



Center on Aging

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A focus on aging

The University of Maine Center on Aging's mission is to promote and facilitate activities on aging in the areas of education, research and evaluation, and community service to maximize the quality of life of older citizens and their families in Maine and beyond.

As one of UMaine's 15 designated research units, the Center on Aging serves as a direct link between the university and Maine residents to expand the range of learning opportunities and practical experiences for UMaine students preparing for careers working with the state's aging population.

The Center on Aging has been successful in attracting diverse sources of funding, including grants from federal agencies (Corporation for National and Community Service, National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency), local government agencies (Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Department of Public Safety), local and national foundations (John T. Gorman Foundation, Maine Community Foundation and Atlantic Philanthropies), nonprofit partners (Eastern Area Agency on Aging), and for-profit entities (pharmaceutical companies and private businesses).

Center on Aging goals:

- **Promote collaboration and partnerships** between UMaine and public and private sector providers with aging-related interests statewide, including other University of Maine System institutions
- **Serve as a consultative resource and clearinghouse** for aging information and training needed by business, nonprofits, and communities throughout the state
- **Help sensitize students and workforce personnel** in the state to the economic, social, psychological and physical challenges and opportunities associated with an aging Maine
- **Facilitate the translation, transfer and real-life application** of research findings that enhance the quality of life of Maine's older adults and their families, and the performance of the labor force that serves them
- **Maximize the range of aging-related learning opportunities** and community service experiences for UMS students preparing for careers working with and for Maine's older adults and their families
- **Attract greater numbers of professional and paraprofessional students** to UMaine with interests in establishing Maine-based careers in aging
- **Help the state to build an expanding cadre** of educators, scientists and other specialists in the field of aging who will apply their expertise to preparing the state for an aging populace
- **Offer a network of programs** that tap into the rich experience, skills, and talents of older adults to meet community challenges and promote aging and thriving in place



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