



MAINE JUVENILE JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP

The Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG) is the State Advisory Group (SAG) established under the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (JJDPA), which was most recently reauthorized in 2018 and has been codified in Maine law (Title 34-A M.R.S. §1209). SAGs are comprised of volunteer members (between 15 and 33 total) appointed by the Governor/Chief Executive in each U.S. jurisdiction. Eligible members are determined by the federal statute and must include certain identified stakeholders who have training, experience, or special knowledge concerning the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency, the administration of juvenile justice, or the reduction of juvenile delinquency.

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