



## Opening Charter Schools in Maine

- For:** People interested in founding a Maine Public Charter School  
**When:** Saturday, September 17, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm  
**Where:** Ft. Western Room, Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, ME  
**Why:** To discuss the process for opening a public charter school under Maine's new law;  
To provide networking opportunities for potential charter school operators.  
**Cost:** **\$20.00 with pre-registration - includes lunch** (\$25 with registration at the door)  
To register, please follow the links on our website. You may use a credit card to pay there.  
You may also send a check to MACS (address above) or pay with cash or check at the door.

### AGENDA

- 8:30 Registration & Networking  
9:00 Welcome & Introductions  
9:15 Maine's New Charter School Legislation - Overview  
9:30 **Moving Forward**
- Challenges of Charter School Founders
  - First Steps - Governance
  - Dancing with Authorizers - Principles, Standards, & Stories
- ~ Break ~
- 10:45 **Breakout Sessions**
- Starting a new school
  - Converting an existing public school
  - Converting an existing private school
- 11:30 Session Reports
- 12:00 ~ Lunch & Networking ~
- 12:45 **Specifics, Questions & Answers**
- Admissions, Facilities, Transportation, & Funding
  - Students, Curriculum, Teachers
  - Special Education
- ~ Break ~
- 2:00 Resources for New Charter Schools  
2:45 Next Steps  
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