

# BREAKING BARRIERS

Spring  
2022



## UCP of Maine to Open New Infant/Toddler Classroom, an Extension of the Bridges, Early Childhood Education Program

UCP of Maine is excited to announce the brand new Infant/Toddler classroom and program within the Bridges department. The new classroom, located in Evergreen Woods on Mt. Hope Ave. in Bangor, is currently accepting referrals and once full, will serve up to eight children ages 10 weeks to 18 months. The program will officially start on July 5th and will be open Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 4:30pm. Andrea Richards, Director of Early Childhood Services for UCP of Maine recently shared, "We are so excited



Room Staff: Jodie Beal, Mike Hambrock, and Mikala Hayes

for this new classroom! It is an important part of our vision to provide a high-quality learning environment to children of all abilities. We have a unique opportunity to provide individualized adult support for children with physical, developmental, or medical needs. The teachers will use a wonderful research-based curriculum, Experience Early Learning." For more information and to set up a tour, contact Child and Family Services Manager, Jodie Beal at 207-941-2952 x201 or [jodie.beal@ucpofmaine.org](mailto:jodie.beal@ucpofmaine.org)

## UCP of Maine Spring Happenings 2022



ELC kitchen staff, Barbara Rozelle on her last day



Bridges celebrating Week of the Young Child



ELC resident at Northern Solstice Alpaca Farm



Staff and families at the Walk for Autism

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# Program Highlight: Rehabilitative and Community Supports - RCS

Rehabilitative and Community Supports (RCS) is a skill-building program for children with a variety of disabilities. This service focuses primarily on improving social skills, increasing independence with daily and life skills and how to safely regulate behavior.

Our goal is to keep families together by increasing the child's level of functioning and skill development while decreasing maladaptive behaviors.

A Behavioral Health Professional (BHP) provides direct care, one-to-one service in the child's home and/or in the community; depending on the need of each child.

Each child is assessed by a coordinator, followed by a meeting with the family in their home or at the agency. After discussing the child's assessments and reviewing all services the child and family are receiving, the team develops a quarterly plan of care for the child.

The plan of care includes the child's and family's long and short-term goals for a three-month period. It also includes the recommended number of service hours. During each session, our staff work with the child to meet his or her goals and objectives. At the end of each quarter, a treatment team meeting is called and the data is reviewed to measure progress. Based on team discussion, the treatment plan may be modified at this time.

These services are offered to families with children between the ages of 0 to 21 years old, living in Hancock, Piscataquis, Penobscot, and Northern Waldo counties.

*Please continue reading for a testimonial from, 24-year RCS staff member, Jayson Clough!*

**1. What skills or attributes do you embody that help you succeed in your role at UCP?**  
First and foremost, I treat the families with dignity and respect. I truly try to understand

them and build on their positive qualities. Once this foundation is built, you can move on to the goals that are more difficult. Build trust early, move mountains later. That has always been my goal. Just to make a family better for knowing me. I learn as much or more from the families I work with as they do me.

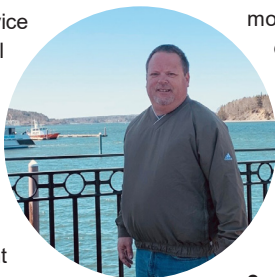
## **2. How does UCP contribute to making the community a better place?**

The foundation UCP is built on is commitment. Training and supervision have been helpful in understanding our main goal which is: provide the families opportunities to have a positive

mainstream environment within the homes, schools, communities, etc. An equal balance and common ground philosophy to be kind and respectful to one another.

## **3. What is it about UCP that keeps you with us, as opposed to going to work somewhere else?**

As a longtime and proud employee of UCP, I can always say it's the other people in the organization that keep me here. I'm committed and proud to be part of a great team. Everybody treats each other with so much respect for who they are at UCP. This has been an outstanding organization for as long as I have been there. The foundation has always been bringing the best out of each other.



## **FIND LITTLE AL!**

Since Al Sowa is such a familiar face around UCP of Maine, we have this fun little game called: "Find Little Al" See if you can find him!

# Need a change!?

Want to **love** your job as much as this dog **loves** wearing a turtleneck shirt?

Work in rewarding fields such as early childhood education, in-home and community supports, and nursing care. UCP of Maine offers great opportunities with a good work life balance, flexible scheduling, clinical supervision, and a comprehensive benefits package!


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