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ALA-Maine Annual Meeting On-Line Registration Available

September 15th is around the corner. [Click here to register today!](#) Don't miss your opportunity to hear Gubernatorial Candidate positions on health care policy.

2006 SOPHE Annual Meeting

The Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) is pleased to invite you to our 2006 Annual Meeting Conference in Boston, MA on November 2-6, 2006 at the Sheraton Boston Hotel. Please visit www.sophe.org to view the preliminary program or to register online. The early bird registration cut-off is September 8, pre-registration deadline is October 10. Register now to get the discounted conference fees.

2007 Tobacco Treatment Services Guide

We are pleased to announce the release of the newly-revised 2007 Tobacco Treatment Services Guide offered by the Partnership For A Tobacco-Free Maine. The Tobacco Treatment Services Guide has served as a valuable tool for both healthcare professionals and the general public in identifying where intensive tobacco counseling can be found. It also serves as the main resource for the Maine Tobacco HelpLine staff to link callers to their local community services.

The revised Guide will be much more comprehensive than previous editions. It will include not only hospital-based tobacco treatment services as in the past, but now also will include services that are open to the general public that are based in mental health agencies, substance abuse counseling agencies, community health centers, community-based entities and free-standing programs delivered by Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialists.

The Center for Tobacco Independence maintains this guide and we would appreciate your help in disseminating copies of this application to any tobacco treatment providers in your area. For a copy of the application please contact CTI at 662-7154. **The application deadline is Wednesday, October 11th. Applications can be sent by mail, FAX, or e-mail to:**

Tobacco Treatment Services Guide, Center For Tobacco Independence, 22 Bramhall Street
Portland, Maine 04102, tobaccotrng@mmc.org, PHONE: 662-7154 FAX: 662-7135

Thank you for your help in making this valuable resource available to Maine residents.

Forum for Executive Directors of Nonprofits

A strategic collaboration for nonprofit leaders called Paddling the Rapids is initiating a forum group in Augusta. For any executive director of a nonprofit interested in learning more about this group there will be a free information session in Augusta on Thursday, September 7th, 5-6:30 pm in the West Room of The Arboretum on 153 Hospital Street in Augusta. There is no charge for this meeting and no obligation to join the group.

Currently there are ongoing regional groups in Belfast, Bangor, and Machias. To participate in a Paddling the Rapids forum group, attend an information session, start a group in your area, or inquire about the process contact: Deb Burwell, 338-2162, burwell@prexar.com Paddling the Rapids is an affiliate of the Eastern Maine Development Corporation.

Job Opening -- Health Educator

Maine Medical Center, is seeking a health educator. For more information, minimum requirements and job description contact:

Maine Medical Center, Employment Office, 22 Bramhall St., Portland, ME 04102; Fax (207) 662-4999.

This is a professional position overseeing patient and community education and outreach programs of the MaineHealth Learning Resource Centers. Working under the general supervision of the Director of the Learning Resource Centers, the individual is responsible for the day-to-day activities in the Centers including: coordination, implementation and evaluation of health education and promotion services; one-on-one and group consultation and education for patients, families and community members; information and referrals to Center users; supervision of volunteers and consultants; and coordination of Center services and programs with health care providers, community groups, and others.

Save the Date -- MCSOH Annual Meeting

The Maine Coalition on Smoking or Health will hold its Annual Meeting on **Thursday, October 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.** The event will be held at the Maine Hospital Association in Augusta.

More information and agenda will follow. If you have questions contact Becky Smith at 622-7566 x 302.

Save the Date

The Maine Association of Substance Abuse Programs, the Maine Environmental Substance Abuse Prevention Center and the newly formed Maine Alcohol Impact Coalition invite you to join us for a FREE training, **Thursday, October 5, 2006** at the Holiday Inn, Waterville. Program will feature George Hacker, Director of the Alcohol Policies Project at the Center for Science in the Public Interest. FMI: MRice@masap.org

Save the Date -- Maine HIV Conference

2nd Annual Maine HIV Conference, **Monday October 16, 2006**, Augusta Civic Center. (Pre-Conference Summit for people living with HIV on Sunday, October 15, 2006) "Advancing Maine's HIV Prevention and Care: Moving Maine Forward"
FMI Tammy McLaughlin, tmclaughlin@neias.org

Maine AIDS Walk for All

Maine AIDS "Walk for All" 5K being held at sites in Augusta, Machias, and Ellsworth on **Saturday, September 30th**. FMI www.maineaids.org

Dollars raised by walkers are matched by National AIDS Fund supporters such as Elton John AIDS Foundation. Be a walk sponsor or be a walker - show you care.

Information, donation, and registration forms available on line at www.maineaids.org

No on 1 Advocates

As a reminder, I'm writing to tell you about the big Campaign Kickoff meeting on Thursday, September 7th to mobilize our base and begin a heavy push for Field Action in the No on One campaign. **The good news is space is filling up fast, so please RSVP to organizer@mainewomen.org by Friday, September 1 to reserve a spot if you have not done so already.** Please note, I am moving the RSVP date up to this Friday since Monday is Labor Day and my hopes is that many of you will taking a well deserved day off.

We will be joined by **Colorado State Senator Steve Johnson**, who will talk to us about the devastating impact of TABOR on his state – and how important our work will be in the ten weeks ahead. We'll also review the No on 1 Field Plan, talk about volunteer opportunities and communications tools, and discuss important activities that 501c(3) organizations are not only permitted to do, but must do to help ensure a majority of Mainers vote "No" on November 7th! We'll have bumper stickers, Gold Star Organizer cards, Palm Cards and other materials for you as well.

Details of the event are as follows:

Date: Thursday, September 7

Time: Registration 9:15 to 9:30 -- Meeting 9:30 to 12:00

Location: Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Drive, Light breakfast will be served

Pre-Registration for this event is required!

Each coalition partner is encouraged to bring along at least two people from your organization who will be active in No on One work. Registration is **free**, but you must **pre-register** in advance. **RSVP before 5:00 p.m. FRIDAY, September 1st** by emailing organizer@mainewomen.org

Please save the date and free your calendars so we can all come together before this final campaign push begins. With only two-and-a-half months left in the campaign, let's all get energized and mobilized to get the NO votes we need to win!

Environment 2006: A Candidate's Forum

Thursday **October 12th** 7PM
Eastland Park Hotel, Portland

To become a co-sponsor (paying or otherwise), sign up at www.environment2006.net or contact Ryan Ewing 622-3101 ext. 243

Save the Date -- Quality Counts! Part 4

A “best practice college” for applying the Planned Care Model to improve health and healthcare in Maine

How to Make Performance Pay—for Maine people, providers, employers, payors and communities, will be held **Wednesday, December 6, 2006**, Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Drive, Augusta, Maine, 7:30am—4:00pm.

For registration information contact: Kara Ohlund, 207-622-7566, ext. 231
kohlund@mcd.org

Taxing Maine - Nonprofit Dinner Theater

Tuesday, September 19th, 5 p.m.

Dinner theater featuring a play about taxes? No, this isn't a cruel joke, we actually think it will be interesting and fun! MANP is pleased to present this special event in collaboration with the Maine Humanities Council and the Children's Theatre of Maine.

5:00 - 6:45 pm - Networking Dinner with Keynote
"Nonprofits & Economic Development: Finding Solutions for All Sectors"
Cost: Members-\$20, Nonmembers-\$40, register online at:
https://www.nonprofitmaine.org/skillbuilder_detail.asp?event=329

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Taxing Maine -- Continued

7:00 pm - Taxing Maine

This short theatrical piece, commissioned by the Maine Humanities Council to commemorate their 30th Anniversary, uses different historical characters, humor, little known facts, thought-provoking stories and current material gathered from the general public to explore what taxes mean for Maine communities, the state government, the Maine landscape, and Mainers' wallets. The performance, featuring David Greenham and fellow Theater at Monmouth actor Dennis A. Price, will encourage the audience to consider how history and a range of opinions and beliefs about taxes have influenced our current taxation system. A lively audience discussion will follow. Cost: Free. Contact MANP at lgagnon@nonprofitmaine.org or 871-1885 for more information on this program.

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The Climate Project Training Program

Beginning in the fall of 2006, Al Gore and a team of renowned climate change scientists and educators will train more than 1,000 individuals to give a version of his presentation on the effects of - and solutions for - global warming, to community groups throughout the U.S. The presentation and training program are based on the message Mr. Gore has been giving for more than two decades, which inspired the extraordinary documentary film and book, An Inconvenient Truth.

The Climate Project will host seven training sessions between late September and January 2007 in Nashville, Tennessee. The two-day program is designed to familiarize trainees with the climate change science, equip them with new presentation skills, and develop a new dynamic online learning community for ongoing activities.

The training is open to individuals of all ages, educational and technical backgrounds. Prospective trainees are expected to have a strong commitment to the well-documented fact that human activity has created a climate crisis, and that we have a moral obligation to take dramatic steps to reduce the gaseous emissions that cause global warming.

For more information go to:

https://www.theclimateproject.org/Grassroots_Training_Program.html

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Vanpool Start-Up Survey

The MaineDOT, Maine Turnpike Authority and GO MAINE are expanding express commuter vanpool service to more routes throughout Maine. New start-up routes may include *Bangor, Waterville, Auburn, Lewiston, Greater Portland, Topsham, Brunswick* and other areas. New vanpools will be formed based upon demonstrated commuter demand.

If you are interested in a vanpool route that serves your commuting needs, please go to www.gomaine.org/vanpool/index.html and complete the brief VANPOOL START-UP SURVEY.

New vanpool service (expected start-up early 2007) will be reasonably priced based upon route mileage between pick-up and drop-off points (For example, based on 2005 pricing, the Portland to Augusta vanpool is currently \$115 per month). You can count on saving a significant amount of money on your commute by joining a vanpool, never mind the added convenience and comfort.

Complete the **VANPOOL START-UP SURVEY** today and make your vanpool commuting interest known to GO MAINE.

Please direct any follow-up questions to Muriel White at: mwhite@gpcog.org or 1-800-280-RIDE.

Please pass this notice along to employees, co-workers and friends who may be interested in saving money on their commute. Thanks!

Workplace Wellness Conference Oct. 19 in Augusta

Employers of all size business in Maine are becoming more and more interested in implementing a workplace wellness program to control spiraling health care costs. An upcoming conference **on October 19** will focus on how to get a workplace wellness program started or make a current program more effective.

The statewide conference on “the business case for workplace wellness” will explore what employers can do to help their bottom line and their employees’ health through a well-designed workplace wellness program.

The conference will take place at the Augusta Civic Center and is part of a series of conferences sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield called “Reversing the Tide: Creating a Healthier Maine.”

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The conference will bring together both national and state experts on workplace wellness programs and Maine business leaders who have implemented programs at their own companies with positive results.

Two of the nation's foremost experts on workplace wellness will deliver keynote addresses: Dee Edington, PhD, Director, Health Management Research Center, University of Michigan and Michael O'Donnell, PhD, President and Editor-in-Chief, American Journal of Health Promotion.

A panel of Maine business leaders will discuss how workplace wellness programs help their companies achieve results. The panel will include Pete Vigue, CEO of Cianbro, Dan Dauphinee, Operating Manager, Northeast Log Homes and Kathi Teel, Bangor Regional Wellness Council and co-owner Castine Boat Company.

Larry Catlett, MD, of Occupational Medical Consulting will speak about the key role behavior change plays in improving employee health.

Afternoon breakout sessions will include tracks on how to start a workplace wellness program and ways to improve a program already in place.

The conference brochure and online registration will be available at www.anthem.com/maine/conference beginning September 1. The conference is open to all participants but space is limited and pre-registration is required.

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Deadline for Next MPHA E-News

The deadline for the next issue of the MPHA E-News is **Thursday, September 7th for the Friday, September 8th** Issue of E-News.

Please keep this in mind when submitting information. If you have questions about this publication, please contact Michelle Caliandro at mcaliandro@mainelung.org or 1-800-499-5864 x 103.