

MCOA Newsletter & Updates

SAVE THE DATE!

Maine Wisdom Summit

**September 16th, 2020
8:00am - 4:00pm
Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, ME**

Help Maine cultivate the opportunities of our age by joining us at the 7th Annual Maine Summit on Aging – The Wisdom Summit!

The theme of this year's Summit is emerging and promising trends in rural aging with a focus on what's working to address the social determinants of health of older adults, specifically highlighting collaborative partnerships that share resources and information, and the use technology to bridge workforce gaps.

Our keynote speaker, sponsored by **Androscoggin Home Healthcare + Hospice**, former Assistant Secretary for Aging, Kathy Greenlee, has a deep expertise in the areas of aging, long-term care, disability, elder abuse, health care, and community service innovation. She will offer participants a national perspective on health and community reform efforts and partnerships that are working to increase the health and well-being of older people.



We are thrilled to have her join us this year!

We are excited to announce this year's Closing Plenary Speaker: Jason Paige Smith!

Jason Paige Smith is a Maine photographer living in Orono. His newest project, "The Oldest State," shares the story of older Mainers still working at what they've done for years and making Maine better. You may see more of his work by [clicking here](#). We are thrilled to have him join us and share his work at this year's Wisdom Summit.



We are planning an exciting end of the day event at the 2020 Wisdom Summit - Stay Tuned for more information!

Are you interested in presenting your work during an innovative breakout session at the Maine Wisdom Summit?

While we will be designing some of the sessions, we also want to hear your ideas for breakout sessions that highlight the innovative work you are doing that is helping to ensure we can all live healthy, engaged and secure lives as we age in our rural state of Maine.

Please share this link with your colleagues!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020MaineWisdomSummitRFP>

Click here for more information

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Register by clicking the link below or Contact jmaurer@mainecouncilonaging.org or 207-592-9972 for more information.

Click here to Sponsor & Exhibit at the Summit!

MCOA Board Member Highlight:



This month we are featuring one of our newest MCOA Board Members; Donna Kelley!

Donna serves as the President & Chief Executive Officer of Waldo Community Action Partners (WCAP). The mission of WCAP is "Building strong families and communities by empowering people to achieve economic independence and self-reliance". To read more about the work of Waldo Community Action Partners, [click here](#).

We asked Donna to share about the important work of her organization and why she is excited to serve on the MCOA Leadership Team. Here's what she said:

What is one exciting aspect of your current work that you want MCOA members to know about?

WCAP has several key initiatives in progress including:

- *implementing a Whole Family Model of service delivery to improve access and outcomes;*
- *expanding Volunteer Transportation services to better meet rural needs;*
- *renovating and consolidating current offices to centralize and improve client access;*
- *preparing for our 2020 Community Needs Assessment;*
- *working to advocate and support public policy that provides for access to needed services and support and promoting self sufficiency*

New initiatives we are undertaking;

- *WCAP is looking to establish its first permanent Home. After 55 years (this year) we are hoping to locate property and plan for a building and space that will consolidate all services, allow for expansion, and offer community spaces for partners and events.*

How does the work of the MCOA align with your organization's mission?

Much of our work aligns very well with the Vision, Mission and Goals of MCOA. We may have a broader focus as we work to alleviate poverty across all generational demographics.

Waldo Community Action Partners (WCAP) is a private, 501(c)(3) non-profit serving Waldo County since 1965. Our mission is: "Building strong families and communities by empowering people to achieve economic independence and self-reliance."

We view our role as a key community partner in engaging policy makers, advocates, social service systems, community partners, and individuals in promoting economic independence and self-sufficiency for our community members. With our partners, we conduct a comprehensive community needs assessments and target activities and services to meet those needs. We look to ensure adequate access to resources, services, and community activities that promote health, inclusion, dignity, self-determination, and quality of life for all.

Our efforts focus on community engagement, leadership, and advocacy for low-income and underserved families, children, and seniors in our community by addressing needs locally, systemically and through policy. WCAP leads collaborations among local social service organizations that help to develop programs and work groups to address systems issues, community problems and other obstacles that prevent our individuals and families from thriving. Elimination and alleviation of poverty in the areas of body, mind, and spirit is WCAP's goal; service and advocacy are the primary tools.

Today we deliver a variety of social service, and transportation programs to meet the needs of individuals and families living in poverty in the mid-coast area. Our programs focus on critical needs such as heating assistance, home repair and weatherization, early childhood education, family services and supports, case management, transportation both public and non-emergency medical, and other key community services addressing food insecurity. We are working to address existing needs such as transportation and food insecurity and, also exploring ways to address housing issues, homelessness, and services for seniors and teens.

What are some ways that other MCOA Members can collaborate to support your work?

We would love to learn more about the strategies, initiatives, and services other partners have used to better collaborate and coordinate to meet the needs of our seniors. We hope to expand existing partnerships, create new partnerships, and or find ways we can replicate successful tools, resources and or programs to better meet community needs.

We are honored to have Donna serve on the MCOA Board of Directors. To find out more about our wonderful Board, [click here](#) - and stay tuned each month for the next Board Member Highlight!

Reframing Aging

MCOA is excited to share with you our new webpage with information, resources, and tools to help you and your organization change the way we talk about aging. Check out the webpage by clicking here:

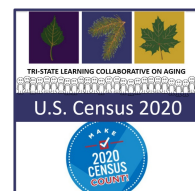
http://mainecouncilonaging.org/reframing_aging/

Stay tuned for information on an upcoming Reframing Aging Workshop for MCOA members!

Making Census 2020 Count in Your Community

Tuesday, February 25th, 2020 | 12:00 to 1:30 PM

Webinar Presented by [Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging](#)



Join us to learn more about the 2020 Census! We encourage all to participate as we will have a great opportunity to hear from Census Partnership Specialists on what information will – and won't – be asked and how the information is used to increase opportunities for us all to have a good life, access to needed health care and services we need to live our

best lives. In addition, the Census Partnership Specialists will be available to answer any questions you may have. This is a very important opportunity for direct care workers from many organizations to attend across Northern New England as they are vital advocates in spreading this information to all.

Please help us to spread the word about the 2020 Census and the importance of responding for all. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Looking for more information on the 2020 Census?

http://mainecouncilonaging.org/census_2020/

Member & Partner News + Updates



Registration is now open for the 30th Annual Maine Geriatrics Conference on June 11-12, 2020. [Click here for more information.](#)

Save the date for the 2020 Fill the Plate Breakfast on March 20, hosted by SeniorsPlus to benefit Meals on Wheels. [Click here for more information.](#)

SAVVY Caregiver Training offered starting in March. [Click here for more information.](#)

AgingME - Maine's Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) [Click here for more information.](#)

Maine Academy for Geriatric Interprofessional Continuing Education (MAGIC) program starting in April 2020. [Click here for more information.](#)

Maine Families for Vaccines information [Click here for more information.](#)
Don't forget to vote on March 3. Get your absentee ballot until February 27, and vote No on 1! <https://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>

In case you missed it:

[Commission to Study Long-term Care Workforce Issues](#) – Released January 2020

Home Care For Maine To Close It's Doors [Read more here.](#)

MCOA Board Member and organizational member Marilyn Gugliucci, of UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine and organizational member Tom Meuser, of UNE Center for Excellence in Aging & Health, were panelists recently on the *Maine Calling*. [Listen to the conversation here.](#)

Maine organizations to receive \$1.65M for affordable housing [Read More Here](#)

Do you have an event you would like to share with fellow MCOA Members?

Click here to let us know about
it!

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