



MAINE WELFARE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

2024 Spring Training Seminar

APRIL 22 & 23, 2024

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Hilton Garden Inn, Bangor Maine

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President's Message

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

PLEASE JOIN US!

The Maine Welfare Directors Association is excited to host its annual 2024 Spring Seminar in person again! This year's conference will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bangor, Maine on April 22 & 23. This is a two-day event that touches on all aspects of General Assistance Administration. The seminar is intended for General Assistance Administrators, Select board members, Town Managers or others responsible for administering General Assistance. On Monday, April 22, we will begin with Legislative updates and end with an Immigration Panel of Providers, session including Fatuma Hussein from the Immigrant Resource Center of Maine, Claude Rwaganje from Prosperity Maine, Charles Mugabe from Catholic Charities, Sioban Whalen from the Jewish Community Alliance and Emmanuel Sungubele from Maine Immigrant Rights Coalition.

The Maine Welfare Directors Executive Board invites you to join them at 5:30 p.m. at Kobe Steakhouse for an off-site dinner and Networking Opportunities, on Monday April 22 (pay on your own). Please make sure to pre-register for the dinner on the registration form as space is limited. There will be opportunities to win raffle prizes and participate in the 50/50 raffle, which assists in providing scholarships, throughout both days. There will be four scholarships awarded for the Spring Seminar. Please visit www.mainewelfaredirectors.org to download a scholarship application.

The second day of the seminar will kick off with Know your Legal Resources with Amanda Methot, Methot Method Consulting and end with roundtable discussions. If you are not yet a member of the association, please visit www.mainewelfaredirectors.org to download a membership application today!

Guests are welcome to join us for breakfast and lunch. Remember to register any guests on the registration form.

We look forward to seeing you at the Seminar!

Sincerely,
Harrison Deah, President
Maine Welfare Directors Association

Maine Welfare Directors Association 2024 Spring Training Seminar Agenda

Day 1 – Monday, April 22, 2024

- 8:00 -- 9:00 **Breakfast and Registration**
- 9:00 -- 9:15 **Introductions** Harrison Deah, MWDA President, GA Director, City of Westbrook
- 9:15 -- 9:45 **Legislative Update** Amanda Campbell, Legislative Advocate, Advocacy & Communications, MMA
- 9:45 -- 10:15 **DHHS Update** Sara Denson, GA Program Manager, DHHS State of Maine
- 10:15 -- 10:30 **Break**
- 10:30 -- 12:00 **Human Trafficking Coalition** Keri Kapaldo from St. Joseph's Healthcare/Maine Sex Trafficking & Exploitation Network (MESTEN)
- 12:00 -- 12:45 **Lunch**
- 12:45 -- 1:45 **Mental Health/Stress Focused training by NAMI**
- 1:45 -- 2:45 **Basics GA Interactive Application** Jane Maynard, GA Administrator, City of Saco and Stacey Parra, Deputy GA Administrator, Town of Union
- 2:45 -- 3:00 **Break**
- 3:00 -- 4:00 **Immigration Panel of Providers** The Immigrant Resource Center of Maine, Fatuma Hussein; Prosperity Maine, Claude Rwaganje; Catholic Charities, Charles Mugabe; The Jewish Community Alliance, Sioban Whalen; and Maine Immigrant Rights Coalition, Emmanuel Sungubele
- 4:00 **Adjourn**
- 5:30 **Join the MWDA board for dinner at Kobe Steakhouse**

Day 2 – Tuesday, April 23, 2024

- 8:30 -- 9:00 **Breakfast & Registration**
- 9:00 -- 9:15 **Introductions** Harrison Deah, MWDA President, GA Director, City of Westbrook
- 9:15 -- 10:15 **Know your Legal Resources** Amanda Methot, Methot Method Consulting
- 10:15 -- 10:30 **Break**
- 10:30 -- 11:30 **Not Just Surviving but Thriving** Abby DiPasquale, MMEHT Health Promotion Coordinator, MMA
- 11:30 -- 12:00 **GA Trivia Biz** Stacey Parra, Deputy GA Administrator, Town of Union, Jane Maynard, GA Administrator, City of Saco, and Denise Murray, Health & Welfare Director, City of Waterville
- 12:00 -- 12:45 **Lunch**
- 12:45 -- 1:15 **Annual Meeting & Elections**
- 1:15 -- 2:15 **Emergencies** Harrison Deah, GA Director, City of Westbrook and Ryan Gorneau, GA Program Manager, City of Portland
- 2:15 -- 3:00 **Roundtable Wrap-Up** Full MWDA Board
- 3:00 **Adjourn**

To apply for a scholarship please download from our website: www.mainewelfaredirectors.org

MWDA Spring Training Conference 2024 Registration Form

Complete and return email this form to: wsreg@memun.org. Mail payment to MWDA, 60 Community Dr, Augusta, ME 04330

******NO PHONE RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED******

Registration fee includes seminar materials and some meals. See below for additional information. **Deadline for pre-registration is April 12, 2024.**

Please register the following person(s) from _____
(Municipality)

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

Please check the appropriate date(s): April 22 & April 23 (Both Days) April 22 (Only) April 23 (Only)

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

Please check the appropriate date(s): April 22 & April 23 (Both Days) April 22 (Only) April 23 (Only)

BILLING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

The fee includes continental breakfast and luncheon buffets.

Number Attending Both Days:	# _____				
MWDA Members = \$110.00	# _____	@ \$110.00	= \$	_____	
Non-Members = \$160.00	# _____	@ \$160.00	= \$	_____	
Number Attending April 22 Only:	# _____				
MWDA Members = \$60.00	# _____	@ \$60.00	= \$	_____	
Non-Members = \$95.00	# _____	@ \$95.00	= \$	_____	
Number Attending April 23 Only:	# _____				
MWDA Members = \$60.00	# _____	@ \$60.00	= \$	_____	
Non-Members = \$95.00	# _____	@ \$95.00	= \$	_____	

_____ Monday meals @ \$35.00 / Tuesday meals @ \$35.00 = \$ _____

GUEST NAME

Total Seminar Fee(s): = \$ _____

Check here if you are planning on attending the offsite dinner with the MWDA Board on April 22, 2024 (pay on your own). Details to follow in confirmation. **Space is limited - REGISTER EARLY!**

TOTAL DUE WITH THIS FORM (Additional Meals & Seminar Fees): = \$ _____

There will be four scholarships available for members. Scholarships will include all or a portion of the meal, room and registration. No travel expenses will be covered.

50/50 RAFFLE - BOTH DAYS!

SAVE NOW! Join MWDA and save. Go to www.mainewelfaredirectors.org for a membership application form and benefit by becoming a member. (Membership is \$30.00)

QUESTIONS/CANCELLATIONS: Cancellation notification must be given in writing at least 7 business days before the session begins. Any cancellation received within that 7 day window will be charged the full registration fee. All cancellations are subject to a \$15 administrative fee for processing. Please go to memun.org/training/Cancellations to cancel. If you have any questions please contact the Educational Services Office at (800) 452-8786 or (207) 623-8428.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE YOUR COMPLETE PARTICIPATION IN THIS WORKSHOP, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD INFORM US OF ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS .

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Hilton Garden Inn has special overnight rates for the seminar. You are welcome to stay any or all nights. To make your reservation, please call 207-262-0099 and mention the MWDA Spring Seminar Code: MWDA2 and specific dates of stay.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: All reservations need to be made by **April 7, 2024**, in order to get the discounted rate.

DEPOSIT/CONFIRMATION: All reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card. Your credit card is not authorized until you check in and then fully charged when you check out.

CANCELLATION POLICY: If you cancel by 3:00 p.m. the day of your reservation, there is no fee.

CHECK-IN TIME: 3:00 p.m.

CHECK-OUT TIME: 11:00 a.m.

METHOD OF RESERVATION: Reservations must be guaranteed by a credit card. Reservations are automatically billed for one night unless cancelled by 3 p.m. day of arrival.

Room Rate Per Night-Accommodations: Double, Queens or Kings
155.00/night + Tax (if applicable).

Tax Exemption: Tax exemption will be accepted with proper documentation and payment in the form of a check from the government agency. Any member paying directly with cash, personal check, or credit card will not be eligible for tax exemption status. If tax exempt, enclose a copy of the municipality's tax exempt number. This must be accompanied by a city/town check.