



# Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) ~ AgingME ~

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# GWEP – Main Goal & Key Information

- **1 Main Goal:** Educate and train primary care and geriatrics workforce to create a more **Age-Friendly (AF) and Dementia-Capable** health system in **Maine**

**Focus on older adult Mainers in underserved, rural and tribal communities**

- Partnership: University of New England - Center for Excellence in Public Health and UMaine - Center on Aging ~ Second 5-year grant funded as of July 1, 2024
- Education and training for a more capable Health Care workforce, focusing on
  - all health care professions
  - especially direct care workers (DCW) in long term care
  - interprofessional teamwork
- Empowering older adults to take part in their health care
  - The 4Ms Framework: What Matters, Medication, Mentation, Mobility

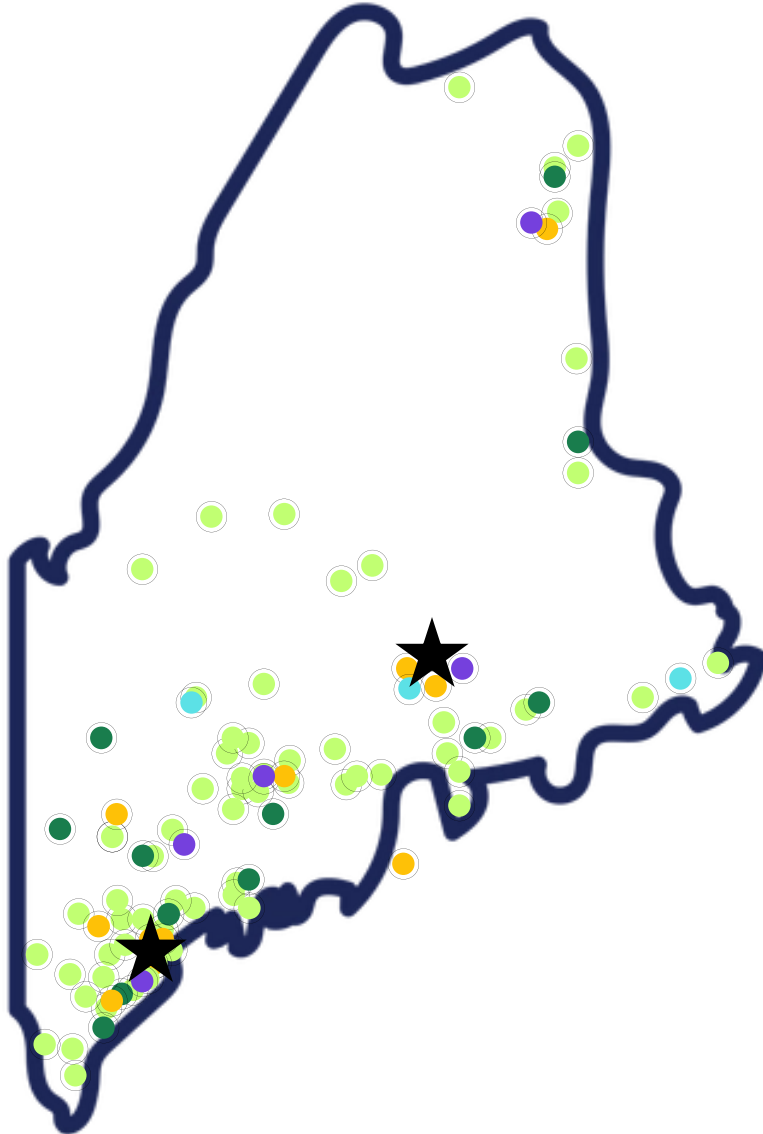


# Partners - Projects throughout Maine - Examples -

- The Cedars Older Adult Living Community– microcredentialing for DCW's with Maine Community Colleges system, support from St. Joseph and UNE Schools of Nursing
- Lifelong Fellows – Community Connections – Dementia Inclusivity
- Maine CDC Healthy Brain Initiative/BOLD grant
- MaineHealth – ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) and iHelp learning platform



# AgingME GWEP – Statewide Influence



## Key

★ Key GWEP Partnership (UNE, UMaine)

● GWEP Partners

(AAAA, The Cedars, The Community Gourmet, ICMS, MaineHealth, Maine LTCOP, MVH, Northern Light EMMC, SMCC, CMCC, Spectrum Generations (HL4ME) St.Joseph's, Wabanaki Public Health & Wellness)

● Age-Friendly Communities and ● Community Connectors

● Area Health Education Centers (AHECs)

● Area Agencies on Aging



# FMI: Resources

- University of New England – AgingME GWEP Website:  
<https://sites.une.edu/gwep/>
- UMaine – Center on Aging website:  
<https://mainecenteronaging.umaine.edu/>

Thank you!

