

Wednesday, September 30th Program Schedule

(Tentative schedule created 7/21/26, subject to change)



- 7:45–9:00** **Networking & Pre-Event Activities**
Exhibitor Hall
Enjoy coffee and a light breakfast while connecting with fellow attendees and visiting exhibitor booths.
- 9:00–9:20** **Welcome & Land Recognition**
Auditorium
Jess Maurer, Executive Director of MCOA
- 9:20–9:30** **Opening Ceremony**
More Information Soon
- 9:30–10:30** **Keynote Presentation**
Somava Saha, Executive Director of Well-Being and Equity in the World (WE in the World)
Introduction by Exclusive Keynote Sponsor, GT Independence
Graphic Illustrator – Marsha Dunn
- 10:30–11:00** **Networking Break**
Exhibitor Hall
This is a great time to talk with new people and visit our vendors in the Exhibitors Hall.
- 11:00–11:45** **Panel Discussion – “Reimagining Maine’s Social Driver’s of Health”**
Auditorium
Mary Prybylo, Community Care Partnership of Maine
Zoey Miller, Moving Maine
Annie Doran, Maine Food Convergence
Charlie Martin Berry, Community Caring Collaborative
Mary Lou Ciolfi, University of Maine
- 11:45–12:00** **2026 Awards Ceremony**

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12:15 – 1:15

Networking Lunch

Location TBA

*Please Note: Participants in the Public Health breakout sessions will transition across the street at this time for lunch and to stay for breakout sessions.

1:15–2:00

Breakout Sessions – System-Level Drivers & Flipping the Narrative

Join your choice of facilitated discussions and interactive workshops:

- **Transforming the Experience of Aging in Maine**
- **Beyond the Medical Ride: Reimagining Transportation as a Pathway to Connection & Belonging**
- **Nourishing the Future: Co-Designing Destigmatized, Hyper-Local Food Systems for Older Mainers**
- **Shifting the Balance: Sharing Institutional Resources To Promote Health & Wellness**

2:00–2:15

Break

Exhibitor Hall

2:15–3:00

Breakout Sessions – From Design to Action on the Ground

Join your choice of facilitated discussions and interactive workshops:

- **Inclusive Connection & Culturally Rooted Belonging**
- **The Civic Advocate: Empowering Everyday Voices for Policy Change**
- **Dismantling Older Adult Poverty: A Masterclass in Systemic and Local Policy Action**
- **The "Front Door" Hubs: Replicating Local Support Networks**

3:00–3:15

Break

*Public Health Breakout Session participants to return to main building

3:15 – 4:00

Plenary Panel – Activating the Community

Auditorium

Meredith Anderson, Facilitator

Joy Barresi Saucier, Aroostook Agency on Aging

Anne Schroth, Healthy Peninsula

Lili Ott, Harpswell Aging at Home

4:00

Closing Remarks

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