



Happy New Year and **welcome to 2026!**

On behalf of **MAMSS**, we wish each of you a happy, healthy, and successful year ahead. We hope 2026 brings growth, meaningful connections, and moments of pride in the important work you do every day. Our members are truly the heart of this organization, and we are grateful to move into the new year alongside such a dedicated and supportive community.

We're excited to share a few **educational opportunities already on the calendar** and look forward to learning together throughout the year:

🍽️ **Lunch and Learn Sessions**

Our first Lunch and Learn of the year will take place on **January 14**, featuring "*The Swango Effect*." These sessions are free and a great way to get your CEU's in as we learn, engage, and connect. Additional Lunch and Learn sessions are also planned for **June and August**.

💻 **Virtual March Educational Conference**

Join us on **March 19** for our virtual educational conference: *NPDB – Is It Reportable?* This interactive session will provide practical guidance and valuable insights as we review a variety of scenarios.

🌸 **Annual Spring Conference**

Please mark your calendars for our **Annual Spring Conference**, happening **May 6–8** at the **Red Jacket Inn**. This event is always a highlight of the year, offering high-quality education, networking opportunities, and time to reconnect with colleagues from across the state.

In addition, a **task force is currently exploring new venue options for future annual conferences**. We're excited about the possibilities and encourage you to be on the lookout for more information as this work progresses.

You may be wondering about **membership renewal**—the membership drive has not gone out yet, as we experienced some challenges in getting this communication ready. That said, it **will be coming soon**, so please be on the lookout. We encourage you to renew and continue enjoying the many benefits of belonging to this amazing

organization, including education, networking, professional support, and connection with peers who truly understand the work you do.

We would also love to hear from you! If you have **ideas or suggestions**—whether for speakers, networking opportunities, educational topics, or general feedback - please don't hesitate to reach out. Member input is incredibly valuable and helps shape the direction of our organization.

Thank you for being part of MAMSS. We look forward to a year filled with learning, collaboration, and shared success.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season and a Happy, Healthy and Amazing New Year!

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