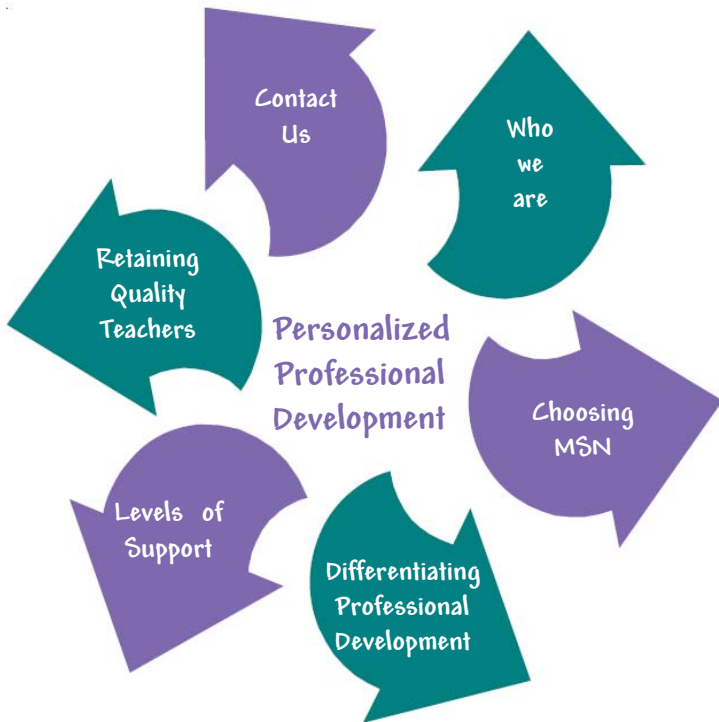


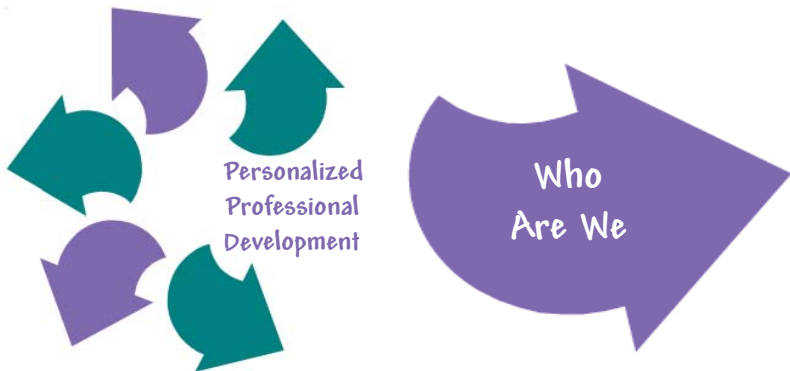
MAINE SUPPORT NETWORK



"If we are committed to making sure that no child is left behind, school districts across the country will need to develop successful strategies both to support new teachers and to keep veteran teachers in place."

Alliance for Excellent Education, 2002

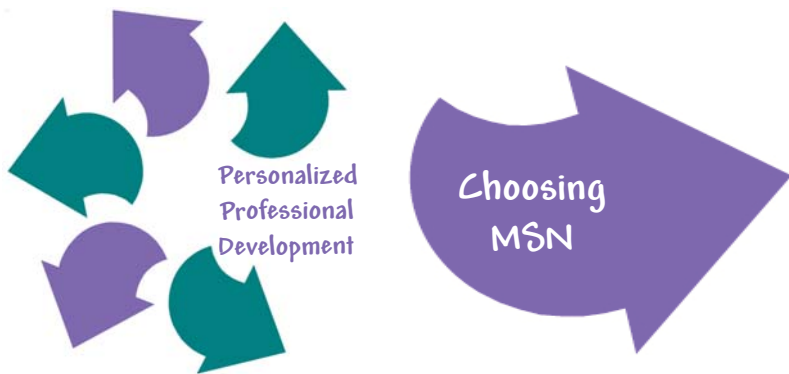
CELEBRATING AND SUPPORTING MAINE LEARNING COMMUNITIES



The Maine Support Network provides a wide variety of technical assistance, support and professional development focused on children and youth with disabilities. Since 1986, we have sponsored more than fifty events serving more than 3000 educators, parents, youth, and professionals across the state every year. Our goal is to support learning and high aspirations for all students, with an emphasis on students with disabilities and special health care needs. We bring new ideas based on research, creativity, innovation, and fun to Support Network activities using Celebratory Learning attributes in all of our work. Most importantly, the Support Network provides educators, parents and policy makers with opportunities to form rewarding collegial relationships and share expertise, new and emerging best practice to inform their work, policy and practice. Many of our professional development and technical assistance activities are designed to retain teachers, especially special education teachers to assure that all Maine students achieve to high standards.

We work to build and support learning communities locally, regionally and statewide. We conduct workshops and seminars throughout the State, host an annual retreat for educators at the Samoset Resort every February, and work collaboratively with state agencies, parent, advocacy and professional organizations serving children, youth and adults with disabilities. We are a founding member and fiscal agent for the Maine Consortium for Professional and Parent Development. We maintain an interactive web site, a statewide listserv of educators numbering in excess of 1000 members and a lending library of educational materials and resources.

The Maine Support Network is also host to the Partnership of Partnerships (POP). The goal of POP is to deepen and broaden an infrastructure that will sustain Maine's network of state and regional partnerships. The acronym POP accurately describes the burst of ideas and creativity that surfaces when Maine's partners gather to discuss issues and priorities that promote high standards of learning for all students. POP members reach out directly to schools in their regions to provide diverse professional development activities, share best practices, materials and expertise.



Maine Support Network is committed to delivering services that will:



Meet your local needs for scheduling, location and content;



Use local data as a basis for professional development;



Work with local design teams;



Align professional development to your district's comprehensive plan or school grants;



Turn your professional development into a celebratory learning opportunity; and



Award your staff clock hours, H.O.U.S.S.E. points and/or university credit.

"The Network has been the organization for which I always save my professional development time."

Educational Technician



Classroom Practice

Ongoing and over time professional development opportunities provided onsite to enhance the practice of teaching, learning, and assessments for all learners.

Networking

Building and supporting networks of educators and schools to share and promote effective practices.

Statewide Conference

Building capacity and networks by disseminating tools, processes, practices and strategies for effective classrooms.

Community Connections

Ongoing development of local capacity to create knowledgeable communities supporting the success of all learners.

Consultation/TA

Onsite consultation/technical assistance individually designed and scheduled to promote effective practice, organizational design and community connections.

Other Possible Learning Venues



Mini Courses



Dine & Discuss



Professional Communities of Learning



Institutes or Academies



Learning Seminars



Courses (Live, Online, & Phone)



Coaching for Instructional Improvement

“The Network is responsive to requests and needs of educators like no other organization.”

Administrator



Maine Support Network is available to work with schools and organizations on a wide variety of topics, some of which are listed below. We can design innovative and exciting professional development and capacity building activities on a myriad of topics critical to assuring that you and your staff are the best that you can be! If you don't see something in which you are interested, please contact us and we'll be glad to design opportunities to meet your needs.

- Alternative Education Designs
- Applied Collaboration
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Brain Based Learning
- Brain Gym®
- Bullying Prevention
- Celebratory Learning
- Classroom Management
- Co-Teaching in the Regular Classroom
- Coaching for: College Access, Leadership Team, Professional Development Team
- ConnectEdu
- Critical Thinking & Learning Strategies
- Designing Personalized Professional Development for Your School
- Differentiating Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
- Educational Technicians Professional Development
- Evidence-Based Practices
- Exploring Creative Arts
- Incorporating Learning Standards Into Content Areas
- Leadership Planning for Systems Change
- Literacy in the Content Areas
- Literacy Strategies
- Mediation for Schools and Parents
- Meeting Facilitation
- Mentor Training
- Multiple Intelligences
- Myers Briggs Personality Type Indicator
- Personalized Alternate Assessment (PAAP)
- Personalized Bus Driver Trainings
- Personalized Learning Plans
- Phonics and Phonemic Awareness
- Positive Behavior Supports
- Resources and Workshops for Families
- Response To Intervention (RTI)
- Scholarship/Application Writing
- Secondary School Improvement
- S.P.I.R.E. Training
- Student Led Conferences
- Student Led Individual Education Plans (IEPs)
- Strategies to Improve the Writing Process
- Sustaining Math Achievement
- Teaching Tolerance
- Transition Planning
- Universal Design: Building in Access to Learning through Technology
- Woodcock Johnson III Training
- Youth Leadership Development



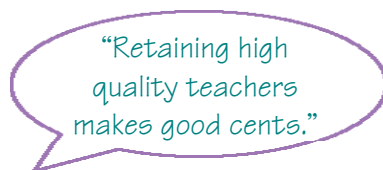
Student achievement is connected to teacher retention. Saders & Rivers (1996) found that the most critical factor related to student achievement is the consistency of receiving instruction from high quality teachers.

Teachers are being called upon to work in new ways with ever changing guidelines and strict accountability for student outcomes.

The need for effective strategies to recruit and retain quality teachers has never been higher.

Teachers remain when they receive essential professional supports: support from school leadership; organizational structures and workplace conditions that convey respect and value for them; and induction and mentoring programs for new and experienced teachers.

Investing in resources that effectively address the reason for teacher attrition increases the likelihood that a high quality teacher will stay in the field.



Superintendent



To request services or to design personalized professional development call (207) 685-3171 or email office@mainesupportnetwork.org

For professional development ideas visit www.mainesupportnetwork.org
Click on Calendar & at the bottom Past Events

Possible Funding Sources

One source of funding for assistance in planning recruitment and retention initiatives and staff development is Title II of the NCLB Act.

Collaborate on a grant with the Maine Support Network. We will help you write it.

“I look forward to Network events knowing that information will be based on most recent developments in the field.”

K-12 Educator

Request Form

I would like the Maine Support Network to contact me to discuss planning individualized staff development for my school or organization.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____



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Maine Support Network Over Time Personalized Professional Development Options and Fees

Plan A: Keynote

Please contact us for a list of topics and/or we can personalize a fun, exciting, celebratory presentation to fit your needs.

_____ Keynote - 2 hours \$1200.00* plus travel

Plan B: Workshops/Seminars

Customized professional development to meet building, district or regional need.

_____ Half day \$600.00* plus travel & \$4.00 per participant materials fee

_____ Full day \$1200.00* plus travel & \$4.00 per participant materials fee

Plan C: Topical Series

Customized professional development to meet building, district or regional need.

_____ Three days \$3000* plus travel & \$4.00 per participant materials fee

Plan D: Onsite or Virtual Consultation/Technical Assistance

Onsite or virtual consultation/technical assistance individually designed and scheduled to meet your needs.

_____ Negotiated based on need.

If two or more presenters are needed, the fee for each additional presenter will be half of the original presenter fee.

* For Out of State daily rate for events add \$1,000.

* For Out of Country daily rate for events add \$2,000.

* Prices above include planning and preparation prior to event (face to face meetings, conference calls and emails.)

