

What are the strengths of the SOC? What is going well?

Maine's DHHS provides many children with benefits, including everything from help with food, health insurance, and housing to counseling and 1-on-1 BHP workers. These are much needed services, and help the children who receive them.

What are the current problems and gaps in the SOC?

It would be great if some benefits could be extended to more children. We have many students who could use more social and emotional support, regardless of their socioeconomic status.

What possible solutions do you or your organization think may help the SOC overcome current problems and gaps? What are the best ways for the SOC to improve?

Provide a home-to-school liaison to every school.

Provide schools with free access to a counselor.

Provide parent and child classes on early literacy and numeracy skills.

Provide training to school staff about social/ emotional needs.

To improve, you would need to inject a whole lot of money into Maine's children. They are our most precious resource.

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