

# The Maine Developmental Disabilities Network consists of four partners who have unique, although complementary roles in promoting self-determination, independence, productivity, and inclusion in all facets of community life.



The **University of Maine Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies** is Maine's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). Centers work closely with people with disabilities, families, state and local government agencies, community providers and others on projects providing interdisciplinary education, training, technical assistance, service, research and information sharing.

## UCEDD

University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

The **Maine Developmental Disabilities Council (MDDC)** is a partnership of people with disabilities, their families, and public and governmental agencies which promotes and advocates for equal opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities to participate in every aspect of community life.

## DD Council

Developmental Disabilities Council

## P & A

Protection & Advocacy

**Disability Rights Maine (DRM)** provides individuals with information about their rights and service systems, and represents individuals at meetings and hearings by providing legal services to individuals and groups. In addition, DRM works for systemic change and offers trainings on individual rights and developing advocacy skills. DRM also acts as a referral service for individuals that they are unable to directly assist.

## Speaking Up for Us

**Speaking Up For Us (SUFU)** is a statewide organization run by and for people who live with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). SUFU's members, through extensive work, learn how to effectively problem-solve to ensure control over their lives. SUFU's mission is to create new opportunities for adults living with I/DD to discover their abilities, exercise freedom, and contribute to their communities.

