

**Welcome to FAME'S 12th Annual
Financial Aid 101: A Training for Counselors, Advisors, & Educators
March 23, 2018
Augusta Civic Center – North Wing
8:00am-2:30pm; check-in starting at 7:30am**

7:30	Check-In and Breakfast
8:00	Welcome
8:10	Transition To Morning Sessions Round One
8:15	<p>A. Financial Aid for the Novice - Part One: Filing the FAFSA (Nikki Vachon) Have you noticed that the FAFSA filing experience (including the number of questions asked) isn't the same for every student? In this session we'll explain why that is by walking through the FAFSA and demonstrating how skip logic works. We'll also discuss whose information is required on the FAFSA, share tips to avoid pitfalls, and answer other common questions.</p> <p>B. Financial Aid for the Advanced - Part One: FSA ID Problem Solving (Mila Tappan) The FSA ID is a critical part of the FAFSA process, but has many related challenges. Tips will be shared to help avoid problems, followed by problem solving strategies to try when the username and password have been forgotten or will not work to access and/or sign the FAFSA.</p> <p>C. Financial Capability: Yes Virginia, Maine Does Have Standards For Personal Finance and Economics! (Mary Dyer) Are you interested in learning about the current personal finance and economic standards included in the Maine Learning Results? Would you like to learn more about the resources available to support the key concepts included? If so, then this is the session for you! Participants will receive valuable information about the standards, along with numerous free resources and materials for classroom implementation.</p>
9:15	Transition to General Session
9:30	<p>D. General Session: Understanding the EFC (Mila Tappan) Did you ever wonder what really impacts financial aid eligibility? Last year's evaluation told us that many of you do want to know more! The best way to find out is to calculate an EFC by hand to see what does (and doesn't) impact a student's EFC. Case studies will demonstrate why seemingly similar students have different EFCs.</p>
10:30	<p>Opportunity to Visit with Exhibitors: Participate in the popular exhibitors' scavenger hunt for a chance to win a great prize!</p> <p><u>Deliver completed scavenger hunt sheet to the registration table by 2:00 to be entered in the door prize drawing.</u></p>
11:00	Transition to Morning Sessions Round Two
11:15	<p>E. Financial Aid for the Novice – Part II: Loan Repayment Options/Forgiveness (Jennifer Lanphear) Borrowers have multiple repayment plans to choose from when repaying their student loans. Numerous options also exist for those who are struggling to make their student loan payments. Understanding these options can help borrowers save money and improve their credit. In this session we will talk about different loan repayment plans; deferment, forbearance, and loan forgiveness possibilities; and how to take advantage of tax credits for student loan repayment.</p>

	<p>F. Financial Aid for the Advanced—Part II: When It's Not Cut & Dry: Working With Unique Populations and Situations (Maria MacDougal)</p> <p>Unique student situations are becoming the norm and the populations we work with are more diverse than ever. Learn more about the financial aid process for youth in foster care and legal guardianship, homeless youth, dependency overrides, New Mainers, and others.</p> <p>G. Let's Get Together! Linking Admissions and Financial Aid to Advance Student Success (Jessica Whittier & Kate Leveille)</p> <p>With the availability of the FAFSA in October students now have the opportunity to complete their college applications and financial aid forms at the same time. This fall MaineCAN and FAME piloted programming in three schools to combine these two activities in hopes of better preparing and supporting seniors through the application and financial aid process. Hear about some of the lessons learned from combining these events and leave with the tools to duplicate this effort in your school.</p>
12:15	<p>Lunch and Keynote Speaker: Leading for People, Leading for Prosperity</p> <p>Yellow Light Breen</p> <p>Sustainable economic growth depends on developing and attracting talent, and creating a climate for investment and innovation in Maine. Breen describes how Maine Development Foundation, a public private partnership established 40 years ago, seeks to leverage trusted economic research, leadership development, and cross-sector partnerships in order to boost the conditions for economic prosperity. He will discuss the vision of MaineSpark, a statewide coalition of dozens of organizations working together around a big picture goal 60by2025: to increase post-secondary credentials and degrees in Maine's workforce from 43% today to 60% by 2025 — more than 150,000 Maine people.</p>
1:15	<p>Transition To Afternoon Sessions</p>
1:20	<p>H. Comparing Award Letters: How to Find the Most Affordable Option (Mila Tappan & Mary Dyer)</p> <p>After a student is accepted, the crucial next step for them is understanding their “financial aid award” letter. Hear a detailed explanation of the information included in a financial aid award and learn how to help your students understand and compare their true cost at each school.</p> <p>I. Meet Them Where They Are: Tools & Best Practices for Adult Learners (Maria MacDougal & Jennifer Lanphear)</p> <p>Do you work with adult student populations? Are you interested in learning more about ways to help adult students enter or reenter higher education? In this session, we will discuss FAME's tools for adult learners, including our Lifetime Learning Kit and helpful web tools. We will also review and share some best practices for working with adult students so you can meet them where they are and help them reach all of their goals.</p> <p>J. Navigating Higher Education with New Mainers: Immigrant/Refugee/ELL/ESOL Students (Floreka Malual & Jessica Whittier)</p> <p><i>In this session a panel of immigrant students will discuss their paths to accessing funds for college. The panel will discuss pathways for federal aid eligible students as well as strategies for students not qualifying for federal financial aid. Join us to learn more about the challenges faced and opportunities available to our New Mainer students and how you can play a role in their success.</i></p>
2:20	<p>Prizes and Closing</p>
2:30	<p>Have a safe journey home!</p>