

**Inter-Agency Collaboration Committee**  
**6/29/06 Meeting**  
**6pm to 7:30pm at The Carriage House,**  
**1119 Lisbon St., Lewiston**  
**Meeting Notes**

What do we want this Committee to do next?

- Agencies working together for children and families.
- People don't know what others can & can't do.
- Agencies and providers should define their cultures and parameters.
- We, and the System, must listen to families and agencies.
- Parents need an Information and Referral line, with all the information.
- We should gather the information.
- We should ask parents what works? what doesn't? what are the barriers?
- Each agency should survey its own parents, case managers.
- Schools, parent organizations such as PTO's should be surveyed.
- Multiple survey techniques, including surveys by phone (which overcomes literacy barriers).
- Hospitals and in-patient facilities should be here with us.
- Participants agree to send any existing surveys to Ray for collection and dissemination.

**Education is a key area of concern.**

- Jargon is a barrier for parents.
- Mental health agencies must be able to work with schools.
- A group known as Central Maine Inclusive Schools is already working on these issues. We will make contact.
- Common knowledge about trauma and TISOC should be shared.

**Agenda for our next meeting:**

1. Everyone agrees to bring descriptions, updates, reports on parallel and related efforts and activities. Let's not duplicate what others are doing. If possible any such items will be sent to Ray before the next meeting to make copies for everyone.

2. Everyone agrees to identify surveys that have already been done that have the kind of information we want (needs of parents, barriers, etc.) and bring them to the next meeting and/or send them to Ray for copying.

**We will meet again:**

Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, from 6pm to 7:30pm, at the Carriage House, 1119 Lisbon St, Lewiston (across the street from Dunkin Donuts).