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 (CCIDS) is part of a national network of university centers congressionally authorized under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000. CCIDS conducts interdisciplinary education, research, and community engagement activities to positively affect the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families throughout Maine and beyond.

UCEDD
University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities

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.

Maine’s Self-Advocacy Network
Self-advocates speaking up for themselves

Speaking Up For Us (SUFU) is a statewide coalition of self-advocates working to support local and statewide organizations to network with each other and with national organizations. SUFU’s mission:

• To help self-advocates keep in contact with each other.
• To assure proper supports for self-advocates and self-advocacy groups in Maine.
• To help people know their rights.
• To support self-advocates to speak up for their rights.