

Cohort 1 Meeting Notes

September 18, 2024

With the shift of the Cohort 1 weekly meetings to be more informational, we will be providing a weekly agenda, which will also be used to record notes and questions. Members of the Maine DOE team will continue to meet with individual SAU teams to address each team's needs and questions.

<u>Agenda</u>			
<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Transportation Overview Transportation Resources: https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/transportation https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/2023-10/Guideline-Safe-Transportation-Preschool-Age-Children-School-Buses.pdf	15	Nicole Madore	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preschool children are 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds.• It is not a mandate for preschool children to be transported by the school (see section 14 in chapter 124).• If a child has transportation as a special education service in the IEP, the district must provide it or arrange to have it provided.• Transportation requirements will vary depending on the availability of universal pre k. Please reach out to Sandy and Jen if you have specific questions.• You may transport children just as you would K students.• Expectation is for the drivers to have training around transporting younger children.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some schools have used funding to provide safety harness, purchased smaller buses or vans. • Some districts employ an extra adult to ride the bus. • Some schools have also started the year with an additional adult on the bus and then, once routines are set, will pull the extra adult from the bus. This has been successful. • Of the SAUs in Maine that offer public Pre-K, majority of them do provide transportation for their Pre-K Students. • If you are having challenges with transportation, we can work with each district individually.
Scenarios	20	Suzie Perry	Scenario PowerPoint please see attachments.
<u>Pathways to Partnerships:</u> Technical Assistance and Mini-Grant Opportunity for Early Care and Education Communities – Info Session 9/19 – Maine DOE Newsroom	15	Michelle Belanger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Putting together a series, regarding building partnerships with community-based settings. • Mini grant opportunity at the end of the series. • Information Session tomorrow at 4
Updates: In-person BDI Training has been cancelled for 9/19/2024. Kim Barton will do a full day of training September 26 th .	10	Jenn	SAU is responsible for identifying a child with a disability at 2 years 9 months.

Attachments:

October 1, 2024, Child Count Spreadsheet

Funding Allocations Calculations

Scenarios