



MCEDV.

The Maine Coalition
to End Domestic Violence

2024

Annual Report

Connecting People,
Creating Frameworks
for Change.





2024 Annual Report

Dear friends,

Fiscal Year 2024 is officially in the books, and it was a busy year at MCEDV. We expanded our work with the healthcare system, did important outreach to survivors, and grew our Board of Directors. The following pages share about each of these highlights, and more.

We've also worked hard to keep up with the complexities and details of administering and passing through millions of dollars in federal and state funds to the regional Domestic Violence Resource Centers and other grant partners. These resources are the foundation of Maine's response to domestic violence, yet the work of obtaining and distributing the money, reporting on the deliverables, and ensuring compliance with funder requirements is all but invisible to the public eye. Make no mistake: the oversight of these public funds is incredibly vigorous, and the work to meet the requirements is demanding. So, this year we recognize MCEDV's team of administrative staff, who work doggedly to meet this high standard and make our robust network of services for survivors possible.

We also want to celebrate the role that our private donors have played in 2024. Private dollars play a critical role, filling the gaps not covered or allowed by federal and state funds, and making it possible for MCEDV to advocate with the Maine Legislature and Congress. In addition, the Liberation Fund, which you can read about in more detail below, helped 234 survivors meet the needs of themselves and their children last year; that fund is entirely supported by private donations from individuals and foundations.

MCEDV envisions a world where respect is our norm, and where all people thrive in their homes and communities – nurtured, healthy, joyful, and free. To get there, we need to work on many levels at the same time. We must provide services for survivors; educate our systems on how to respond; inform and collaborate with lawmakers; change the way our communities think about power; address the behaviors of those who abuse; and ensure that individual survivors, the programs who serve them, and the advocates who work in those programs – many of whom have personal experiences of abuse – all have what they need to thrive. No one thing will end domestic abuse and violence; we need all of it. Every dollar given to MCEDV makes this dynamic work possible. We couldn't have accomplished what we did in 2024 without you.



Francine Garland Stark
Executive Director

Financial Overview

FY24 REVENUE

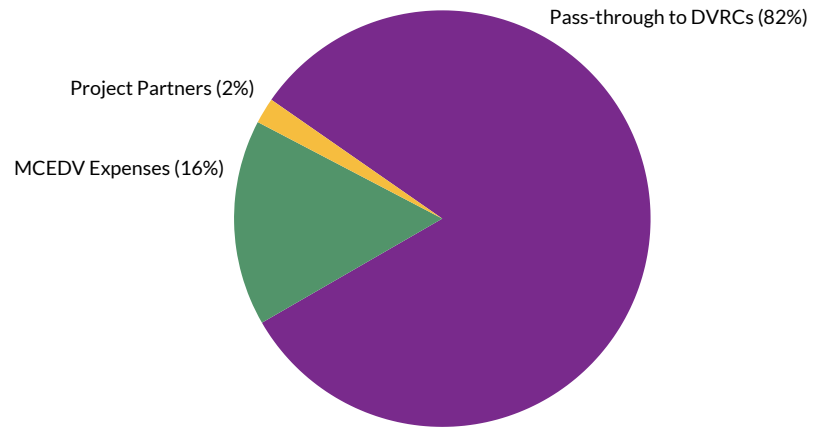
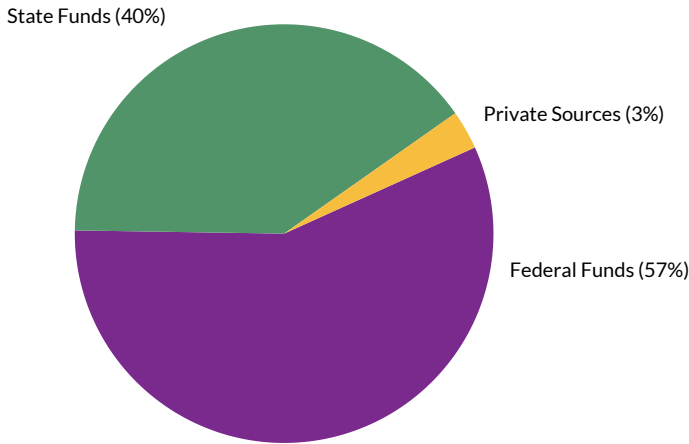
Federal Funds:	\$6,781,088
State Funds:	\$4,702,370
Private Sources	
Restricted:	\$362,695
Unrestricted:	\$42,848
Total Private Sources:	\$405,543

TOTAL REVENUE: \$11,889,001

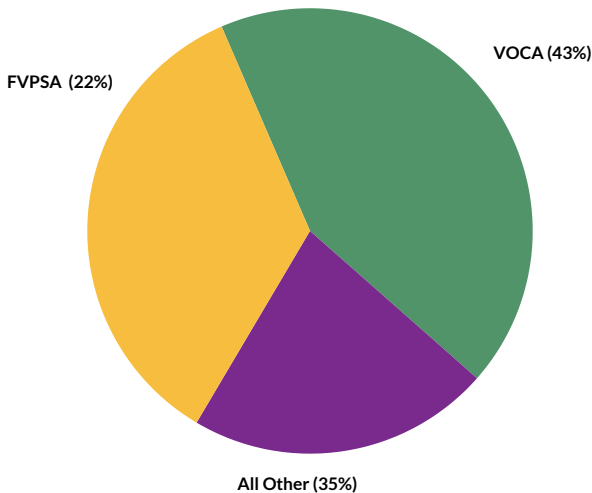
FY24 EXPENSES

MCEDV Expenses:	\$1,830,583
Pass-through to DVRCs	
Maine DHHS:	\$8,836,795
Maine DOC:	\$136,039
Direct Federal Grants:	\$577,326
Liberation Fund:	\$146,799
Private Foundations:	\$1,750
Total DVRC pass-through:	\$9,698,709
Project partner pass-through:	\$228,076

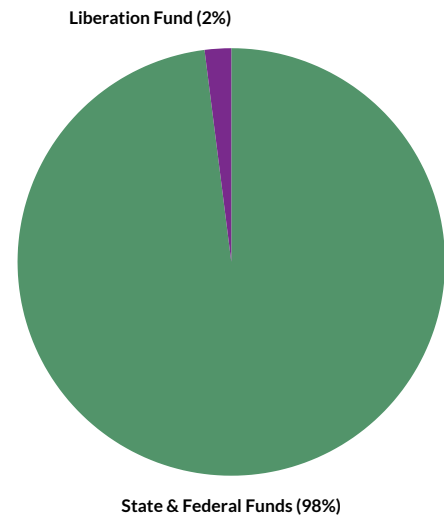
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$11,757,369



Federal Funding Sources



Pass-through to DVRCs



MCEDV Membership Highlights

MCEDV provides technical assistance, training, funding administration, and operational support for our membership, which is comprised of the eight regional Domestic Violence Resource Centers (DVRCs) and two culturally-specific programs. We back them up so they can do what they do best: meet the critical needs of survivors across Maine every day.

With our support, in 2024 the regional DVRCs...

- Helped **14,810 people** across Maine.
 - **12,385 people** were experiencing domestic abuse and violence.
 - Nearly half (**48%**) had at least one child in the home.
 - **5,980** accessed specialized court advocacy.
 - **542** – including 218 children – found safety in emergency sheltering programs.
 - **1,009 parents** experiencing abuse received help navigating child protective services.
- Advocates spent **over 40,000 hours** working with people experiencing DV.
- They fielded **over 19,000 calls** on their crisis helplines, and **another 20,000 calls** not through their helplines.



In just one day – September 4, 2024 – DVRCs...

- Helped **455 individuals**
- Answered **135 calls** to their helplines.
(2024 DV Counts Census, National Network to End Domestic Violence.)

MCEDV is deeply grateful to our membership, who work day in and day out to keep services available to survivors. It's our job to help them do the best work they can do. Your support of MCEDV means we can keep advocating for resources, coordinating efforts statewide, and solving the big problems we are all facing together.



DVRCs provide services for people affected by domestic abuse and violence, dating violence, stalking, elder abuse and sexual exploitation and trafficking. They are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, via their 24-hour helplines.

We are the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence.



Thank you for your support.

Alia Johnson, *General Support*
Andrea Fravert, *General Support*
Angela Doyle, *General Support*
Angela Lucero, *General Support*
Anne Osilinski, *General Support*
Annemieke Schair-Cutter, *General Support, in honor of Payal Schair*
Annie Reid, *General Support*
Bill & Patty Zimmerman, *Liberation Fund*
Bill Harwood, *General Support*
Bonnie Dunn, *General Support*
Brent and Vicki Hutchins, *General Support*
Brooks Winner, *Liberation Fund*
Cheryl Picard, *General Support*
Clare Fortune-Lad, *General Support*
Daily Karma, *Foundation General Support*
Dania Bowie, *General Support*
Danielle Coutu, *General Support*
Deb Cairns, *General Support*
Destiny Cook, *General Support*
East Point Foundation, *General Support*
Elisabeth Snell, *General Support*
Elizabeth, *General Support*
Emily Manter, *General Support*
Emma Bailey, *General Support*
Fraternal Order of the Eagles, *General Support*
Holly LaRou, *General Support*
Ineke Schair, *General Support, in honor of Payal Schair*
Janice Landry, *General Support*
Jean Hoffman, *Liberation Fund*
Jennifer Graham, *General Support*
Joanne Lord, *Liberation Fund*
Jody Harris, *General Support*
John T. Gorman Foundation, *General Support*
Joseph Kerkes, *General Support*
Julia Bergeron-Smith, *Liberation Fund*
Julia Fusari, *General Support*
Julia Underwood, *General Support*
Kasie Mowry, *General Support*
Kate Davidson, *General Support*
Kate Faragher Houghton, *General Support*

Kathleen Perkins, *General Support*
Kelley Shimansky, *General Support*
Kerrill O'Neill, *General Support*
Krista Van Vleet, *General Support*
Krista Van Vleet, *General Support*
Kurt Feeley, *General Support*
Lauren Bessette, *General Support*
Leslie Abrons, *General Support*
Lilli Dale, *General Support*
Lisa Ledwidge, *General Support*
Madison McCarty, *General Support*
Marvin Ellison, *Liberation Fund, in memory of Peg Slater*
Mary Burton, *Nancy Gentile Endowment Fund*
Matthew Richard, *in memory of Karen Dyer*
Maureen Erskine, *General Support*
Meg Dellenbauch, *General Support*
Ms. Rebecca Hobbs, *Liberation Fund*
Nancy Connelly, *General Support*
Olivia Alford, *General Support*
Paula Alves, *General Support*
Paula Baines, *General Support*
Peggy Blackmon, *Liberation Fund*
Peggy Cruikshank, *General Support*
Randy Harding, *General Support*
Rebecca Yturregui, *Liberation Fund in honor of Bill & Patty Zimmerman*
Regina Rooney, *Liberation Fund*
Reina Benitez Flower, *General Support*
Sally Meredith, *General Support*
Sarah Grant, *General Support*
Sarah Higgins, *Liberation Fund*
Sass Borodkin, *Liberation Fund, in honor of Chuck Fitts*
Sheryl Cox, *General Support*
Stephanie Vigue, *General Support*
Summer Hyland, *General Support*
Susan Cole, *Liberation Fund*
Thomas Sturgeon, *General Support*
Valerie Stanfill, *General Support*
W. John Funk, *General Support*
Wanda Passero, *General Support*
Waterville Womens Area Club, *Liberation Fund*

Who We Are.

The Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence advocates for the right of all people to live free from domestic abuse and all forms of violence. We provide training, consultation, and technical assistance to statewide organizations to enhance their response to domestic abuse. We also support our membership by ensuring they have the tools and resources to serve survivors and their local communities. As a grant and contract administrator, we act as a pass-through entity for millions of dollars that flow throughout the state to our regional Domestic Violence Resource Centers and project partners. Together, MCEDV and our membership work to foster a coordinated response in and by our communities, centered around improving survivor safety and accountability for people who use abusive behavior.

MCEDV Staff:

Paula Alves, Finance Director
Angela Doyle, Development Director
Christina Foster, Data Systems Coordinator
Amy Gatchell, Administrative Assistant
Sarah Grant, Human Resources Director
Hanna Gregory, Housing Services Coordinator
Katie Holzwarth, Contract Administrator
Andrea Mancuso, Public Policy Director
Katie Matzell, Communications Coordinator
Kelly O'Connor, Systems Advocacy Director
Regina Rooney, Programming Director
Erika Simonson, Family Services Director
Francine Garland Stark, Executive Director
Amanda Taisey, Health Systems Engagement Coordinator
Karen Wyman, Prevention & Intervention Director

2024 MCEDV Program Highlights

Strengthening Interventions with DV Offenders

In 2018, Maine recognized Certified Domestic Violence Intervention Programs (CDVIPs) in statute as "the most effective and appropriate community-based interventions in cases of domestic abuse," and began requiring CDVIPs as the first-choice intervention for any person convicted of a domestic violence offense.

Since then, MCEDV has worked concertedly to strengthen and support Maine's CDVIPs. Key to that effort is understanding the impact these programs continue to have for survivors and their children. In 2024, Maine's eight regional Domestic Violence Resource Centers conducted the state's second survey of survivors whose partners have attended CDVIP. Survey results affirm existing national research that survivors and their children are safest when the people who harmed them attend and complete the full 48 weeks of the programming. Over 40 survivors statewide provided their insight about the impact of their current or former partners' participation in CDVIP.

MCEDV was also proud to use funding from the John T. Gorman Foundation to support the essential operations of CDVIP. Recognizing that many offender programs were at risk without financial support, MCEDV earmarked \$30,000 to help uplift this critical programming in 2024.

Here's what survivors had to say:

I commend you for putting together this program. I believe that every person with a DV charge should be required to do this class.

He reflected on his relationship with me and previous relationships where he had been doing abusive behaviors. He was honest and reflective. He was able to take accountability. His response to anything frustrating has really deescalated.

It worked in helping him realize what he did to me. I'm glad they did what they did with him because he wouldn't have realized what he did otherwise. It was hard for him to be held accountable and admit what he had actually done to me. He did learn. He has said things like, 'I didn't realize how bad it was for you.' Keep doing these classes because there are a lot of ladies that wouldn't be here otherwise.

Improving Healthcare's Response to Survivors

Since 2022, MCEDV has rapidly and intensely scaled up our training for and collaboration with healthcare systems. The ability to ramp up this work was made possible, in large part, by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds granted to MCEDV. By creating the new position of Health Systems Engagement Coordinator, MCEDV has added capacity and focus to our work with healthcare partners. As a result, Maine's health systems are becoming more trauma-responsive, domestic violence-informed, and focused on survivors' needs.

The results of MCEDV's expansion in this space have been dramatic. Recent successes include:

★ In October 2023, following many months of technical assistance, MCEDV helped the Division of Public Health Nursing (PHN) at the Maine Centers for Disease Control and Prevention implement a new employee policy for responding to and documenting domestic violence. This new policy requires all public health nurses to screen for and document domestic violence using an evidence-based tool and to follow up by providing patients with the MCEDV Healthcare Connections Card. MCEDV and PHN have agreed to a regular data collection/analysis schedule and an annual training plan to ensure all public health nurses are comfortable and capable of implementing the new policy. This policy took effect in 2024, and 64% of new patients were successfully screened with the new tool.

★ In July 2023, our Healthcare Systems Engagement Coordinator was invited to participate as a guest at the Maine Maternal, Fetal & Infant Mortality (MFIMR) panel to offer insight regarding the impact of domestic violence on a handful of cases that were under review. The MFIMR Panel is a multidisciplinary team of professionals mandated by statute to identify factors that contribute to maternal, fetal, and infant mortality and to make recommendations to decrease the mortality rate. In response to the significant contributions made by MCEDV, the panel voted in June 2024 to formally add a "domestic violence" seat to the panel. Additionally, four domestic violence-specific policy recommendations will be included in the soon-to-be-released 2024 MFIMR annual report.

Focusing on the care of domestic violence survivors in healthcare systems has had a demonstrable, measurable effect. Since FY22, healthcare training has increased from 7% of MCEDV's work to over 33% of all training provided, with 384 individuals participating in health-related trainings in FY24.



I loved the format - this topic is so difficult for so many folks, myself included. This was the safest and most comfortable I've felt during a domestic violence training.

-2024 Participant, MCEDV's 12-Hour Training for Mental Health Professionals

Supporting Survivor Needs with the Liberation Fund

\$12,500 a month: that's what MCEDV currently spends to directly support survivors of domestic violence across the state.



It Adds Up Fast:



\$550 paid the security deposit for a shelter resident moving into a new apartment.



\$790 repaired a survivor's car so they could get to work.



\$253 covered legal documentation fees a survivor otherwise couldn't afford.

Since the Liberation Fund was established in 2020, MCEDV has provided over \$580,000 in direct, low-barrier cash assistance to survivors of domestic violence and their families in Maine. All funds given to the Liberation Fund are privately supported – by individuals, businesses, or private foundations.

Key to this effort is our network of regional Domestic Violence Resource Centers (DVRCs) across our state who work with survivors, assess needs, and quickly act to get funds into their hands.

To support this critical resource, visit: www.mcedv.org/donate/donation or scan the QR code below and select "Liberation Fund" from the list of options.

Scan to
Donate
→



Learn more about the Liberation Fund and one survivor's story about her path to safety by watching our Grey Rock video.

Scan to
Watch
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Remembering Deb Chapman

In August 2024, MCEDV mourned the loss of Deb Chapman, our longtime Operations Director. Deb was a leader behind the scenes, working diligently to make the Coalition run smoothly and efficiently for nearly two decades.

In 2023, Deb was honored as a Champion of Change recipient on the eve of her retirement. At that time, she spoke of what legacy she'd like to leave behind and concluded that showing up day after day and doing the hard work is, in itself, a legacy.

This year at our annual Champions of Change event, we were honored to present the first ever Deb Chapman Legacy Award, which will be awarded annually to a staff person from the membership who, like Deb, has shown great grit, determination, and skill in their job, and who has made a lasting impact at their organization and at a statewide level.



Deb's steady, quiet, out-of-the-spotlight leadership has created a powerful and lasting impact on this movement in Maine. We are thankful for Deb's many years of service and we mourn her as a colleague and friend.

Thank you to those who made gifts in 2024 to honor Deb's legacy.



Frank and Jennifer Walker

Karen Wyman

Kathryn Easter

Ryan and Leah Welch

MaryAnn and Chuck Burout

Matthew Perry

Sarah Grant

SK Berkey

Celebrating 2024 Board Expansion

In alignment with MCEDV's strategic plan, in 2024 the Board of Directors expanded its membership to welcome new board members. Together, our board brings a diversity of experiences, leadership roles, and voices to the movement to end domestic abuse and violence in our state.

MCEDV Board of Directors



Daryl Fort
Board President

Daryl Fort is a leadership and organizational development consultant, gender violence prevention activist, speaker, and educator.



The Hon. Jessica Fay
Board Member

The Hon. Jessica Fay has just finished serving four-terms as a state representative in the Sebago Lakes region.



Rev. Jane Field
Board Member

Jane is the Executive Director of the Maine Council of Churches, who together represent over 400 congregations in Maine with nearly 50,000 parishioners in their care.



Dr. Judith Josiah-Martin
Board Member

Judith Josiah-Martin, PhD, ACSW, CADC, works as faculty in the School of Social Work and as the Director of Multicultural Student Life at the University of Maine.



Sarah Moore
Board Member

Sarah is the Executive Director at the Portland Public Library, where she brings over 20 years of diverse experience from various library positions across the Midwest.



Susan Norton
Board Member

Susan recently retired after 32 years with the First National Bank as the Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer.



Vendean Vafiades, Esq.
Board Member

Vendean has served as the Chief Judge of the Maine District Court, as District Court Judge, and as the first woman Chief Deputy Attorney General for the State of Maine.



Kylie Welch
Board Member

Kylie is an advocate, activist, and educator who has worked with Planned Parenthood, Surfrider, Sierra Club, and Hardy Girls Healthy Women.