

Recent Events

- UCP's Annual Spring Dance for the adult services community was held on April 12th and had over 80 in attendance!
- ELC held their annual Spring Fling for residents, families, and staff on April 27th. This year's theme was Pirate!
- Bridges staff participated in the 17th annual Walk for Autism on April 28th. The walk raised \$53,740 for the Maine Autism Society.

Upcoming Events

- Bridges Graduation: August 23rd
- ELC Fall Frolic: September
- DSP Week: September 8th – 14th
- Environmental Svcs Week: Sept 8th – 14th

Bridges to Hold Annual Graduation in August



On Friday, August 23, 2019 UCP of Maine's Early Childhood Education Program, Bridges, will be holding its annual graduation for students moving onto kindergarten and/or mainstream schooling. Andrea Richards, Director of Early Childhood Services for UCP of Maine, recently shared "This is such an exciting time for our students and their families. We have the chance to look at the

progress the students have made since starting at Bridges, which for some children is 2 or 3 years. We see some children enter our program without language, unable to sit for an activity, and leave able to play games with their friends and speak in full sentences. The progress and accomplishments that come from early intervention services is truly life changing."



UCP Receives Grant from the Elizabeth Woodward Means Trust

UCP of Maine is pleased to announce it has received a \$15,000 grant from the Elizabeth Woodward Means Trust. These funds will be used to support the purchase and implementation of an updated security system for our early childhood education program, Bridges in the Brewer location. The Bridges program is a center-based

education program for toddlers and preschoolers who require individualized support for a variety of reasons, including behavioral, motor, sensory or social needs. The program also has access to a variety of consultants in areas including behavioral, speech and occupational therapy. The children in our program work on all of these needs while participating in age-appropriate activities both with peers and individually, including art, music & movement, outdoor play and circle time, snack and table activities.

The Bridges program has a security plan that is always being reviewed and updated. Andrea Richards, Director of Early Childhood Services for UCP of Maine, shared "This grant allows us to take the next step in our plan to enhance security by installing a

video and buzzer entry system, among other security updates. These efforts will help provide a safer environment for all of our clients and staff as well as parents, siblings, and other caregivers who enter our building for meetings or drop-offs. Last year we received this grant for our Bangor location and it has made a major difference. We are very excited to be able to implement it at our other location."

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Spring Activities Recap

UCP of Maine's Annual Spring Dance presented by the Board of Directors was held on Friday, April 12, at the William S. Cohen School located on 304 Garland Street in Bangor. Andrew Lohman, Marketing and Community Relations Manager for UCP of Maine, shared "This is the most rewarding event we do throughout the year. We invited all adults living with physical and intellectual disabilities, in the community and at our partner agencies, to come out and enjoy a wonderful evening. At the event, attendees enjoyed dancing and music from DJ Jeff Bosse, free refreshments, door prizes and much more!"

The Elizabeth Levinson Center held their Biannual Yard Sale on May 18. Along with the yard sale they also sold baked goods made by staff and community members. Andrew Cassidy, Director of Long Term Care Services for UCP of Maine and administrator

for the Elizabeth Levinson Center, shared "We raised \$950 and all of the proceeds from this event went to UCP of Maine's Elizabeth Levinson Center resident benefit fund. The fund is used to help residents purchase items that are needed and not covered under MaineCare such as new clothes, school supplies, birthday presents, and hair cuts."

On Sunday, April 28, UCP of Maine's early childhood education program, Bridges, participated in the Autism Society of Maine's 17th Annual Walk for Autism at the University of Maine in Bangor. Andrea Richards, Director of Early Childhood Services for UCP of Maine, shared "The Bridges program has been participating in the walk for several years now. It gives us an opportunity outside of the workplace



to show support for the families we serve and help raise money for the Autism Society of Maine. Over half of the students who attend our program have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, so we feel a real sense of community when we are involved in events supporting autism."

Pumpkins in the Park Looking for Volunteers



Our 17th annual trick-or-treating event is growing and we need some helping hands. Whether it's assisting with setup, selling tickets, supervising kids in the bounce house, painting faces, keeping traffic flowing, making popcorn, or working the photo booth. Pumpkins in the Park is only possible with the kindness and support of our volunteers.

This year's event will be held on Sunday, October 20th from Noon to 5pm at the Anah Shriners on 1404 Broadway in Bangor. Your help would be appreciated at any point throughout the day.

If interested, please contact Jon Smith at 941-2952 ext. 218 to sign up and for more info.

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Logan McCarthy, LCPC
Home & Community Treatment (HCT)

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