**Resource Topic categories** (Maine specific)

1. **Self Determination/Self Advocacy**

* **Disability Rights Maine (DRM)** is Maine’s Protection and Advocacy organization whose mission is to ensure autonomy, inclusion, equality, and access for people with disabilities in Maine. <https://drme.org/>
* **Speaking Up For Us (SUFU)** is run by and for adults (maybe like you) who live with developmental disabilities. SUFU shows us how to have more control of our lives, and use our voices to “Speak Up” for issues that are important to us and all people with disabilities. <https://www.sufumaine.org/>
* **Disclosure decision publication**

1. **Career Planning & Exploration** (WBL, Discovery/ PCP)

* **Destination Occupation Career Exploration** are sponsored by local employers using “authentic story telling” to educate about and attract people into career paths that are a good fit for them. <https://destinationoccupation.com/me-career-exploration-videos/>
* **ICI more than just a job publication**
* **ICI starting with me publication**
* **ICI making networking easier**
* **CE discovery publication**
* **ICI Assistive Technology publication**

1. **Job Development and Support**(Customized Employment/ Self-Employment Accommodation/ AT)

* **Maine CITE Program** is designed to help make assistive technology (any item, piece of equipment, software program, or product system that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of persons with disabilities) more available to Maine children, adults and seniors who need them <https://mainecite.org/>
* **ICI Job Creation publication**
* **ICI unpaid work publication**
* **ICI 30 day placement plan**
* **CE employer research**

1. **Partnerships** (Transportation, referrals, funding, DD, VR, family engagement)

* **Maine Division of Vocational Rehabilitation:** The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, also known as "VR," is a Department of Labor program that helps people who have disabilities to get and keep a job. VR helps people who have physical, mental, or emotional disabilities. <https://www.maine.gov/rehab/dvr/>
* **The Office of Aging and Disability Services (OADS)** supports Maine's older and disabled adults by providing Adult Protective, Brain Injury, Other Related Conditions, Intellectual and Developmental Disability, Long Term Care, and Aging and Community services to the people of Maine. <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oads>
* **Maine Parent Federation** educates, empowers, and supports Maine’s diverse families, children, and youth, especially those with disabilities, special healthcare needs, or other challenges, ages birth to 26, and the professionals who serve them, to ensure effective services and successful outcomes. <https://www.mpf.org/>

1. **Transition to Work**

* **High School and Beyond: A Guide to Transition Services in Maine:** A resource guide to help understand why transition is important and what services are available in Maine <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/sites/maine.gov.dhhs/files/documents/ocfs/cbhs/documents/Youth%20Transition%20Booklet%202019.pdf>
* **Transition to Adulthood Training Module from Maine Access to Inclusive Education Resources at UMaine:**  Interactive multimedia modules providing an overview of key issues in the transition from school to adulthood <https://umaine.edu/maier/trainings-2/transition-to-adulthood/>
* **Maine Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE)** is an organization focused on promoting competitive integrated employment <https://maineapse.weebly.com/>
* **Jobs for Maine Graduates’ Career Exploration Badge** for Maine high school juniors and seniors is an opportunity to participate in 40 hours of meaningful work experiences facilitated through an intentionally designed exploration and reflection process <https://www.jmg.org/maine-career-exploration-badge>

1. **Financial Planning & Benefits**

* **Maine Medical Center’s Vocational Services Program** provides benefits counseling throughout Maine. Work Incentives are special rules that apply when a Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI, DWB, CDB) beneficiary or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipient returns to work. There are many different types of work incentives that may protect your eligibility for benefits including MaineCare or Medicare, and that may make you eligible for funding to advance your career. <https://www.mainehealth.org/Maine-Medical-Center/Services/Vocational-Services/Benefits-Counseling>
* **Financial Literacy Resources (MDOE)** Financial literacy resources provided by the Maine Department of Education <https://www.maine.gov/doe/learning/content/socialstudies/resources/financialliteracy>

**EVENTS (Could be specific upcoming events or Maine agencies that we can have ICI folks use to crosslist their calendar events)**

* Maine APSE <https://maineapse.weebly.com/news-and-events.html>
* Employment First Maine <https://employmentfirstmaine.org/events>