-2410 <a href="mailto:robin.holman@maine.edu">robin.holman@maine.edu</a>	Center based and Family Child Care practitioners. Meet on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Muskie School of Public Service, 12 East Chestnut Street, Augusta, from 6-8 pm.
Augusta – Out-of-School Time (OST) (Kennebec County)	Robin Holman	(207) 956-2410 <a href="mailto:robin.holman@maine.edu">robin.holman@maine.edu</a>	Out-of-School Time Child Care practitioners. Meet on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at Buker Community Center, 22 Armory St, Augusta, Maine from 10-12 am.
Rockland (Knox County)	Lee Lingelbach	(207) 233-5821 <a href="mailto:lee.lingelbach@maine.edu">lee.lingelbach@maine.edu</a>	Center based and Family Child Care practitioners. Meet on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 6-8 pm. Location rotates among participants at their childcare centers.
Oxford (Oxford County)	Michael Sandberg	(207) 865-6212 <a href="mailto:misand47@aol.com">misand47@aol.com</a>	Center based and Family Child Care practitioners. Meet on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Oxford SACC, 301 Weber Brook Rd. Oxford from 6:15-8:15pm.

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Brewer (Penobscot County)	Jamie Spencer	(207) 956-3066 <a href="mailto:jamie.l.spencer@maine.edu">jamie.l.spencer@maine.edu</a>	Center based and Family Child Care practitioners. Meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at Brewer Community Center, Brewer from 6-8 pm.
Dover-Foxcroft (Piscataquis County)	Robin Holman	(207) 956-2410 <a href="mailto:robin.holman@maine.edu">robin.holman@maine.edu</a>	Center based, Family Child Care and Out-of-School time practitioners. Meet on rotating Saturdays at Mayo Regional Hospital from 8 - 11 am.
Bath (Sagadahoc County)	Lee Lingelbach	(207) 233-5821 <a href="mailto:lee.lingelbach@maine.edu">lee.lingelbach@maine.edu</a>	Center based and Family Child Care practitioners. Meet on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Midcoast Maine Community Action 34 Wing Farm Pkwy, Bath from 6-8pm.
Skowhegan (Somerset County)	Robin Holman	(207) 956-2410 <a href="mailto:robin.holman@maine.edu">robin.holman@maine.edu</a>	Center based and Family Child Care practitioners. Meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Somerset Community Call Center, 8 County Road, Skowhegan, from 6-8 pm.
Family Child Care (Statewide Online)	Tammy Dwyer	(207) 956-2937 <a href="mailto:tammy.dwyer@maine.edu">tammy.dwyer@maine.edu</a>	Family Child Care practitioners - in partnership with Family Child Care Association of Maine (FCCAM). Meet the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month via phone or video conference from 6:00-8:00 pm. <b>Go here to register:</b> <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/ONH8uVQ1kUWPKBqq2">https://goo.gl/forms/ONH8uVQ1kUWPKBqq2</a>
First Steps to Family Child Care (Statewide Online)	Tammy Dwyer	(207) 956-2937 <a href="mailto:tammy.dwyer@maine.edu">tammy.dwyer@maine.edu</a>	For practitioners who are interested in or planning to open a Family Child Care as well as those who have a new Family Child Care (licensed for 6 months or less). Meet the 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of the month via phone or video conference from 6-8 pm. <b>Go here to register:</b> <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/RCMWed8kVSAUrLoH3">https://goo.gl/forms/RCMWed8kVSAUrLoH3</a>

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Belfast (Waldo County)	Lee Lingelbach	(207) 233-5821 <a href="mailto:lee.lingelbach@maine.edu">lee.lingelbach@maine.edu</a>	Center based and Family Child Care practitioners. Meet on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 6-8 pm. Group meets at a different area program each month.
Calais (Washington County)	Theresa Fisk	(207) 956-2070 <a href="mailto:theresa.fisk@maine.edu">theresa.fisk@maine.edu</a>	Center based and Family Child Care practitioners. Meet on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Washington County Community College, One College Drive, Calais, from 6-8pm.
Machias (Washington County)	Theresa Fisk	(207) 956-2070 <a href="mailto:theresa.fisk@maine.edu">theresa.fisk@maine.edu</a>	Center based, Family Child Care, and Out-of-School time practitioners. Meet on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at the University of Maine at Machias, Torrey Hall – Room 228, from 6-8pm.
York/Cumberland County	Tammy Dwyer & Diane Hancock	(207) 956-2937 <a href="mailto:tammy.dwyer@maine.edu">tammy.dwyer@maine.edu</a>  (207) 560-7325 <a href="mailto:diane.hancock@maine.edu">diane.hancock@maine.edu</a>	Center based and Family Child Care practitioners. Meet on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Bonney Memorial Library, 36 Main Street, Cornish from 6-8pm.
Kennebunk - Saco (York County)	Tammy Dwyer	(207) 956-2937 <a href="mailto:tammy.dwyer@maine.edu">tammy.dwyer@maine.edu</a>	Center based and Family Child Care practitioners. Meet on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 20 Rosewood Drive, Saco from 6-8 pm.
Kittery (York County)	Michael Sandberg	(207) 865-6212 <a href="mailto:misand47@aol.com">misand47@aol.com</a>	Center based and Family Child Care practitioners. Meet on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month usually at Traip Academy in Kittery on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 6-8 pm.