

CHC AMBASSADOR NEWSLETTER



MAINE CELEBRATES NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

The week we have been waiting for is finally here! CHCs across the state are hosting events to celebrate the communities and patients they serve. Community members are welcome to join any of the events listed here. For more information or to learn about other events in your area, please contact your local CHC directly. [FindMyHealthCenter.org](https://www.findmyhealthcenter.org)

[Eastport Health Care](#)

Free, Fresh Produce
August 5, 10:30 - 11:30 AM
30 Boynton Street, Eastport, ME

[Hometown Health Center](#)

Farm Stand Event
August 5, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
118 Moosehead Trail, Newport, ME
Full list of HHC NHCW events [here](#)

[Bucksport Regional Health Center](#)

Red Cross Blood Drive
August 6, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
110 Broadway, Bucksport, ME

[Pines Health Services](#)

Elementary Story Time & Crafts
Aug. 6, 10:30 AM, Caribou Public Library
30 High Street, Caribou, ME

[Nasson Health Care](#)

Patient Appreciation Day & Open House
August 8, 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
15 Oak Street, Springvale, ME

[Island Community Medical Services](#)

Community Clean Up & Raffle
August 5, Vinalhaven, ME

Patient Appreciation Day
August 7, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Story Time at the Public Library
Saturday, August 10, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Vinalhaven Food Pantry Donation Drive
Boxes at ICMS, Carver's Harbor Market
Until Saturday, August 10

[Harrington Family Health Center](#)

Children's Health Day Carnival
August 8, 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
50 East Main Street, Harrington, ME

[Fish River Rural Health](#)

31st Annual Health Fair
August 10, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
10 Carter Street, Eagle Lake, ME

[Sacopec Valley Health Center](#)

Family Fun Day
August 10, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
70 Main Street, Porter, ME

MPCA National Health Center Week Webinar

Join the MPCA Team on
Monday, August 5 at 3:00 PM
for a fun and informative webinar
to learn more about
Maine's Community Health
Center Network.

[REGISTER
HERE!](#)

Governor Mills Declares "Community Health Center Week" in Maine

Governor Mills has issued a proclamation designating this week as "Community Health Center Week" in Maine.

The proclamation highlights the essential role that CHCs play in ensuring the economic health and well being of all Maine people. We are so proud of the work that CHC staff, board members, and volunteers do every day to care for us.

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PROCLAMATION](#)



MPCA Staff share their appreciation for Maine's Community Health Centers!

CHCs IN THE NEWS

Hometown Health Center

In July, Hometown broke ground on a new facility that will be built in Palmyra. The new health center will offer integrated clinical services, a wellness area, a recovery center, child care, and other essential services (food bank, community gardens, teaching kitchen, etc.). A big congrats to CEO Robin Winslow and her team for their commitment to bringing this vision to life. Visit their website to learn more about the project.

Pines Health Services

Congratulations to Pines CEO Kris Doody on Cary Medical Center's recognition in Becker's Hospital Review list of the nation's top 100 Great Community Hospitals. Kris serves as CEO of both organizations and the medical center works collaboratively with Pines to care for community members in Aroostook County.

HealthReach Community Health Centers

Dr. Abigail Cross will be joining the Bingham Area Health Center team. Her background includes geriatric medicine within a home hospice setting, antibiotic resistance research, and both teaching and publication experience in the field of Osteopathic Medicine. Also, if you have been watching the Paris 2024 Olympics coverage you may have caught a commercial featuring HealthReach team members in Livermore Falls & Belgrade!

COMMUNITY CLINICAL SERVICES (CCS) UNVEILS NEW LOGO



CCS has announced the launch of their new logo as part of a marketing and rebranding initiative due to a change in the health center's affiliation with the St. Mary's Health System.

In the announcement, CCS shared that "while no longer affiliated, our partnership with St. Mary's continues. We are incredibly grateful for the decades of support they have provided us through our affiliation. While our logo may be changing, our health centers' mission, vision and commitment to serving our community remains unwavering."

We are excited for this next step in CCS's long history of serving the Lewiston-Auburn community and providing accessible, equitable, and culturally-appropriate, patient-centered care.

JOIN US FOR MPCA'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE

We are excited to welcome you to MPCA's 2024 Annual Conference – **Maine FQHCs: Employers, Providers, and Partners of Choice**, at the Samoset Resort in Rockport, Maine, October 23-24. Join us as we gather with stakeholders, colleagues, and partners to celebrate and learn about FQHCs and the critical role they play in Maine's healthcare infrastructure. Over two days, our conference will feature in-depth presentations, panel discussions, and conversations that dive into equity and access, workforce and operations issues, patient safety, and much more. You can see the current agenda and register here.

If you are a CHC staff member, consider nominating a colleague or team for the 2024 Clinical & Administrative Excellence Awards. View the 2023 awardees and submit your 2024 nominations here.

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