SHARED LIVING (as of March 1, 2014)

The Maine College of Direct Support
Completion of the Maine College of Direct Support (CDS) is required for Direct Support Professionals supporting Maine citizens with intellectual disabilities and replaces the Direct Support Professional (DSP) Curriculum as meeting the training requirements for MaineCare Sections 21 and 29. The Maine CDS certificate is required for anyone providing supports in the shared living model. This includes individuals providing respite for a single Shared Living Provider. Individuals who provide respite for more than one Shared Living Provider or Shared Living Providers interested in working as Direct Support People who obtained their DSP Certificate prior to implementation of CDS are not required to complete the Maine College of Direct Support.

The course consists of 46 online lessons and 11 topics of classroom coursework. The classroom coursework is intended to provide an opportunity for learners to ask questions, share experiences, participate in learning exercises, and generally deepen their knowledge and understanding on a topic covered in the online lessons. Classes cover material above and beyond that which is found in the online material and in which **OADS** feels Direct Support Professionals must demonstrate competency.

For a list of required lessons

Receiving Access to CDS for Shared Living Learners
- Oversight Agencies who have new Shared Living Providers needing training may enter them into the CDS Learning Management System themselves by utilizing the "Shared Living Agency _ SL" Department within their Facility.

- Shared Living Providers or oversight agencies may request the Department to enter them into the system. In this case they should contact Elizabeth "Betsy" Cornwell at Elizabeth.Cornwell@Maine.gov to enroll the Provider in CDS.

- The following information is required to obtain a Learner ID:
  - first and last name
  - date of hire
  - last 4 digits of social security number
  - email address
  - city/town
  - intended oversight agency