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## **ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

The Board is of the opinion that growth and development is a basic human right and need. When lacking opportunity, encouragement, and positive experience, intellectual growth and development is often delayed, much in the same way as physical growth and development is stunted when proper nutrition is lacking.

The board believes that growth and development occur through formal and informal life-long learning. We must provide responsive, flexible and accessible educational opportunities for all. Our goal is to help people in improving their quality of life, and to empower the citizenry to participate as enlightened, informed members of our society.

The Board believes that coordination with existing agencies will assist in providing opportunities for individual and community growth and development, and is willing to act as a catalyst to foster cooperation.

In its efforts to provide an environment conducive to both individual and community growth and development, the Board must continually assess the needs and wants of the citizens, and adjust the emphasis in programming to correlate with those needs and wants.

Legal Reference: Title 20A MRSA, Section 8601