

# Maureen Gallagher

## Policy Director



Maureen Gallagher was named the Policy Director of Jane Doe Inc. in 2010. She oversees the Coalition's policy development and advocacy on a range of sexual and domestic violence issues and works with JDI members to build broader policy advocacy capacity. Her portfolio includes state and federal budget advocacy and JDI's legislative priorities as well as sexual violence response and prevention, military sexual trauma and housing and homelessness.

More than 20 years ago, Maureen began this journey as a volunteer/student intern at what was then the Rape Crisis Center of Worcester (now Pathways to Change) and has worked in a variety of capacities responding to and working with children and families affected by sexual and domestic violence in New Hampshire, New York, Nebraska, and now Massachusetts. She earned a BA in Sociology from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA and an MA in Sociology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

From an early age, Maureen has felt a strong sense of social justice, which has driven her work and personal pursuits. She is proud to watch her children grow up with these values and take seriously the importance of equality and dignity for all people.

### WORDS THAT INSPIRE

"Activism is the rent I pay for living on this planet."

*Alice Walker*

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