



Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities

## **2022–2023 PD Series: Teach4ME–207 for New Special Education Teachers**

**Description:** MADSEC is pleased to announce a year-long professional development series for new special education teachers in Maine. In collaboration with distinguished special educators and the MaineDOE Special Educator Engagement, Development & Support (SEEDS) program, we have developed a series of six mini sessions to focus on priority topics for new special educators. Each session will target a specific priority topic with a 15–20 mini presentation to provide background knowledge and valuable information to attendees and then a follow-up discussion/collaboration period for the remainder of the session. Strategies, tips, tools, and resources will also be shared with attendees. Our intent and hope is that new special education teachers will gain valuable information and resources to assist them in their teaching career while also networking and connecting with others across the state to best serve our Maine students with disabilities.

**Open to:** This PD Series is designed solely for **new special education teachers** who are certified (emergency, conditional or professional) through Maine DOE, are currently teaching special education in a state-approved Maine school, and have 5 years or less of special education teaching experience.

**Dates:** Tuesdays: October 18, November 15, January 17, February 14, March 21 & May 16

**Time:** 3:00–4:15pm

**Location:** Virtually via Zoom

**Cost:** \*\$49/person

**Register here:** [Link](#) (\*new teachers who attended the Teach4ME–207 Summer Conference will still need to register but will not be invoiced the registration fee)

**Professional Development Hours:** Contact hours will be provided to attendees at the end of the PD Series for sessions attended

### **Main Presentators/Facilitators:**

Paige Fournier, Special Educator/Instructional Coach, Freeport School District

Angela Wright-Bouffard, Special Educator, Leavitt High School

Jennifer Irish, Consulting Special Education Teacher, Fryburg School District

Valerie Smith, Coordinator of Maine's SEEDS Program

Gay McDonald, Executive Director of MADSEC

*“Every child deserves a champion—an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be”.* –Rita Pierson

Must be registered to attend; cancellations must be submitted in writing at least 10 days prior to the event for refund