



"Children's Mental Health Awareness Month Events"

Monday, May 6th is "Children's Mental Health Awareness" Day

"Suicide Prevention: Strategies that Work" Join us for our kickoff event in collaboration with the Office of Child and Family Services, Children's Behavioral Health Services! Come and hear from our Governor in addition to several Maine family members and youth who will share their heartfelt stories about suicide and resiliency! The Maine Alliance of Family Organizations and children's behavioral health providers from across our state will also be present to offer information how they help support the families and youth in Maine!! **All parents/caregivers and youth please come and join us at this free celebration event!**

May 6th from 9:30 a.m. -12 noon at the "State House Hall of Flags", Augusta

Join us for this FREE screening "The Kids We Lose" with facilitated discussion afterwards with Disability Rights Maine staff!

"The Kids We Lose" is a 90-minute documentary film from Lives In the Balance and Lone Wolf Media about the human side of being a child or student with behavioral challenges, and the struggles faced by parents, educators, staff in facilities, mental health clinicians, and law enforcement professionals in trying to ensure that these kids receive the help they need. **The Kids We Lose** also exposes the often brutal, inhumane ways in which kids with social, emotional, and behavioral challenges are treated in schools, inpatient psychiatry units, residential facilities, and prisons. Their hopelessness, misery, and frustration are palpable. The human toll is hard to fathom. But these are also the most expensive kids in our society. Doing the wrong thing costs a fortune. When we don't help our most vulnerable kids, we all lose. And it's all so counterproductive and unnecessary. **The Kids We Lose** is not primarily about how to solve the problem. It is intended to heighten awareness of the problem and galvanize people to change things for the better. **Not available by Webinar**

May 1, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at Windham High School Performing Arts Center, 406 Gray Rd., Windham

May 8, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital, 99 Campus Ave, Lewiston

May 9, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at Hampden Academy Performing Arts Center, 89 Western Ave. Hampden

May 16, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at Skowhegan High School, 61 Academy Circle, Skowhegan



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