

# PUDDLE DOCK VILLAGE FESTIVAL

## THRIVING TOGETHER: HOW CREATIVITY & CONNECTION BUILD YOUTH RESILIENCE

Thursday, July 9, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Alna Meetinghouse  
1789 Alna Road, Alna, ME

**A day of hands-on experiences, performances & conversations to share insights, spotlight youth programs working in Maine & highlight youth voice through art, music & more.**



ArtVan

DanceMaineia

Fernald's Country Store

Hardy Girls

Healthy Kids

Hearty Roots

The Landing Place

Maine Youth Thriving

South End Teen Center

Spark Inclusive Arts

Speak About It

Education at The Waldo

Valo

Waterville Alt High School

Waterville Creates

### Outdoors

#### Throughout the day

Learn about Maine youth programs while enjoying music & presentations, creative activities, "Consent Bingo" with Speak About It, a youth art show & more.

#### 10:00-11:30

Youth music, performance & presentation showcase, organized by the teens of Fernald's Country Store.

#### 11:30-12:15

Join DanceMaineia in a hip-hop communal dance.

#### 12:15-1:00

Sandwiches, chips, and brownies, provided for free by Fernald's Country Store. Join Valo during our lunchtime break for adventures in dessert decorating...and satisfy your sweet tooth to boot!

#### 2:20-2:40

Interactive activity on the dynamics of a healthy relationship, led by Speak About It's Oronde Cruger.

#### 2:40-3:00

Inclusive Community Dance experience for all ages with Michaela Knox Director of Spark Inclusive Arts.

*Free and open to the public w/ lunch included – rain or shine, arrive or leave anytime!*

### Indoors

#### 10:45-Noon

##### **Making Space for Youth to Matter**

Featuring Meg LeMay (Maine Youth Thriving), Char Corbett (Healthy Kids), Haley Bezon (Hearty Roots), Jamie Silvestri (ArtVan), Joseph Hufnagel (The Landing Place), and Alexandra Welch (Fernald's Country Store), a rich array of presentations and audience conversation on cultivating environments to help youth thrive.

#### 1:00-2:15

##### **Youth Mattering: What Adults Need to Know**

Centering youth voice and perspectives, a lineup of young speakers from a variety of youth programs offer their take on what it means to matter, how adults can effectively help.

*Between the morning and afternoon program, step into the Meetinghouse to view a reel of youth-centered videos from our program participants.*



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