



Regional School Unit #34

Alton, Bradley, and Old Town

Special Education Department

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Special Education Enrollment as of 4/12/19: 310/1491 21% of total enrollment *

Schools Attending: Old Town Elementary, Viola Rand School, Alton Elementary, Leonard Middle School, Old Town High, Orono Middle School, Orono High School, Bangor Regional Program and Stillwater Academy

*State Average 2018-2019 18.23%

Tuition Students: 28

Referrals: 14

March Activity:

IEP/504 meetings: 98

State Reports:

EF-S 04a/b State Agency Client Billing

eMPower Accommodation uploads grades 3-8

Professional Development/Updates:

Children's Mental Health Week is celebrated the first week of May. GEAR Parent Network has lots of activities to participate in.

Theme this year is "Suicide Prevention: Strategies that Work"

Join us for our kickoff event in collaboration with the Office of Child and Family Services, Children's Behavioral Health Services! Come and hear from our Governor in addition to several Maine family members and youth who will share their heartfelt stories about suicide and resiliency! The Maine Alliance of Family Organizations and children's behavioral health providers from across our state will also be present to offer information how they help support the families and youth in Maine!! **All parents/caregivers and youth come and show your support of all our youth by joining us at this free event!**

May 6th from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the "State House Hall of Flags", Augusta

In addition!!!

Join us for one of these 4 FREE screenings of "The Kids We Lose" with facilitated discussion afterwards with Disability Rights Maine staff!

"The Kids We Lose" is a 90-minute documentary film from **Lives In the Balance and Lone Wolf Media** about the human side of being a child or student with behavioral challenges, and the struggles faced by parents, educators, staff in facilities, mental health clinicians, and law enforcement professionals in trying to ensure that these kids receive the help they need. **The Kids We Lose** also exposes the often brutal, inhumane ways in which kids with social, emotional, and behavioral challenges are treated in schools, inpatient psychiatry units, residential facilities, and prisons. Their hopelessness, misery, and frustration are palpable. The human toll is hard to fathom. But these are also the most expensive kids in our society. Doing the wrong thing costs a fortune. When we don't help our most vulnerable kids, we all lose. And it's all so counterproductive and unnecessary. **The Kids We Lose** is not primarily about how to solve the problem. It is intended to heighten awareness of the problem and galvanize people to change things for the better. **Not available by Webinar**

May 1, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at Windham High School Performing Arts Center, 406 Gray Rd., Windham

May 8, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital, 99 Campus Ave, Lewiston

May 9, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at Hampden Academy Performing Arts Center, 89 Western Ave. Hampden

May 16, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at Skowhegan High School, 61 Academy Circle, Skowhegan

Register here to attend one of the "the Kids We Lose" locations -

<https://crisisandcounseling.org/gear-cmham/#open-overlay>