

Amistad

Mid-Coast Overdose and Infection Initiative

Implementation Grant: Amistad will implement harm reduction programming to reduce instances of substance use overdose and the spread of transmittable illnesses among adults with substance use disorders in Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties.

Area(s) of Focus: Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder, Rural Health

Geographic Area(s) Served: Lincoln County, Sagadahoc County (Programmatic bases in Bath and Wiscasset)

Community(ies) Served: Rural, People Experiencing Substance Use Disorder

Bangor Region YMCA

Co-Create Responsive, Sustainable, and Equitable Community Health Models for Older Adults with Chronic Diseases

Planning Grant: The Bangor Region YMCA will engage older people with chronic disease conditions and their care partners to collectively identify new ways to connect people to community health and wellness resources and co-create with the YMCA effective continuum of care systems to support the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of people.

Area(s) of Focus: Aging and Older People, Rural

Geographic Area(s) Served: Penobscot County

Community(ies) Served: Rural, Older People

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City of Bangor, Health & Community Services

Substance Use and Overdose Prevention Through Equity Planning at Bangor Public Health and Community Services

Planning Grant: City of Bangor, Health & Community Services will explore elements of the existing processes and systems that make it difficult for people who use substances to engage with the identified systems. They will explore ideas for sustained engagement through several conversations between partner organizations; the identified community of focus; peer to peer outreach; review of best-practice engagement strategies other organizations and communities have used; and the work of the Bangor Substance Use Disorder and Overdose Prevention Coalition. This will ensure an authentic and enduring voice in the creation of programs and systems for people who use drugs in Bangor, Maine.

Area(s) of Focus: Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder

Geographic Area(s) Served: Bangor

Community(ies) Served: People Experiencing Substance Use Disorder

Co-Occurring Collaborative Serving Maine

Creating a Road Map for Priorities in the Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers in Maine

Planning Grant: The Co-Occurring Collaborative Serving Maine will partner with the Consumer Council System of Maine; Healthy Acadia; and the Alliance for Addiction and Mental Health Services, Maine, to host listening sessions and surveys to solicit the people's voice from rural and urban areas and across racial and ethnic groups to test concepts and identify priority services as Maine begins to implement Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers.

Area(s) of Focus: Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder

Geographic Area(s) Served: Statewide

Community(ies) Served: People Experiencing Substance Use Disorder

Downeast Community Partners

Improving Access to Healthcare for Rural Older People

Planning Grant: Downeast Community Partners will plan and implement a service needs assessment to inform the development of a model for an accessible program that will provide a variety of free health and wellness programs for older people who are living independently in the rural areas of the Blue Hill Peninsula region of Hancock County.

Area(s) of Focus: Aging and Older People

Geographic Area(s) Served: Hancock County - Blue Hill Peninsula, Deer Isle/Stonington, Bucksport area, Ellsworth area

Community(ies) Served: Older People

Maine Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

Treatment, Recovery, Education, Advocacy for Teens with Substance Use Disorder in Maine

Implementation Grant: The Maine Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics will roll out an evidence-based curriculum to teach providers how to manage youth experiencing substance use disorders in primary care settings across Maine. The effort includes recruitment and engagement of youth and families, a 12-month learning collaborative for providers with evaluation, resource refinement, and the creation of enduring content available to all clinicians serving this population. We are partnering with the Maine Medical Association's Center for Quality Improvement.

Area(s) of Focus: Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder

Geographic Area(s) Served: Statewide

Community(ies) Served: Youth, People Experiencing Substance Use Disorder

Maine Council on Aging

Transportation Equity for Healthy Aging

Implementation Grant: The Maine Council on Aging will partner with stakeholders to design and implement enhancements to Maine's transportation system that increase the awareness of and availability of transportation services for older Mainers to access healthcare and behavioral healthcare, and meet their social health needs.

Area(s) of Focus: Aging and Older People

Geographic Area(s) Served: Statewide

Community(ies) Served: Older People

Maine Inside Out

Youth Leadership and Peer Support to Effect Transformative School and Systems Change

Implementation Grant: Maine Inside Out will engage directly impacted youth and families to imagine and advocate for systemic changes in behavioral healthcare and pilot a new approach for holistic community support. Program alumni with lived experience of system involvement will facilitate theater for community change workshops with Lewiston Middle School students involved in the behavioral healthcare system or at risk of school removal and law enforcement contact.

Area(s) of Focus: Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder

Geographic Area(s) Served: Androscoggin County - Lewiston

Community(ies) Served: Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylum-Seekers, Youth, LGBTQIA+

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MaineHealth - Healthy Community Coalition

Mobile Harm Reduction in Franklin County

Implementation Grant: Healthy Community Coalition will expand opportunities to better coordinate and improve access to recovery and harm reduction services for those with substance use disorder in Franklin County. Using the Healthy Community Coalition Mobile Health Unit, we will increase access to recovery services, reduce syringe littering, reduce Emergency Department visits, and reduce deaths associated with substance use.

Area(s) of Focus: Rural, Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder

Geographic Area(s) Served: Franklin County; including some adjacent towns in Oxford, Androscoggin, and Somerset

Community(ies) Served: People Experiencing Substance Use Disorder

MaineHealth - Maine Behavioral Healthcare

Collaborative Care and Consultation – Creating a System to Improve Access to Care for Mainers with Behavioral Health Needs

Planning Grant: MaineHealth will involve key stakeholders in developing a detailed plan for facilitating consultative partnerships between psychiatry and primary care providers. Partnering with the University of Washington Advancing Integrated Mental Health Solutions Center, the project will result in plans to pilot the Collaborative Care Model; and will inform a larger effort focused on developing a menu of consultation options to help primary care teams provide better access to behavioral health and substance use disorder care for patients at the appropriate level and setting.

Area(s) of Focus: Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder

Geographic Area(s) Served: Cumberland County; Franklin County; Knox County; Lincoln County; Oxford County; Sagadahoc County; Waldo County; York County

Community(ies) Served: People Experiencing Substance Use Disorder

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MaineHealth - Maine Medical Center

Addressing Health Equity in Child Development

Implementation Grant: Maine Medical Center will pilot a community-informed initiative to increase MaineHealth pediatric providers' understanding of and engagement with immigrant, refugee, asylee, and asylum-seeking families around developmental screenings and well child visits in an effort to increase rates of these services and the communities' involvement. The partnership with the Maine Access Immigrant Network's Community Health Workers will enhance provider education, transform practices around screening, and offer targeted, culturally-responsive support to families through print material and individual outreach.

Area(s) of Focus: Maternal and Child Health

Geographic Area(s) Served: Cumberland County - Greater Portland (Portland, South Portland, Westbrook, Old Orchard, Scarborough)

Community(ies) Served: Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylum-Seekers

Medical Care Development

Community Engaged Oral Health System

Planning Grant: Medical Care Development will plan for the successful implementation of the "Dental Steps" prototype in primary care as the beginning of a "Community Engaged Oral Health System," or a network of virtual dental homes, aimed at improving health of under-served children in the Mid-Coast Region of Maine.

Area(s) of Focus: Rural Health

Geographic Area(s) Served: Knox County, Lincoln County

Community(ies) Served: Rural, Youth

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Northern Light Acadia Hospital

Improving Access and Reducing Barriers: Substance Use Disorder at Northern Light Health Rural and Urban Hospitals

Implementation Grant: Northern Light Acadia Hospital (NLH) will design and pilot clinical pathways to reduce barriers and increase access of patients with substance use disorder (SUD) to treatment and recovery supports across all NLH's primary care, emergency department, and inpatient facilities. NLH will train front line staff in trauma informed care to reduce stigma for patients with SUD and develop a "hub and spoke" model to ensure that a patient presenting anywhere in the NLH system with SUD can be immediately connected to primary care providers providing medication assisted treatment (MAT). NLH will create a robust pilot for these interventions at six primary care offices in Penobscot County.

Area(s) of Focus: Rural, Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder

Geographic Area(s) Served: Statewide, based in Penobscot County

Community(ies) Served: Rural, People Experiencing Substance Use Disorder

The Opportunity Alliance

Culturally Responsive Behavioral Health Early Intervention Planning Project

Planning Grant: The Opportunity Alliance will lead a robust strategic planning process with South Portland School Department and Greater Portland Health to address systemic barriers to equitable access to culturally responsive mental health services for New Mainer families living in South Portland.

Area(s) of Focus: Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder

Geographic Area(s) Served: Cumberland County - South Portland

Community(ies) Served: Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylum-Seekers

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Woodfords Family Services

Woodfords' Psychiatric Primary Care Physician Consultation Program

Implementation Grant: Woodfords Family Services will pilot a new approach to delivering specialized psychiatric medication management for individuals with special needs and/or co-occurring mental health diagnoses to increase access to and improve the delivery of psychiatric medication management services provided by Primary Care Physicians due to the significant shortage and continued closing of psychiatric practices statewide.

Area(s) of Focus: Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder

Geographic Area(s) Served: Statewide

Community(ies) Served: People Experiencing Mental Health Issues

York County Community Action Corporation

GROUNDWORK

Planning Grant: York County Community Action Corporation will engage a key subset of health center patients, medical practices, and community-based organizations whose work addresses health-related social needs. Through a structured, year-long planning process, the consortium will learn about the health and social service sectors in rural York County, gain insight into the experience of patients with complex health and social needs, and begin to grapple with some of the structural barriers to providing integrated whole-person care, while setting the stage to develop trusting, long-term relationships.

Area(s) of Focus: Rural Health

Geographic Area(s) Served: York County- Sanford-Springvale, and the towns of Acton, Alfred, Lebanon, North Berwick, Shapleigh and Waterboro

Community(ies) Served: People Experiencing Barriers to Care