



Maine Hospice Council and Center for End of Life Care

Where Change Happens

From its beginning in 1984, the Maine Hospice Council has been the leading advocate, educator and technical resource for Hospice and end-of-life care in Maine.

Mission: *To promote universal access to quality end of life care through innovation, creativity, education, advocacy and collaboration.*

Funding: The Council receives financial support from diverse sources, including grants, donations, MaineShare, membership dues, sponsorships, annual appeals, Maine State General Fund, earned income, and education events

The Council provides-

- **Advocacy** regarding issues related to death and dying, palliative care, grief and loss
- **Consultation** for individuals, families, agencies, academic institutions, policy makers, health care entities, corporations, etc.
- **Educational**
 - ◇ Workshops
 - ◇ Conferences
 - ◇ Seminars
 - ◇ Webinars
 - ◇ News Briefs
- **Policy Development/Assistance/ Analysis including, but not limited to:**
 - ◇ Hospice licensure law (PL 1993, c. 692)
 - ◇ An Act to Improve End-of-Life Care in the State (LD 802)
 - ◇ Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council (PL 2015, Chapter 203)
 - ◇ An Act to Advance Palliative Care Utilization in the State (LD 1950)
 - ◇ Act to Amend the Laws Governing Membership of the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council (LD 479)
- **Collaborative Partnerships**
 - ◇ Internships for graduate and doctoral students
 - ◇ Maine POLST Coalition
 - ◇ National POLST Organization
 - ◇ Maine Pain Initiative
 - ◇ Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council
 - ◇ Hospice Veteran Partnership
 - ◇ NHPCO, Department of Veterans Affairs Trauma Informed Care Initiative
 - ◇ Robert Wood Johnson Community/State Partnership
 - ◇ Rural Initiatives
 - ◇ Stories Project
 - ◇ Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland
- **Public Speaking**
 - ◇ Public Forums
 - ◇ State/National Association Meetings
 - ◇ In-service Education
 - ◇ International Speaking Engagements
- **Clearinghouse for Resource Information**
- **Grant writing**
- **Representation/Awards**
 - ◇ National Social Work Association for Prison Program
 - ◇ National Hospice Organization-President's Award for Non-Print Media
 - ◇ National Retirement Research Association for "On Life and Living: the Hospice Experience"
 - ◇ Senior Legislative Advocacy Coalition Distinguished Service Award
 - ◇ Joe Mayo Award
 - ◇ Pope Leadership Award
 - ◇ Dr. Mary Chandler Lowell Distinguished Alumni Award
 - ◇ Visiting Professor, Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland
- **Resources:**
 - ◇ Social Media (Facebook, Twitter)
 - ◇ News briefs
 - ◇ Hospice News Network (National Newsletter)
 - ◇ Website
 - ◇ Print and Electronic Materials
 - ◇ POLST Forms (by request)
 - ◇ CD/"*Sounds of Comfort*"

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