

# BREAKING BARRIERS

## Recent Events

- In March, UCP of Maine sent out an agency survey to get feedback on the services we provide.
- Staff are currently training in CPP, Nurturing Parenting, ABA, and TFCBT
- In March, UCP of Maine gained "Go Live" access to HealthInfoNet.
- On April 1st, UCP of Maine Behavioral Health Homes Staff presented at the annual Quality Counts conference on two subjects; Trauma and physical illness and the BHH Model at UCP of Maine.
- On April 3rd, Jeanne Riese, Social Services Designee at ELC, accepted the position of Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional. ELC is advertising for a new Social Services Designee.

## UCP of Maine *SPOTLIGHT*



In March 2015, Andrew Cassidy left his position as Director of Finance and Administrative Services at UCP of Maine to begin his new duties as Administrator of the Elizabeth Levinson Center (ELC), a division of UCP of Maine.

When asked why he decided to take on this vastly different job within the same company, Andrew responded that he preferred a management position in which he could have a more hands-on role and believes he will have that at ELC.

He is certainly no stranger to such a position. He is the former Executive Director of a retirement community in Blue Hill where he was also the Administrator of an eight-bed residential care unit. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Maine and a Master's Degree in Business from Husson.

When not at ELC, Andrew spends his time with Joy, his wife of 10 years, and his two sons, Roman (8) and Tucker (5). Andrew also has a 21-year-old son, Brandon, who travels the country as a flight attendant.

## Upcoming Events

- The Spring Dance for Adults will be on Friday, April 17th, from 7-9PM at the William S. Cohen School. Admission is a \$2 donation.
- UCP of Maine will be at Husson University at the Job Fair on April 28th from 2-5pm.
- In May, ELC will hold the annual Spring Fling for residents and their families.

## Dear UCP of Maine

Dear UCP of Maine:

I always thought you provided services to kids with cerebral palsy, but then one of my friends told me she is getting services for her child with autism to work on social skills – who DO you provide services to?

-Interested But Confused

Dear Interested But Confused:

We provide services for a large range of clients with a variety of individual needs. From toddlers to school-aged children to teens to adults, we provide behavioral support in home, community, or office-based settings, as well as a variety of other services. While we do provide services to some individuals with medical needs, there are many other populations that we serve as well. Feel free to give us a call or send us an e-mail to get more detailed information!

Sincerely, UCP of Maine

## Client Activities



Dear UCP of Maine:

I am looking for a job during my last year of college. Do you have any programs that I would be eligible to work in?

-UMaine Student

Dear UMaine Student:

There are several programs you would be qualified to work in during your last year of college! You could provide support to children in their homes & communities through our RCS program, provide academic and behavioral support to our preschoolers in the Bridges program, you could work with adults helping with daily living and job skills as a DSP, or you could contact HR for information about internships. Many of our programs offer part-time or full-time hours and the flexibility needed for students.

Sincerely, UCP of Maine

## Note from Scott Tash, CEO



60 Years! Much has changed in the last 6 decades, and UCP of Maine is no exception. We have grown from a concerned group of parents advocating for children with cerebral palsy to a nationally-affiliated behavioral and developmental

health organization providing support services to children, adults, and families in Maine. We are excited to be a leader in developing programs that target integrated care needs, allowing us to collaborate with clients, families, and providers, while engaging community resources to enrich people's lives.

Within this newsletter you'll find exciting information about what UCP of Maine is doing, success stories and future events and we hope you'll find the information both useful and entertaining. Some great work has been accomplished and new challenges are on the horizon. I am proud to be part of an organization with such highly skilled, dedicated employees who continue to make a difference every day and into the future!

Share your UCP of Maine story:  
[office@ucpofmaine.org](mailto:office@ucpofmaine.org)

## Early Start Denver Model (ESDM)

UCP of Maine is excited to announce a partnership with Child Development Services (CDS) and the University of Maine to provide services using the Early Start Denver Model! ESDM is an early intervention program designed to promote language, learning, and engagement for young children 12-48 months of age with autism spectrum disorders. The three primary goals of the ESDM include:

1. Bringing the child into social relationships,
2. Following the child's lead when socially engaging the child, and
3. Developing play activities to support a child's learning.



For more information on the Early Start Denver Model in Maine, contact the Maine Autism Institute for Education and Research at 207-581-2352 or [maineautisminstitute@maine.edu](mailto:maineautisminstitute@maine.edu) and visit the website for additional information: [maineautisminstitute.org](http://maineautisminstitute.org).

## 5 Things You Might Not Know About UCP of Maine

1. UCP of Maine was first incorporated on November 9, 1954, under the name "United Cerebral Palsy of Penobscot County" and did not change its name to "United Cerebral Palsy of Northeastern Maine" until February 20, 1957.
2. UCP of Maine was first established to promote the welfare of persons with cerebral palsy. Our trained professionals serve over 1500 individuals annually through a variety of programs that target their integrated care needs. UCP of Maine demonstrates evidence-based and team-oriented care by collaborating with clients, families, and providers and by engaging community resources to empower the people we serve to lead healthy lives.
3. UCP of Maine currently employs 215 qualified staff members; 15 of which hold management positions; 19 hold various support staff positions; and the rest (181) provide direct care services.
4. UCP of Maine is divided into 11 departments.
5. UCP of Maine contributed over \$6.5 million in gross payroll to the Maine economy in 2014.



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