

# STATEWIDE SPRING 2025 CALENDAR



## The Youth Leadership Advisory Team

YLAT is a youth & adult partnership committed to improving the short-term experiences and long-term outcomes for youth who are currently in foster care or have been in care.

### Get connected!

With youth, former youth, and adult partners who want to improve the child welfare system.

### Be heard!

We know you've heard it before...but we get asked for input all the time. Your voice is valuable!

### Have fun!

Have good food, great friends, and amazing conversations.

### Make a difference!

Your story about your experiences in foster care could impact other youth in care.

### Challenge yourself and others!

YLAT challenges us all to keep learning about what it means to grow up in foster care ... and about how we all can contribute to the solutions.

**\*\*Please note due to ongoing monitoring of COVID-19 and Maine CDC protocols, YLAT meeting dates, times and locations are subject to change\*\***

## Districts 1 & 2 | Southern Maine

2nd Wednesday, 3:45-5:45 pm  
Mar. 12 ● Apr. 9 ● May 7\*

Meetings @ **St. Joseph's College**,  
Alfond Center Hall of Fame,  
278 Whites Bridge Rd., **Standish**

\*May's meeting will take place on the 1st  
Weds. of the month.

## District 3 | Lewiston-Auburn

2nd Thursday, 3:30-5:30 pm  
Mar. 13 ● Apr. 10\* ● May 8

Meetings @ **USM Lewiston-Auburn  
Campus**, 51 Westminster St.,  
LAC room 103 **Lewiston**

\*April meeting in LAC room 214.

## District 4 | Mid Coast

2nd Tuesday, 3:00-5:00 pm  
Mar.\* ● Apr. 8 ● May 6\*\*

\*March meeting TBD

April & May Meetings @ **PAWS**  
123 John St., **Camden**

\*\*May's meeting will take place on the  
1st Tues. of the month.

*Dates for all districts are subject to change.*

## District 5 | Central Maine

2nd Thursday, 3:30-5:30 pm  
Mar. 13 ● Apr. 10\* ● May 8

March & May meetings are @ **UMA**  
46 University Dr. Jewett Room 189, **Augusta**

\*\*April's meeting is @ DHHS office  
98 North Ave #10, **Skowhegan**

## District 6 & 7 | Bangor

2nd Wednesday, 4:00-6:00 pm  
Mar. 12 ● Apr. 9 ● May 14

Meetings @ **UMA Bangor**,  
128 Texas Ave, Eastport Hall  
Room 124, **Bangor**

## District 8 | Aroostook

3rd Thursday, 3:00-5:00 pm  
Mar. 20 ● Apr. 17\* ● May 15

Mar & May Meetings @ **Sargent  
Community Center** 24 Chapman Rd,  
**Presque Isle**

\*April meeting @ **Oakfield Community  
Center**, 250 Oakfield Smyrna Rd,  
**Oakfield**

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for updates or changes to the calendar  
throughout the year!

# STATEWIDE CONTACT INFORMATION

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for meetings, statewide events,  
exciting leadership opportunities  
and more!



## YOUTH LEADERSHIP ADVISORY TEAM

If you or someone you know would like to attend a YLAT meeting in your area please contact:

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If you are 14 or older and...  
(choose any that apply):

- Currently in foster care
- Aged out of foster care
- Reunited with your family
- Adopted out of foster care
- Living in a kinship placement

OR

If you are an adult who is  
committed to partnering with  
youth while sharing your  
resources and experiences to  
support youth leadership...

**You are invited!**

YOUR VOICE  
MATTERS!