



## MRTQ PDN's District Early Childhood and Youth Coordinators

In the fall of 2017, MRTQ PDN enhanced our delivery of statewide technical assistance (TA) to include regionally-based **District Early Childhood and Youth Coordinators** (shortened to "DCs"). MRTQ PDN's contract with Maine's Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) outlines a system that places trained DCs in each of the eight Child Welfare Districts. Information about MRTQ PDN's TA services can be found on our website: <https://mrtq.org/technical-assistance/>.

### What is the role of the DCs?

The DCs serve as a resource to the early childhood and youth workforce and support quality improvement for programs across Maine. The DCs are professionals with extensive experience working in early childhood and out-of-school time settings. Our goal is to build strong relationships with practitioners and programs. The primary function of each DC is to provide TA, which includes virtual or on-site consultation and facilitating peer-to-peer networks (e.g. Communities of Practice, Maine Credential and/or Accreditation cohorts, Book Clubs, etc.).

MRTQ PDN's team of DCs are regionally-based, primarily in the district in which they live, and work both independently and within a larger staff team. Having regionally-based DCs allows each DC to build relationships and connect with local programs, stakeholders, and service providers.

### How can my program work with a DC?

Program owners/administrators complete an online request form for Virtual or On-Site Consultation through the MRTQ PDN Website (<https://mrtq.org/technical-assistance/>). Lee Lingelbach, the TA Manager, will make initial contact with programs requesting consultation and then forward the request to the appropriate DC team member.

### Who is the DC in my area?

Each of the DCs has an assigned district or specialty, but all are also available statewide.

- **District 1** (York County): Tammy Dwyer [tammy.dwyer@maine.edu](mailto:tammy.dwyer@maine.edu)
- **District 2** (Cumberland County): Diane Hancock [diane.hancock@maine.edu](mailto:diane.hancock@maine.edu)
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