



2020 Scope of Work Summary

Maine Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics; Foster Care Committee

Our committee includes providers from each of the three centers in Maine who provide comprehensive evaluations for children coming into the foster care system (PREP Clinic in Waterville, KEY Clinic in Bangor and Spurwink), members of the Office of Child and Family Services, Members of the Maine AAP Board of Directors and the Maine AAP executive director, Dee Kerry.

Chairperson transitioned from Adrienne Carmack, MD, to Andrea Tracy, MD, in March, 2020.

Summary of Activities for 2020

- Monthly meetings, virtual since March, 2020
- Regular attendance and updates from the Medical Director, Adrienne Carmack, MD, and Associate Director, Bobbi Johnson, LMSW, of the Office of Child and Family Services
- Regular attendance of Maine's Chief Child Health Officer, Amy Belisle, MD, MBA
- Regular attendance of Maine AAP leadership, Deborah Hagler, MD

Invited speakers and key discussions:

- Meghan Szylvian, Assistant Attorney General, Child Protection Division
- Christine Theriault, LMSW, Families First Prevention Services Program Manager
- Travis Bryant, Executive Director of Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine, Inc. and The Kinship Program
- COVID-19 pandemic sharing impact, adaptations, and support
- Conference sharing among partners
- Related Grants in Maine include MOM, NCTSM and ASHEW

Plans for 2021 include speaker on Plan of Safe Care, continued efforts toward standardization, broadening representation, partnering with the state, and advocacy work.