

Maine Association of Psychiatric Physicians

April, 2026 Newsletter

MAPP Member Highlights at the 2026 APA Annual Meeting

The Maine Association of Psychiatric Physicians (MAPP) is proud to spotlight two prominent members who will be presenting at the 2026 American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Their work reflects the leadership, scholarship, and clinical excellence that strengthen psychiatry in Maine and nationally.

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Linda Chaudron, MD Distinguished Life Fellow

Session: Beyond the Glass Ceiling: Women Transforming Psychiatric Leadership

Time: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Dr. Chaudron will lead a forward-looking session examining how women continue to shape psychiatric leadership. Her work offers valuable perspective for clinicians invested in equity, mentorship, and the future direction of the profession.

Chidrup Tripathi, MD General Member

Session: Neurofibromatosis Type 1 and Dementia: A Hidden Neurocognitive Burden

Time: 3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

Dr. Tripathi's presentation will highlight the often-overlooked neurocognitive complications associated with Neurofibromatosis Type 1, offering clinically relevant insights to improve assessment and patient care.

MAPP Members: Let's Connect in San Francisco!

Planning to attend the APA Annual Meeting in San Francisco? MAPP encourages members to connect while onsite—whether by attending colleagues' sessions, gathering informally, or sharing ideas over coffee. Stay tuned for details about a MAPP meet-up during the meeting.

Mental Health Advocacy Updates in Maine

MAPP members continue to practice during an important period for mental health and behavioral health advocacy in Maine. Key initiatives currently underway include:

Strengthening Behavioral Health Crisis Services:

- The Maine Legislature is advancing LD 1216, legislation aimed at improving access to behavioral health crisis response services, strengthening suicide prevention efforts, and formally codifying the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline in Maine statute. The bill also emphasizes age-appropriate crisis care for children and families.

Protection of Patient Rights & Independent Advocacy:

- Maine continues to strengthen protections for individuals with serious mental illness through legislatively supported independent advocacy services, ensuring patient rights are monitored and upheld in both hospital and community settings.



2026 MAPP SPRING MEETING

Our expert-led sessions provide hands-on learning, practical insights, and valuable networking opportunities to help you excel in your field.

Friday, May 8, 2026
9 am to 4:30 pm
Harraseeket Inn
Main St. Freeport

8:15 - 9:00 am	Registration and Time with Exhibitors
9:00 - 11:00 am	Wired to Feel: Autism as a Condition of Sensory Surplus - Sarah Benquifield and Martha Swezey
11:00 - 11:15 am	Break with Exhibitors
11:15 - 12:15 pm	Neurodiversity and Neuropsychology - Shawn Kalbeck
12:15 - 1:00 pm	Lunch/Business Meeting
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Autistic Burnout & Treatment - Dylan McKenney
2:00 - 3:00 pm	"I'm Seeking a Diagnosis of..." A Child Psychiatry Perspective on the Adult Diagnosis of Autism - Brenden Myers
3:00 - 3:15 pm	Break with Exhibitors
3:15 - 4:15 pm	Psychiatric Management of Autism and other Neurodevelopmental Disorders - Winston Chung
4:15 - 4:45 pm	Panelists / Closing Remarks

Conference Fees

MAPP Members and Consultation Project Participants	\$100
Nonmember Physicians	\$150
Other Disciplines	\$170
Residents and Medical Students	\$0

6 CMEs

REGISTER NOW
2026 MAPP Spring Registration

Join us for the 2026 MAPP Spring Meeting, an expert-led, full-day conference designed to provide hands-on learning, practical insights, and meaningful networking opportunities for professionals across disciplines. Sessions will explore neurodiversity, diagnosis, burnout, treatment interventions, and more, led by experienced clinicians and researchers.

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Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, Maine

Registration fees vary by discipline, with discounts for residents and students.

Register today: <https://www.mainepsych.org/events/neurodivergence/>