

SHARED OUTCOME STATEMENT

The State of Maine seeks to decrease the length of time for establishing permanency for at-risk children by:

- A. Ensuring that all families identified as having substance abuse issues and who are placing their children at risk have access to timely assessment and treatment access; and
- B. Ensure that all families whose substance abuse have placed their children at risk are engaged and retained in treatment through inter-system collaboration that includes clear and consistent communication mechanisms that will:
 - 1. Provide specific requirements and procedures;
 - 2. Respects the rights of parents and children;
 - 3. Be provided in a timely and efficient manner; and
 - 4. Remain within professional scope of practice.