

# **2008 Blaine House Conference on Aging**

## ***Keeping Aging Mainers Healthy, Safe, Engaged and Supported***

Wednesday, October 15, 2008  
Augusta Civic Center - Augusta, Maine

Beginning at

8:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:30 a.m. **Convene and Welcome – Augusta/Capitol/PineTree Room**  
*Diana Scully, Director, Office of Elder Services, Department of Health and Human Services*

### **Opening Comments**

*Brenda Harvey, Commissioner, Department of Health & Human Services*

### **Special Recognition**

10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m. **Workshops (Attend One)**

- Caregivers of Long Term Care Services (Family) – **Sagadahoc Room**
- Caregivers of Long Term Care Services (Paid) – **Somerset Room**
- Community Involvement and Volunteerism – **York Room**
- Creative Housing/Services – **Piscataquis Room**
- Elder Abuse – **Kennebec Room**
- Employment – **Lincoln/Oxford Room**
- Healthy Aging – **Penobscot Room**
- Transportation – **Washington Room**

12:00 p.m. **Lunch– Augusta/Capitol/PineTree Room**  
*Silver Collar Award*  
*Announcements*

1:00 p.m. **Rising Fuel Costs and the Impact on Older Adults – Augusta/Capitol/PineTree Room**

*Steven Farnham, Executive Director, Aroostook Agency on Aging*  
*Sue Charron, Social Services Director, City of Lewiston*  
*John Kerry, Director of the Office of Energy Independence and Security*  
*Dale McCormick, Director of MaineHousing*  
*Moderator, Lesa Andreason*

2:30 p.m. **Recognition and Thank you**

*The Honorable John E. Baldacci, Governor, State of Maine*

2:50 p.m. **Next Steps – Post Blaine House Conference on Aging Committee**

3:00 p.m. **Discussion of workshop results, distribution of ballots to delegates**

3:30 p.m. **Adjourn** – Collect Ballots at door

## Sponsoring Agencies

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Office of Governor John E. Baldacci

Maine Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of Elder Services

Maine Association of Area Agencies on Aging

- Aroostook Agency on Aging
- Eastern Area Agency on Aging
- SeniorsPlus
- Spectrum Generations
- Southern Maine Agency on Aging

MaineHealth's Partnership for Healthy Aging

MaineHousing

AARP Maine

Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

## Steering Committee Members

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Leo Delicata, Legal Services for the Elderly; Jud Dolphin, Maine AARP; Julie Fralich, Muskie School of Public Service, Institute for Health Policy; Brenda Gallant, Long Term Care Ombudsman Program; Kathryn Pears, Maine Alzheimer's Association; Len Kaye, University of Maine Center on Aging; John Nale, Elder Law of Maine State Bar Association; Graham Newson, Maine Association of Area Agencies on Aging; from the Office of Elder Services, Department of Health and Human Services: Diana Scully, Romaine Turyn, Mary Walsh, Tamara Herrick, Ingrid Lapointe, Doreen McDaniel and Cherie Wenzel.



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