

ProjectECHO: Working with Community Health Workers for Improved Clinical Care

Challenges in accessing health care for new immigrant families in the Greater Portland area became acute during the pandemic, and still persist and need urgent attention. Maine Medical Center's Preventive Medicine Enhancement for Maine program will continue its ProjectECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) series starting in October 2022, with a focus on **Working with Community Health Workers for Improved Clinical Care**. The focus of the sessions will expand to be directed at clinical caregivers. This monthly series successfully educated providers, community members, public health professionals and clinical teams on strategies to improve patient care for immigrant communities in Maine. Presenters shared the lived experiences of disenfranchised populations, highlighted the role of community health workers (CHWs), and created a platform for meaningful dialogue.

The upcoming series will use the standard ECHO interactive format – brief didactics and case presentations on the second Tuesday of the month 12-1pm on zoom. We will utilize expertise from our community based organizations and local CHWs to address the following topics: community engagement, cultural context, language barriers and immigration status; Newborn and Child health services; Maternal Care; vaccinations and Immunizations; Cancer Screening; Mental Health; language and cultural barriers; managing inpatient and outpatient care transitions. To register, click [here](#)