

Maine Regional Care Teams

We envision a future where all Maine youth experience a fair, equitable, and responsive system of care that creates a sense of belonging, prepares them to thrive in adulthood, and decreases reliance on detention.



Who We Are

The Regional Care Teams (RCTs) is a partnership between the Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC), the Place Matters team at the University of Southern Maine (USM), and the Center for Youth Policy and Law (CYPL) at Maine Law. RCTs are a network of people and organizations working together to support individual youth and their families AND help to inform system change.

Monthly Meetings

RCTs meet monthly in each of the three MDOC regions to share resources, fill resource gaps, and respond to the needs of local youth referred to the initiative. We receive referrals from juvenile corrections staff members, agency staff members, social workers, case managers, defense attorneys, judges, and family members.



What We Do

The Regional Care Teams facilitate shared accountability to the health, safety, and well-being of system impacted youth and their families so they may thrive in their chosen communities.

We do this by:

- ▶ Strengthening cross-system, provider, and community involvement to inform local resource development, and increase supports, resources, and opportunities for youth and their families through a local community-based continuum of care.
- ▶ Bringing together agency representatives, providers, community stakeholders, youth, and families to connect justice impacted youth to pathways of wellbeing, belonging, and thriving in their chosen community.

Get involved

Are you interested in joining the network as a partner for your region?

Email the MDOC Regional Correctional Administrator or the facilitator for that region.

Do you know or work with a young person who is involved or at risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system and could benefit from extra support?

Learn more and refer them to the Regional Care Teams on our website.



[PLACEMATTERSMAINE.ORG/REGIONAL-CARE-TEAMS](https://placemattersmaine.org/regional-care-teams)

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