

**Department of Public Safety
Additional Information for CJPS Committee**

Restorative practices, restorative justice, preventative efforts, public health, and diversion efforts the Maine Public Safety personnel are currently dedicated to, and involved in:

Child Death and Serious Injury Review panel meetings - monthly

The panel provides a multidisciplinary, comprehensive case review of child fatalities and serious injuries to children in order to promote prevention, to improve present systems, and to foster education to both professionals and the general public. The panel strives to collect facts and to provide opinions and articulate them in a fashion that promotes change.

Crisis Intervention (CIT) through NAMI District Meetings – 2 meetings a month for each of the 8 Districts

CIT focuses on raising mental health awareness and providing support and education. The committee collects data based on calls for service to determine what types of mental health services are needed and or provided.

Drug Court (Alternative Sentencing Programs) - 2 hours every other week

Drug court is an intensely supervised alternative sentencing program for convicted offenders. Drug court has a selection process and a program that convicted offenders must successfully complete as a diversion program.

Interstate Compact for Juvenile Statewide Council (ICJ) – 6 hours to date in 2021

ICJ is a multi-State agreement that provides the procedural means to regulate the movement across State lines of juveniles who are under court supervision, have a pending court proceeding as an accused delinquent, neglected, or dependent juvenile and run away to another State.

Maine Children’s Trust – (Elected Member) – 36 hours each year

The Maine Children’s Trust is a statutorily created non-profit organization whose mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect in the State of Maine.

The Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MECASA) -40 hours each year

MECASA is a coalition organized to end sexual violence and to support high quality sexual violence prevention and response within Maine communities through training and education.

Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention (MCEAP) – 200+ hours each year

The MCEAP is a counsel committed to the education and prevention of elder abuse in Maine. Educated communities are empowered communities: learning the warning signs of elder abuse and where to go for help are important first steps in community education and elder abuse prevention.

Maine Elder Death Analysis Review (MEDART) team meetings - Quarterly

MEDART is a multi-disciplinary team that meets to review selected cases to identify the effectiveness of the systems put in place to protect victims. Adjustments and improvements are discussed. MEDART seeks to foster system change through recommendations aimed at improving the system for protecting persons from abuse and neglect, including modifications of statutes, rules, training, policies and procedures.

Maine Housing Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP) – 1.5 hours/week

The YHDP is a 3.5 million-dollar grant project to identify local non-profits that can assist with Youth Homelessness especially in rural communities. Once the funds are awarded, participation will be reduced to probably once a month. This is a 2-year project.

Maine Justice for Children Task Force (“the Task Force”) – Annual Meeting

The Task Force is a collaborative, multidisciplinary task force that meets annually and was created to improve safety, permanency, and well-being for children in the State of Maine child welfare system.

Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG) – 50 hours each year

JJAG’s goal is to advise and make recommendations to state policy makers and to promote effective system level responses that further the goals of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

Maine Safe Sleep Coalition – 12 hours a year

The Maine Safe Sleep Coalition is a statewide, multidisciplinary group that advocates for the prevention of unsafe sleep related to infant deaths in Maine.

MIAC Public Health Analyst – 45 hours each week

Fulltime analyst- MIAC has a strong partnership with the CDC Foundation as part of their overdose response strategy. The CDC’s main focus is prevention, treatment and education through information sharing rather than enforcement mechanisms.

National Compact Council – 200 hours each year

Representatives from all states deal with the use of criminal justice information for non-criminal purposes. They address privacy, restorative justice (sealing and expungement).

National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics (SEARCH) – 120 hours a year

Maine State Police has personnel on the board of directors. SEARCH's primary objective has been to identify and help solve the information management problems of state and local justice agencies confronted with the need to exchange information with other local agencies, state agencies, agencies in other states, or with the federal government. There is an overlap with the Compact Council in many ways and this group often works with non-profits directly dealing with justice reform and statistics.

Open Justice Broker – A subsidiary of SEARCH – 40 hours a year

Maine Public Safety has a representative that chairs the Board of Directors and is actively involved in a research project curating data for statistical analysis purposes that will contribute to restorative justice practices.

Oxford County Domestic Violence Task Force – Monthly meetings

The Task Force, the DA's Office, Law Enforcement, and Safe Voices discuss better ways to provide services to victims, part of which is ensuring victims are regularly and routinely checked on.

Period of Purple Crying -Maine Coalition – 6 hours each year

The Period of Purple Crying -Maine Coalition is a statewide, multidisciplinary group whose mission is to educate caregivers and prevent such child abuse in the State of Maine.

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) and Project Guardian – 5 hours a week

The foundations of the PSN strategy are community based to fit specific violent crime problems in each district. PSN is targeted and uses law enforcement and community intelligence to identify the most violent offenders and directs the US Attorneys to support prevention and re-entry strategies to help combat violent crime.

Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine (SASSMM) – 80 hours a year

SASSMM provides a wide variety of prevention and response services as it relates to Sexual Assault. Some of the services they provide are education and training for local agencies and organizations, in-person and online peer support groups, free private advocates, and information and referrals to different resources.

Understanding and Addressing the Drivers of Infant Mortality in Maine- 1.5 hour onetime event (Informant for the State of Maine study)

The Maine State Police represented one of 34 key informants assisting with an extensive study that was designed to identify possible solutions to Maine's elevated Infant mortality rate (7.1 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, which exceeded the U.S. rate of 6.0). Informants for the study were selected due to their

experience and expertise in clinical practices, child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, and substance abuse.

Waldo County Restorative Justice Program – 120 hours a year

The Restorative Justice Project Maine promotes justice that is community-based, repairs harm, and creates safety and well-being for all. Our responses to crime and wrongdoing seek renewal and safety in the community, support and healing for victims and accountability and reintegration for offenders.

Weapons Restriction Order Process (Training & Educating others) – 10 hours a week

This is a civil process designed to remove dangerous weapons and firearms from people suffering from a mental health episode until they can get treatment. It is preventative law to aid in treatment and the safety of the person and others.

Additional Public Service Speaking Engagements in hours:

2017 = 1,885
2018 = 2,088
2019 = 1,924
2020 = 477

School Safety Checks in hours:

2017 = 432
2018 = 778
2019 = 397
2020 = 181

Volunteer Efforts – Just to mention a few:

Adolescent mentoring and recreational coaching

Very many officers are involved in mentoring children, talking about life choices, and coaching athletic programs as a preventative effort to keep adolescents engaged in social and recreational athletic programs.

Annual adolescent educational trips

Between 2010 and 2020, one member has conducted eight annual trips to chaperone high school seniors from St. Dominic Academy on a service trip to Mississippi. This trip involves community service work in Mound Bayou, an all-black community founded by African Americans after the civil war. During the trips, the students are escorted on a special side-trip to the infamous and historic Parchman Penitentiary (a prison modeled after a slave plantation) to expose these

students to social justice and racial inequality issues surrounding the death penalty in a state like Mississippi. The students are given the opportunity to see the anachronistic corrections practices, visit the former gas chamber and the current lethal injection houses. They also meet with prisoners to hear their individual stories. This prison is currently slated for closure.

Camp POSTCARD (Police Officers Striving to Create and Reinforce Dreams)

Camp POSTCARD is a free week-long program for Maine kids. Counselors are volunteer Police Officers from across Maine. Sheriffs, Troopers and Municipal Officers all come together to mentor and encourage kids while improving their perceptions of Law Enforcement.

Farm to table food distributions

Mayoral Ad Hoc Committee on Equity and Diversity

The Mayoral Ad Hoc Committee on Equity and Diversity was established for the purpose of advising and making recommendations to the City Council on steps to ensure the City treats all residents and visitors equally and that the City's workforce represents the diversity of our community.

Opioid Overdose Prevention Speaking Engagements – 200 hours a year

A Trooper and his wife provide speaking engagements focusing on opioid overdose prevention and ending the stigma associated with Substance Use Disorder.

Redirect Youth Advisory Board

The Youth Advisory Board discusses topics such as programs to get children involved, field trips, setting up visitation from area public safety members to acclimate the children with good positive interactions with police and firefighters, and interacting with student activities.