

# CHC AMBASSADOR NEWSLETTER

## CELEBRATING NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK IN MAINE

The Maine CHC Network spent time this August recognizing and celebrating the amazing work that health centers do across our state. In addition to community events and open houses, CHCs held diaper drives, collected back to school supplies, distributed fresh vegetables, organized blood drives, and more - further demonstrating their commitment to supporting the communities they serve. We are delighted to share some highlights of the events that took place around the state to honor patients and staff.



*Hometown Health Center  
School Supply Drive*



*Patient Appreciation Day at Islands  
Community Medical Services*



*Community Open House at  
Nasson Health Center*



*Children's Health Carnival at  
Harrington Family Health Center*



*MPCA Team Celebrating Maine's CHCs*



*Annual Family Fun Day at  
Fish River Rural Health*



*Family Fun Day at Sacopee  
Valley Health Center*



*Storytime at the Library with  
Pines Health Services*



## CHCs IN THE NEWS

### Penobscot Community Health Care

PCHC and other Bangor area public health and community organizations are working to mitigate the spread of HIV. News Center Maine's [reporting on the increase on HIV cases in Penobscot County](#) includes comments from PCHC's Associate Director of Clinical Pharmacy, Meagan Rusby.

### Nasson Health Care

After more than 7 months of renovations, Nasson's new dental suite expansion opened its doors to the community and their patients in August. Congrats to the whole team on their work to bring critical dental services to more Mainers!

### Pines Health Services

Pines has been named one of the Best Places to Work in Maine for 2024. The Maine State Council of the Society for Human Resource Management, Best Companies Group and BridgeTower Media [announced the honorees](#) in August.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MPCA TEAM MEMBERS

### Lisa Hicks, Director of Finance

Lisa will be focused on the financial health of our organization. She brings a wide range of experience to the team, from non-profits, real estate development, and the corporate sector.

### Carrie Mead, CQI Program Manager

Carrie supports initiatives focused on cardiovascular disease (CVD) and diabetes management (DM). Prior to this role she worked with Health Care For All Massachusetts on the Vaccine Equity Initiative and with Community Catalyst, a national consumer health advocacy organization.

## READING CORNER

Have you heard of the 340B Drug Pricing Program? CHCs use this program to get prescription drugs to patients at a lower cost and reinvest the savings into essential health services for the community (think food pantries, transportation assistance, expanded SUD treatment access, etc.). While CHCs exemplify the type of safety net provider 340B was intended to support, the program is unfortunately under attack. State legislatures across the country are taking action to ensure that CHCs can continue to access this critical program. To learn more, we recommend this article from Health Affairs.

[Protecting Federally Qualified Health Centers Amid Drugstore Closures And Threats To 340B](#)

## SHARE YOUR WHY

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