

What is MaineSpark's goal?

60% of the Maine population with a credential of value by 2025.

Starting our youngest citizens off on the right foot now will ensure a stronger Maine for all of us down the road.

What is MaineSpark's Strong Foundations?

Strong Foundations is one of four areas of focus—or “tracks”—of the MaineSpark initiative.

The Strong Foundations track is a network of MaineSpark coalition member agencies whose focus is on good educational opportunities for Maine's youngest children—from birth to 6th grade—and their families and caregivers.

What is the MaineSpark Strong Foundations vision?

Strong Foundations member agencies are working on



more high quality early and primary learning environments for Maine's youngest children



clear understanding of what progress looks like from birth through 6th grade



services and programs that offer support and guidance for families so that children can learn and thrive

How does MaineSpark Strong Foundations hope to achieve this vision?

Our focus is on **1)** supporting policies and securing funding that will attract and retain qualified educational professionals for our youngest citizens, **2)** developing a coordinated educational pipeline for birth through 6th grade that includes policies and best practices, and **3)** working with state and local systems on creating child- and family-centered policies that allow caregivers to support children in reaching critical milestones.

Who's working on MaineSpark Strong Foundations?

A diverse group of state departments, support service agencies, foundations, and non-profit and advocacy organizations.
(For the most up-to-date list, visit mainespark.me)

How can YOU help Maine reach the goal of 60% by 2025?



keep doing the good work you're already doing, and tell us about it



strengthen collaborations and partnerships with other MaineSpark agencies and in your local community



go to mainespark.me to get involved and stay in touch



send stories of how your organization is helping Maine get to 60% by 2025 to strongfoundations@mainespark.me

Strong Foundations partner agencies

Alfond Scholarship Foundation

Educare Central Maine

Maine Association for the Education of Young Children

Maine Children's Alliance

Maine Department of Education

Maine Early Learning Investment Group

Ready Nation/Council for a Strong America

United Way of Greater Portland