

## Grantees in the news



### EPA Awards United Somali Women an Environmental Justice Grant

The United Somali Women of Maine was the only Maine group out of four community-based organizations in New England to receive a \$20,000 grant from the EPA's Environmental Justice Small Grants Program for its work on the "New Mainers Lead and Pesticide Prevention Program." This program will develop and implement an outreach campaign to educate the refugee population in the Lewiston/Auburn area on lead hazards, the risks involved in pesticide application, and basic life skills that will enable them to keep their homes safe, clean and healthy.



### TIME magazine cites Dr. William MacFarlane for his work with prodromal teens.

Beginning early in his career in New York City in the 70's to his work here in Portland, Dr. MacFarlane has been helping teens who showed early symptoms of psychosis from becoming schizophrenic. The Bingham Program initially funded the development of the PIER program in a joint effort with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and other local foundations.

### Hardy Girls honored for organizational excellence

Current grantee Hardy Girls Healthy Women received honorable mention in the Small Organization Division of the Maine Association of Non Profit's *Dirigo Award for Nonprofit Excellence*. Organizations are honored for having achieved significant results using ingenuity combined with sound management practices, as outlined in the MANP's *Guiding Principles and Practices for Nonprofit Excellence in Maine*.



### Convener of Maine Call to Men initiative honored for his work

For eight years as Attorney General, Steve Rowe traveled the state to deliver the message that we all have a role to play in ending domestic and sexual violence against women and children. For his tireless advocacy of peaceful homes and communities and his call to men to become involved, Steve earned praise both in the state and nationally.

This spring, during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center named him a *Visionary Voice* and the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault honored him with its *Make a Difference Award*.

Add Verb Productions' *Major Medical Breakthrough* has been invited to perform at two national domestic violence conferences taking place this fall. The two person troupe will be traveling to the 14th International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma in San Diego and the Family Violence Prevention Fund's Conference on Health and Domestic Violence in New Orleans. Break a leg!



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## Bingham's anti-violence initiative moving forward

We are excited to report on the progress we've made since we first began to think about how Bingham could affect the acceptance we, as a culture, have for violence against women and children.

While no one really thinks it's okay to abuse others, there are systems problems and wrong thinking that allow it to continue. Our goal with this initiative, to implement changes in Maine systems that will hold batterers accountable, support nurturing environments for children and create sustainable prevention efforts, is beginning to bear fruit.

We have been heartened by the numbers of businesses, men, foundations and state officials who are enthusiastically interested in working with us.

After discussions between the Maine CDC and Bingham staff, the Governor joined the Director of the Maine CDC, Dr. Dora Mills, in issuing a public health advisory to physicians to screen all patients for domestic abuse every year. Physicians for Social Responsibility has been providing training for medical offices on how to do that safely and we're exploring opportunities to work with hospitals on training and screening.

The Maine Development Foundation, the Business Roundtable on Early Childhood Investment and the Children's Growth Council are all focusing on prevention efforts.

Members of the social work community are working on strategies for incorporating training on power and control for all counselors based on research we funded demonstrating that couples' counseling is never appropriate when domestic violence is present.

We're exploring funding opportunities on the federal level that would allow bystander training and the institution of violence prevention policies on university and college campuses around the state.

We're exploring opportunities with the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence to engage businesses and to partner with the Department of Labor and the Chamber of Commerce.

We're supporting the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence and the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault in their efforts at engaging men in the work that needs to be done to end violence.

# Initiative Grants to date

These are just some of the exciting avenues we are pursuing. We are looking forward to reporting on our progress as the work continues to unfold.

## 1 Grantmaking

**Strategy:** To fund statewide projects that focus on institutionalizing changes in systems and sectors.

### Maine Children's Alliance

\$69,000 over two years to incorporate a public health approach to educate parents after the delivery of a child to avoid the consequences to the child, family and community of Shaken Baby Syndrome.

### Maine Humanities Council

\$69,818 over three years to develop and evaluate its Peaceable Stories curriculum. The curriculum is designed to reduce aggressive behavior in early childhood programs by training early childhood educators in conflict resolution practices using children's books. The project includes a comprehensive evaluation with comparison groups and post-program information.

### USM Muskie Center

\$88,585 over three years for Muskie staff in collaboration with state domestic violence

programs, attorneys, guardians ad litem (GALs), courts and key decision makers to develop and provide advanced education to GALs and key decision makers in cases where domestic violence is present. GALs play a key role in custody decisions and are critical to assuring healthy environments for children.

## 2 Convening & Educating Community Sectors

**Strategy: For the business community:** To contract with the Maine Development Foundation to spearhead the effort to engage the business community in domestic violence prevention. We know that the voices of men and business are missing from this discussion and that it is precisely to those voices that the culture listens.

### Maine Development Foundation

\$66,000 over two years to support our efforts with the Maine business community, raising awareness of Domestic Violence and Early Childhood Development issues through its annual meeting, Leadership Unplugged events, writing and speaking opportunities. The purposes of the work are to 1) enlighten businesspeople as to why this has an economic impact and 2) engage them in prevention efforts.

**Strategy: For the healthcare community:** To focus the attention of those in healthcare – hospitals, medical practices, other health providers -- on the long-term health effects of violence against women and children and the ways in which the healthcare sector can make a difference.

### Add Verb Productions

\$36,900 over two years to adapt its play on men and domestic violence, *You the Man*, for use in training healthcare workers including physicians, nurses, social workers, med students and residents. The training and play, *Major Medical Breakthrough*, focus on the importance of universal screening of patients and the why and how to recognize and respond when patients disclose domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

### American Academy of Pediatrics, Maine Chapter

\$3,738 in support of its annual Spring Conference focusing on child abuse, child abuse prevention and the long term impact of child abuse on the health and welfare of children.

### Physicians for Social Responsibility

\$36,858 to evaluate the Domestic Violence Response Initiative which provides training for medical practices using a physician and a domestic violence advocate as the trainers to 1) advocate for universal screening of patients and 2) train them in appropriate responses to disclosure of domestic violence.

### Strategy: For men

To support the work begun by the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence, the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault and

the Maine Attorney General's office through *A Call to Men*.

### Boys to Men

\$20,364 to fund the independent evaluation of Boys to Men's *Reducing Sexism and Violence Program*.

### Family Violence Project & Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

\$10,800 to allow the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence and the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault to 1) host a forum for men from around the state who are interested in the role they can play in preventing violence against women and 2) follow-up.

### Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

\$5000 to assist with training and public awareness efforts through the development of a training video to illustrate the parts of the Domestic Violence "Power and Control" wheel using examples from Maine survivors and the family members of domestic homicide victims.

## 3 Research and Measurement

**Strategy:** Polling and development of a media campaign.

Because of the expense of a successful campaign, this is the area in which we are looking to create partnerships with other foundations, corporations and the media. One of our staff is co-chair of the Statewide Accountability Team of the Maine Children's Growth Council that is working on, among other things, statewide messaging to businesses.

## 2009 Program Grants

### Health Professions Development

#### Evergreen Behavioral Health

**One year - \$20,000**

To support the start-up costs of the Evergreen Child Development Center to address 1) overall increase in numbers of children with pervasive developmental and learning disorders, 2) lack of timely access to evaluation and diagnosis for children with suspected disabilities, and 3) need for timely, comprehensive, coordinated services.

#### Hanley Center

**One year - \$25,000**

To support the development of capacity to introduce new programs and assure financial sustainability through a combination of earned income, interest from endowment and expanded grant income.

#### Tufts Medical School

**\$100,000**

To provide one four-year scholarship for students from Maine who are enrolled in the medical program of partners TUSM and Maine Medical Center.

### Community Health

#### Community Dental

**Two years - \$25,000 each year**

To assist in the transition of Biddeford Free Clinic patients from reliance on emergency dental care to the establishment of a Dental Home.

#### Community Health & Counseling

**One year - \$28,100**

To support a collaborative planning process of Community Health & Counseling Services, Eastern Maine HomeCare & Hospice, and St. Joseph HomeCare and Hospice to identify actionable strategies to improve access to end of life care for the regional population of central, northern, and eastern Maine.

#### Healthy Peninsula

**One year - \$25,000**

To create a new substance abuse coalition and begin to leverage treatment services for Deer Isle residents.

### Washington County Children's Program

**Two years - \$25,000 each year**

Support to strengthen longstanding relationships with collaborators and community partners including Down East Community Hospital, schools, medical providers, Kids Oral Health Partnership, From the First Tooth, Parents are Teachers Too, and the Community Caring Collaborative to ensure oral health strategies and activities are included in all aspects of WCCP's efforts.



Lisa Miller with dental hygienists Teresa Alley and Sherri Camick of the Washington County Children's Program. During the school year, Sherri and Teresa crisscross Washington County in the Tooth Fairy visiting schools and providing preventive dental services.

### Public Health Policy Development

#### Environmental Health Strategy Center

**Three years - \$33,333 each year**

The Environmental Health Strategy Center, together with the Natural Resources Council of Maine, to undertake a three-year project to ensure the effectiveness of Maine's new landmark policy to protect the developing fetus and young children from unnecessary toxic chemicals in consumer products and plastic materials. The project will marshal science, policy analysis, and public education to guide the State to fully implement the Kids Safe Products Act passed by the Maine legislature in 2008.



Lisa Miller with Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of HHS, Wendy Wolf, President and CEO of MeHAF and Cheryl Rust, Chair of the MeHAF Board of Directors at a recent event in Portland on health reform. The event was sponsored by the Maine Women's Lobby and Maine AARP.