

Research and evaluation services

Assisting organizations and agencies

Established in 2002, the University of Maine Center on Aging is the University of Maine System's only interdisciplinary research center focused exclusively on mid-life and aging-related issues. The center carries out its mission by supporting social service agencies, community groups, health care organizations, and nonprofit and for-profit entities by forming strategic university-community partnerships.

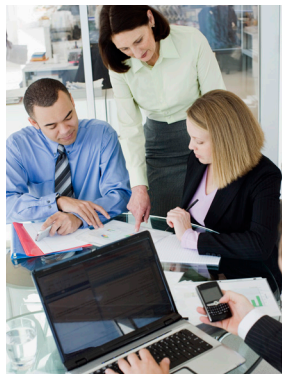


As a university research unit, the center and its research staff have access to state-of-the-art assessment tools and technologies. It employs diverse research methods to custom fit the project and needs of community partners including: on-site or phone-based interviewing, customized Web- and paper-based surveying, policy and program review and analysis, focus group administration, and research literature review.

Technical assistance

The center can provide customized technical assistance and consultation in:

- Program development and delivery
- Assessment and management tools
- Best practices research
- Implementation of screenings and assessments



If you have a project in mind, center staff will work to develop a research or evaluation plan that fits your needs and budget.

Needs and resource assessment and program evaluation



The center has an extensive history of assisting communities and organizations with needs and resource assessment research. Examples of such assessment projects include analyses of the transportation needs of chronically ill elders, health care issues faced by older adults and their families, and housing and long-term care service priorities.

The Center on Aging has established an impressive track record in the provision of program evaluation and community assessment services. The center can assist your agency in developing program evaluation protocols that clearly document the value of your work to those you serve and funding sources. The center specializes in instrument development, data collection and tracking, reporting and other associated services.

Some of the organizations we have worked with include:

- Charlotte White Center
- Eastern Area Agency on Aging
- Families and Children Together
- Lunder-Dineen Health Education Alliance of Maine
- Maine Community Foundation
- Washington Hancock Community Agency



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