

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 919

House of Representatives, April 1, 2025

**An Act to Fund Community-based Organizations to Prevent and  
Reduce the Risk of Children's Involvement in the Child Welfare  
System**

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

*Robert B. Hunt*

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4004, sub-§4 is enacted to read:**

**4. Funding community-based organizations that provide family-centered programs.** The department shall provide funding for community-based organizations to administer family-centered programs that provide positive childhood experiences and lead to increased social and economic mobility for families. These programs must include, but are not be limited to:

A. Programs rated as "well-supported," "supported" or "promising" by the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families; and

B. Programs that are built on a so-called 2-generation approach or a so-called whole family approach to child and family well-being.

## SUMMARY

This bill amends the law governing the authority of the Department of Health and Human Services under the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act. The bill requires that the department provide funding for community-based organizations to administer certain family-centered programs that support positive childhood experiences and lead to increased social and economic mobility for families.