

Midcoast Lyme Disease Support & Education (MLDSE)
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Maine partner of national Lyme Disease Association
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Midcoast Lyme Disease Support & Education (MLDSE) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that serves the needs of Midcoast Maine's Lyme community. A Maine partner of the national Lyme Disease Association, their efforts are focused on raising awareness, fostering education, advocating for state and local change while providing resources and support to those affected by Lyme and tick-borne diseases.

Active year round, holding monthly awareness events and prevention talks, quarterly educational workshops for medical providers, and yearly Lyme Disease conferences bringing in local and nationwide expert speakers and vendors, they are the recipients of national and local educational grants two years in a row for their steadfast commitment to public awareness and community education and support. As members of Maine's CDC Vector-borne Work group, they bring the voice of Maine's Lyme community to the table. Active in Lyme legislation, they were instrumental in getting LD422 passed last summer which allowed Doctors to treat chronic Lyme patients without fear of Medical Board disciplinary actions (Maine was the last state in New England to have such a law in place).

Paula Jackson Jones, President and Co-Founder of MLSE, a native of Nobleboro, is a survivor of a 5-year battle with Late Stage Neurological Lyme Disease complicated by (4) co-infections ~ Babesia, Bartonella, Erlichiosis and Rocky Mountain Spotted fever, who went into remission in April 2014. It was during her own battle that she noticed a need for information and connection to resources in the Midcoast area among those suffering from Lyme. It was through her own personal journey, research and fight that she began to gather resources to share with those around her. She was introduced to Angele Rice, another Lyme survivor who lives in Bath and in May 2014, they co-founded the Midcoast Lyme Disease Support & Education Group. Their education and backgrounds in counseling and crisis management training combined with firsthand experience with tickborne diseases and what a Lyme patient goes through has made them the perfect resource for this community.

Midcoast Lyme Disease Support & Education is available year round for prevention and educational talks. For more information about MLDSE, visit their website at www.mldse.org To request a prevention talk for your group, please send an email to paula@mldse.org

