

SOMERSET & KENNEBEC COUNTIES COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (SKCCP)

A LOCAL APPROACH

Healthy Living for ME® (HL4ME®), Maine's statewide Community Care Hub, is the leader and convener of SKCCP, a local community partnership comprised of representatives from health care, social services, and public health. They are one of three [Rural Community Health Improvement Partnerships \(R-CHIP\) demonstration sites](#) in Maine transforming how local health systems operate to better address health-related social needs and improve health outcomes.

SKCCP has spent the last 21 months establishing their partnership, creating governance structures, conducting a detailed readiness assessment, identifying priority health-related social needs of their communities, and developing strategies to address those needs. They have also sought funding opportunities to support implementation of their identified strategies.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Developed governance structure comprised of a steering committee of diverse community partners guided by decision-making criteria.
- Identified priority health-related social needs through a local community readiness assessment (financial strain/poverty, mental health, and housing) with the primary underlying barrier to support needs of residents as: *the siloed nature of health and social care services and the difficulties people experience in navigating, understanding, and enrolling in service delivery offerings.*
- Implemented three community-based workgroups to work towards addressing these barriers: community voice, collaborative, and sustainability/infrastructure.

PRIORITY STRATEGIES

Improve Cross-Sector Collaboration

Implement a structured internal and external collaborative framework that leverages SKCCP's SharePoint site and comprehensive asset map of convening groups in Somerset and Kennebec Counties.

Community Engagement

Utilize our Stakeholder Engagement Playbook to engage our community members at key milestones--including residents, external organizations, and influencers.

Systematic-Level Change

Increase the number of connections of residents to resources as well as the connections between resource providers by improving cross-sector collaboration as well as the resource databases/system(s).



LEAD ORGANIZATION:
HEALTHY LIVING FOR ME

LEAD SECTOR:
SOCIAL SERVICES

PARTNERSHIP LOCATION:
KENNEBEC & SOMERSET
COUNTIES

**YEAR PARTNERSHIP WAS
FOUNDED:**
2023

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:
16

WHAT COMMUNITY PARTNERS ARE SAYING ABOUT SKCCP

"Members are highly committed to this work within their own organizations."

-SKCCP Community Partner

"I think partners are going about the process in the right way, specifically by not choosing one specific HRSN over another in terms of importance. It's all important and all relative to the clients' perceptions as well."

-SKCCP Community Partner