



The Maine Developmental Disabilities Council is pleased to announce:

## ***"Your Place or Mine?"***



### ***Maximizing Community Resources to Meet Housing Needs***

**Friday December 11, 2009**

Registration 9:00-9:30 am

Seminar 9:30 am-4:00 pm

at

Le Club Calumet

334 West River Road, Augusta, Maine

#### **About the Workshop**

Finding affordable housing is not a disability issue, it is a community issue. Every community struggles to develop affordable housing for citizens on fixed incomes, seniors, disabled veterans, citizens with disabilities, and others with limited earnings against a tumultuous real estate market. Anyone involved in the creation or ownership of housing for people with support needs should know how the housing market works.

This seminar will explore the fundamentals of real estate development, including exploring what methods do and do not work and which types of investments do and do not make sense. "Equity investments", real estate management, community organization, and planning skills are paramount to successful housing development.

This seminar also provides great detail into the manipulation of three (3) key elements which form the basis of affordable housing with ample illustrations of successful projects. Home ownership for people with disabilities is achievable and clearly possible but carries with it the same risks any home owner may face. Do the benefits outweigh the costs? This and many other issues will be discussed.

#### **About the Presenter**

**Bob Laux**, President of Wild River Consulting Corp. Mr. Laux is a nationally known consultant with over 35 years of experience in the creation of community services and the development of housing options for people with disabilities. Under his leadership, Wild River Consulting Corp has provided training events and technical assistance to 48 states, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. He has also authored numerous publications on homeownership.

## **The Intended Audience**

Anyone with an interest in person centered approaches to housing for people with low incomes or support needs. Persons with developmental disabilities and their family members, community organizers, developmental service providers, housing providers, case managers, and transition staff are especially welcome.

## **Registration and Scholarship Information**

The registration fee is \$25 per person. Additional members of the same family may register for \$15 per person. **Conference registration deadline is Friday, December 4, 2009.**

**The deadline for requesting accommodations is Wednesday, November 25, 2009.**

Scholarship aid is available. **The deadline for scholarship applications is Monday, November 16, 2009.** Scholarships will be awarded based upon the applicant qualifying, resources available, and level of need.

Registration and scholarship application forms are available at:

[http://www.ccids.umaine.edu/calendar/ddc\\_housingconf.htm](http://www.ccids.umaine.edu/calendar/ddc_housingconf.htm)

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