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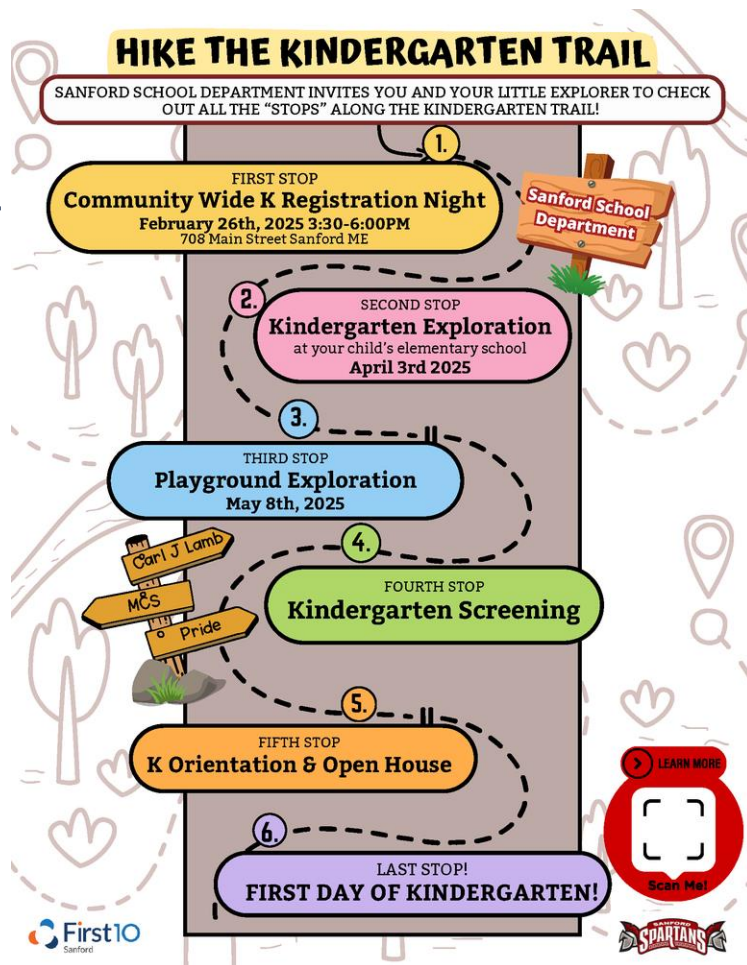
# Cohort 2 Meeting July 16, 2025

**Presented by:** Office of Special Services & Inclusive Education



# Registering Students Engaging Families

- How to engage families during this transition
  - Host a Preschool informational night
    - In person or virtual
    - Learn about the benefits of Preschool
    - Learn about program options
    - Registration Process
    - Contact information
    - Q & A



# Registering Students-Tips and Tools

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- Distribute Flyers- Multilingual
- Social Media
- Local Media
  
- Partner with local Pediatrician or Clinic
- Partner with community organizations
- Participate in local events
- Incentives:
  - Books
  - Backpacks
  - Swag
  - Raffle

# Registering Students-School Processes

- Look at your registration process:
  - Create easy-to-understand registration guides using visuals, step-by-step instructions, and plain language.
  - Translate materials into the most spoken languages in the community.
  - Include a short video tutorial (with subtitles) on how to register and what documents are needed
  - Assistance for multilingual families





## Memorandum of Understanding Meetings

- Scheduled in July and August
- Discussion regarding support and services from MDOE and CDS
- MOU document will be sent to SAU's for review and signature
- MOU signed by Commissioner
- Copy sent to the SAU
- Monthly meetings to review and update as needed
- If there are any changes, a copy sent to the SAU

# Preschool Readiness

Reminder to email the completed  
Preschool Readiness Assessment to  
[Jennifer.L.Hopkins@maine.gov](mailto:Jennifer.L.Hopkins@maine.gov)

## Next steps

- Reviewed by Early Childhood Special Education Team
- Data gathered to inform technical assistance for SAU's
- Commissioner's letter will be sent

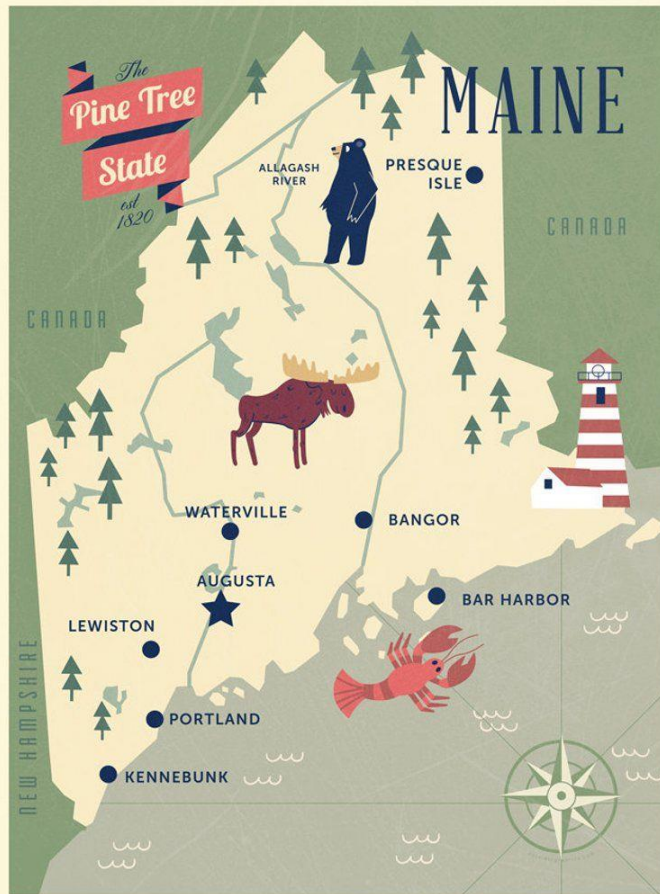


# Mixed Delivery System

## Support

- Mixed Deliver System- early childhood education framework in which services are provided through a variety of settings and program types, including public schools, community-based programs, Head Start, private child-care providers, and nonprofit organizations. This approach supports family choice, promotes access, and encourages collaboration across different providers to meet the diverse needs of children and families.
- Strategies to support collaboration with programs in your district
- Reach out to Jennifer Hopkins to schedule a meeting





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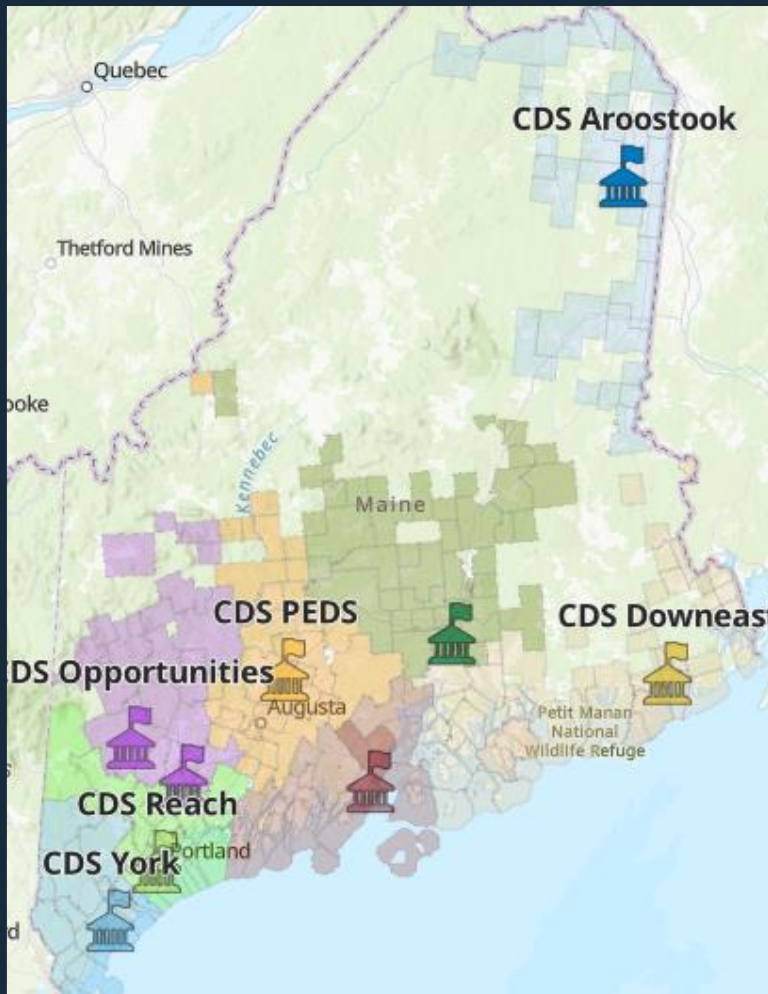
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## Cohort 2 Meeting Schedule Survey Results:

18 Replies

Day:

Monday-5

Tuesday- 2

Wednesday- 10

Thursday- 1

Time:

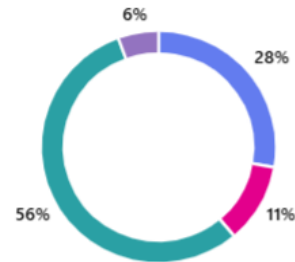
3:00 pm- 16

4:00 pm-2

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 3:00

1. Which day would you prefer for the ECSE meeting to be held?

Monday	5
Tuesday	2
Wednesday	10
Thursday	1



2. What time would you prefer for the ECSE meeting to be held?

3:00pm	16
4:00pm	2





# Questions?



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