



## 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)
- **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
  - ◇ Rural Initiatives
  - ◇ Stories Project
  - ◇ Robert Wood Johnson Community/State Partnership
- **Public Speaking**
  - ◇ Rural Initiatives
  - ◇ Public Forums
  - ◇ State/National Association Meetings
  - ◇ In-service Education
  - ◇ International Speaking Engagements
  - ◇ Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland
- **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*"
  - ◇ Hospice Bumper Stickers

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