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Public Law **Sec. A-1. 26 MRSA c. 39** is enacted to read: Employment First Maine Act went into affect in October 2013

## **§3303. State agencies; requirements**

- 1. Employment as core component of services and supports.**
- 2. First and preferred service or support option.**

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**3. Coordination of efforts and information.**

**4. Pursuit of employment; option.**

**5. Rulemaking.** A state agency shall adopt rules to implement this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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The Employment First Coalition Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
at The Commerce Center 11-1

Overall Work Group Updates:

- Chair and membership, DHHS reps still needed
- Project Plan developed and posted
- Meetings occurring regularly, report out occurs every other month- action notes and minutes posted

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- Policy and Legislation-Vision Quest, Legislation
- Business Engagement-Business Survey, RI Summit, Me-BLN
- Capacity Building-Provider Survey
- Transition-Systems Improvement-PP
- Data-Gathering baseline employment data
- Communication-new website, logo, communication policy

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How to get Involved...

- Read the Project Plans, give feedback to a Chair
- Come to the Coalition Meetings
- Join a workgroup –DATA!!!!
- Assess your Department based on requirement in law
- Attend an Employment event- Maine APSE, have someone come to speak from EFM

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