

CHC AMBASSADOR NEWSLETTER

MAINE FQHCs: EMPLOYERS, PROVIDERS, AND PARTNERS OF CHOICE

We had an amazing time gathering at the Samoset Resort on Oct. 23-24 for our 2024 Annual Conference. Over two days, attendees enjoyed in-depth presentations, panel discussions, and conversations that dove into equity and access, workforce and operations issues, patient safety, and more. The CHC Network also celebrated the 2024 award winners. Planning has already begun for 2025 and we can't wait to see you then!



MPCA 2024 Clinical & Administrative Excellence Awards

Carol Eckert, MD Memorial Award
Katie M. Adams, MD, FAAFP
Health Access Network

General Excellence Award
Hannah Miller, Director of Outreach
Maine Mobile Health Program

Team-Based Excellence Award
Dental Team
Greater Portland Health

Team-Based Excellence Award
Behavioral Health Team
Health Access Network



TAKE ACTION TODAY



Share Vaccine Resources with Your Community. The U.S. CDC and Department of Health and Human Services have developed resources on [recommended childhood vaccines](#) and the [Risk Less. Do More.](#) campaign to increase awareness and confidence in vaccines that reduce severe illness from influenza (flu), COVID-19, and the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) in at-risk populations.

CHCs IN THE NEWS

Penobscot Community Health Care

The James F. Doughty and William S. Cohen schools in the Bangor school district have [opened school-based health centers](#) in partnership with PCHC.

Greater Portland Health

GPH will [serve as a judge](#) for the annual Maine Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Case Competition. This year the student competition will focus on ways to address the health care challenges of Maine's asylum-seeking families.

October marked the [second anniversary](#) for the [Elena's Way Wellness Center](#), one of Maine's five privately operated low-barrier shelters. GPH has been a partner with the organization, running a weekly on-site clinic to provide primary care.

HealthReach Community Health Center

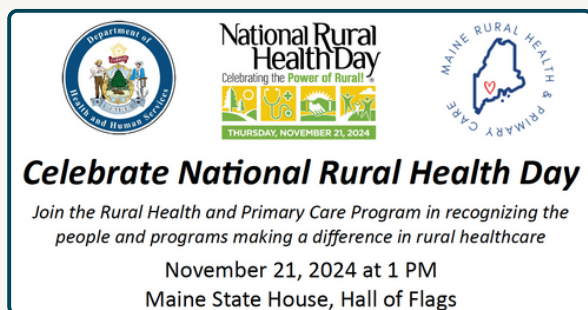
RSU 11, a school district based in Gardiner, is considering opening a school-based health center run by HealthReach. A [meeting in October](#) brought community members together to discuss the idea. The RSU 11 school board will review a proposal in the coming months.

Pines Health Services

Pines has [appointed Traci Rogers, RN](#) as their new Chief Nursing Officer and Chief Operating Officer. Rogers worked for Pines Health Services for nine years as Practice Manager for the Women's & Children's Health Center and Pines Dental before going to RSU 39 as a school nurse.

Maine Mobile Health Program

MMHP [joined a panel discussion](#) with other health care leaders from across the country to discuss how mobile clinics help expand access to mental health services.



READING CORNER

Reimbursement for 340B drugs purchased by a health center at a discounted rate generates savings that are reinvested into patient care. This helps expand access for patients in medically underserved communities. Learn more about how 340B resources support health equity.

340B 101: How the Health Center Program and the 340B Program Intersect for Health Equity.

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