



**Engaging  
Community Voices  
to Enhance Older  
Adult Health  
Grantmaking**

**Maine Health Access  
Foundation**

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- Maine's largest, private nonprofit health foundation
- Program support : Since 2002, MeHAF has awarded over \$66 million in grant and program support to organizations across Maine to advance our mission

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*The mission of the Maine Health Access Foundation is to promote access to quality health care, especially for those who are uninsured and underserved, and improve the health of everyone in Maine*

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- *It takes more than grantmaking to achieve our mission.*
- *Every aspect of our work should be guided by the voices of the people we're dedicated to serve.*
- *We value diverse perspectives that challenge our assumptions and strengthen our work.*
- *Building trust and cultivating deep, collaborative relationships are essential to our success.*
- *As stewards of the foundation's resources, we must be accountable, transparent and wise in determining their best use.*

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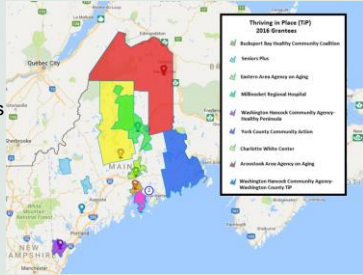
**MeHAF's Current Work in Aging**

- Thriving in Place Program
- Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging
- SWOT Analysis: Improving Integration of Geriatric Care into Primary Care

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**Thriving in Place (TiP)**

Fostering community collaborations to help persons with chronic conditions remain in their homes and communities.

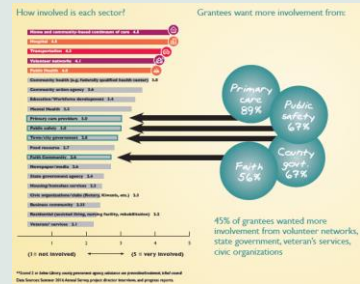


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### Selected TIP Community Priorities

- Social isolation
- In-home assessment & care transition support
- Food security
- Medication safety
- Transportation
- Wellness & prevention education
- Caregiver support, self-efficacy & respite
- Information, referral & coordination

### What Are We Learning About Partnerships?



### What We Are Learning About Community Involvement?

#### How are community members involved?

Role	Scale of 1=not involved at all to 5=very involved
Providing input in assessment phase	5.0
On work groups/subcommittees	4.3
Involved in decision making process	4.3
Member of advisory committee	4.2
Participate in data collection/analysis	4.2
Guiding implementation in other ways	4.1
Committed volunteer	4.1
Member of leadership/steering committee	3.9
Paid employee/consultant	3.4

### What Are We Learning About Systems Change?

#### How are relationships among organizations changing?

Organization change	Scale of 1-5: 1=strongly disagree to 5=strongly agree
Wider community awareness and endorsement of project/collaborative than a year ago	4.5
Increased awareness of community resources	4.5
Increased communication	4.3
New collaborative efforts spur action that advances goals	4.3
Increased resource sharing	4.3
More referrals across sectors	4.1
Increased trust among organizations	4.0
Increase trust between organizations and community members	4.0
Partners are responding collectively to policy opportunities/challenges	3.6

#### What system-level changes are being made, directly or indirectly, as a result of your project?

System change	Percent (%)
Identify gaps in service	100
Strategies to increase awareness of eligibility and services	89
Mechanisms to increase access to services	89
New strategies to address social determinants of health	89
New mechanisms to reach underserved/isolated individuals	78
Enhanced service coordination	78
Mechanisms that improve transitions from one level of care to another	78
Mechanisms to integrate health/financial services	67
New/enhanced programs to increase capacity of existing	56
Increased training of staff of BOPs	44
More appropriate use of services	33

### Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging

- Supported by seven ME, NH, VT foundations
- Coordinated by Maine Association of Area Agencies on Aging (M4A)
- Supports, strengthens and cultivates community-based initiatives and systemic best practices that help older adults thrive in their homes and communities.
- Encourages the growth of new initiatives and practices by building connections and partnerships across sectors, communities and states.

### SWOT Analysis: Improving Integration of Geriatric Care Into Primary Care

- Maine Quality Counts, Maine's Area Agencies on Aging, and Dirigo Maine Geriatric Society
- Apply the Hartford Foundation's Person-Centered Medical Home Roadmap to identify promising practices for aligning primary care, geriatrics, and social services to improve quality and cost of care for older Mainers.
- Develop a plan for collaboration among key leadership organizations to build on strengths and opportunities and to address weaknesses & threats

### Listening Session Ground Rules

- Questions will be discussed one at a time in order.
- When it is your turn to speak, give one idea, comment, or answer. You will get more than one chance to answer each question
- Everyone participates, nobody dominates
- Keep responses brief and to the point
- Everyone's opinion is valuable
- Don't be afraid to repeat ideas



### Listening Session: Three Questions

- What is happening in your life, organization or community related to aging that concerns you most?
- What is the change you would most like to see in your life, organization, or community in regard to your aging related concerns?
- How can we work together to make these changes come about?



Thank you!

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