

Update on Selected Priorities and Activities since the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment - Penobscot & Piscataquis County

In response to the 2022 Community Health Need Assessment (CHNA) along with community input, hospitals and local public health districts developed their own three-year strategies and plans. The Community Action Programs developed their plans in response to community input and their 2022 Community Needs Assessment. Below are these organization’s updates on their selected priorities and activities since the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment. One full year of implementation has taken place to date in 2023, 2024 implementation work is currently underway with 2025 work on the horizon for implementation activity on these identified priorities.

For a number of organizations listed in this document priority work spans across multiple counties throughout Maine though their physical location may be in one county.

Priority	Activities	Partners	Key Accomplishments
Organization – Penquis District Public Health Improvement Plan			
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<p>Additional information on the Penquis District Public Health Improvement Plan priority activity can be found at: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district6/district-public-health-improvement-plan.shtml Contact: Jessica Fogg, Penquis Public Health District Liaison 207-561-4421 or Jessica.Fogg@maine.gov</p>			
Organization - Bangor Public Health and Community Services			
<p>Additional information on Bangor Public Health and Community Service's priority activity can be found at: http://www.bangorpublichealth.org/ and http://www.bangormaine.gov/ Contact: Contact: Jen Gunderson(?), Public Health & Community Services Director, 207-992-4550 or NAME@bangormaine.gov Jamie Comstock, Health Program Manager, 207-992-4466 or jamie.comstock@bangormaine.gov</p>			
Organization - Health Access Network (HAN)			
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<p>Additional information on Health Access Network's priority activity can be found at: www.hanfqhc.org Contact: Nicole Morrison, Chief Executive Officer, Health Access Network 207-794-6700, and nmorrison@hanfqhc.org</p>			

Organization - Millinocket Regional Hospital (MRH)

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Additional information on Millinocket Regional Hospital's priority activity can be found at:
www.mrhme.org
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Organization - Northern Light Acadia Hospital

Priority	Activities	Partners	Key Accomplishments
Mental Health	In 2023, Northern Light Acadia Hospital educated and empowered others to recognize, support, and respond to mental and behavioral health needs of youth.	Bangor YMCA*; Camp G. Peirce Webber*; Camp Jordan*; Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center’s Emergency Department DEA (Diagnosis, Evaluation, & Assessment)*; Health Equity Alliance*; School Administrative Unit (Leeds Central School/ Turner Elementary)*; Maine Pediatric & Behavioral Health Partnership Northern Light Acadia Hospital’s new employees*; Old Town YMCA*; Penquis Community Action Program*; Regional School Unit #34*; Mental Health in the School Setting Project ECHO series; School Based Behavioral Health Rapid Project ECHO series; Southern Penobscot Regional Program for Children with Exceptionalities (SPRPCE)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 community organizations* trained in Psychological First Aid (PFA); 336 individuals trained in PFA. • Peer to Peer consults between Acadia providers and pediatric primary care providers (internal and external to Northern Light Health) • 21 peer-to-peer pediatric psychiatry and care coordination consultations done within the Maine Pediatric & Behavioral Health Partnership • Monthly webinars & Project ECHO sessions • CARES (Child-Adolescent Resource and Educational Series) surveys distributed statewide to stakeholders, educators, and community organizations. CARES 2.0 updated Maine version and new national version development in process. • RACES (Responding to Adverse Childhood Experiences) series; filming completed, curriculum in development.
	In 2024, Northern Light Acadia Hospital continues to educate and empower others to recognize, support, and respond to mental and behavioral health needs of youth.	<p>THROUGH Q1 PROGRESS REPORTING (<i>delete this line before finalizing</i>)</p> <p>Bangor Housing - Residence Services staff; Bangor Public Health; Equality Maine; Maine National Air Guard; Northern Light Acadia Behavioral Health Services staff & new employees; RSU 34 Old Town Schools; RSU 67 - Lincoln Schools; SAD 52 Greene Central School; SMCC Nursing Students; Thomas College Education Students; Turner Elementary School; UMA Nursing Students; YMCA of Southern Maine</p>	Fiscal Year 2024 priority activity updates will be available at the end of the fiscal year and posted online via our Progress Report to Our Community.

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Social Determinants of Health	In 2023, Northern Light Acadia Hospital connected individuals with community resources they need to improve their health and wellbeing.	Aroostook Mental Health Services (AMHC)*; Good Shepherd Food Bank; Heart of Maine, United Way; Wings for Children & Families*; Health Equity Alliance (HEAL)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three community partners* added nine programs to the findhelp directory (AMHC: County Ride Program; HEAL: LGBTQ+ Youth Group, Community Food Pantry, Naloxone Distribution, Needle Exchange Program, Case Management, HIV/HCV Testing, Sexual Health Services; Wings: Wraparound Process Case Management) • 231 food bags distributed to individuals with behavioral health conditions in collaboration with Good Shepherd Food Bank • 44 gallons of milk given to clients in Addiction Care Services • 166 diapers and 112 Wipes distributed in collaboration with Heart of Maine United Way • 3153 lbs. of fresh produce to be given to patients/ clients/staff of Northern Light Acadia
	In 2024, Northern Light Acadia Hospital continues connected individuals with community resources they need to improve their health and wellbeing.	<p>THROUGH Q1 PROGRESS REPORTING (delete this line before finalizing)</p> Good Shepherd Food Bank; Pittsfield Schools; University of Maine nutrition students; BangorHousing	Fiscal Year 2024 priority activity updates will be available at the end of the fiscal year and posted online via our Progress Report to Our Community.
Substance Use	In 2023, Northern Light Acadia Hospital improved pathways to prevention, treatment, and recovery for individuals with substance use disorder.	Maine Pediatric & Behavioral Health Partnership; Maine Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Learning Collaborative; Reel Recovery Film Festival; The Prevent Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose-Related Deaths Workgroup; TreatMe: Adolescent SUD conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 302 state-sponsored naloxone kits distributed • Addiction Care Clinic clients receive ongoing access to Narcan, access to resources, and individual meetings in groups receive ongoing information regarding pathways to prevention treatment in recovery. • Provided organizations within Northern Light, training on Trauma Informed Care
	In 2024, Northern Light Acadia Hospital continues to improve pathways to prevention, treatment, and recovery for individuals with substance use disorder.	<p>THROUGH Q1 PROGRESS REPORTING (delete this line before finalizing)</p> Bangor Public Health and Community Services	Fiscal Year 2024 priority activity updates will be available at the end of the fiscal year and posted online via our Progress Report to Our Community.

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<p>Additional information on Northern Light Acadia Hospital's priority activity can be found at: https://northernlighthealth.org/Community-Health-Needs-Assessment/2022-Community-Health-Strategy Contact: Jennifer Laferte-Carlson, Manager, Community Health Programs, Acadia Healthcare 207-735-6252 or jlafertecarlson@northernlight.org</p>			
Organization - Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center (EMMC)			
Mental Health	<p>In 2023, Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center educated and empowered others to recognize, support, and respond to mental and behavioral health needs of youth.</p>	<p>Bangor Public Library; BARN (Bangor Area Recovery Network); Challenger Learning Center*; Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center’s student volunteer program*; Hilltop School*; Shaw House Together Place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three community organizations* trained in Psychological First Aid (PFA); 28 individuals trained in PFA. • Shaw House - provide monthly clinic via Family Practice and Residency • Started Primary Care Depression Screenings for 12 year old's and older. • Trauma Informed Care - collaboration with Acadia, Together Place, and BARN (Bangor Area Recovery Network) • Five new staff members trained as PFA trainers
	<p>In 2024, Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center continues to educate and empowere others to recognize, support, and respond to mental and behavioral health needs of youth.</p>	<p><i>THROUGH Q1 PROGRESS REPORTING (delete this line before finalizing)</i> Bangor Area Homeless Shelter; EMMC Volunteers & Concierge Staff; Northern Light Acadia Hospital</p>	<p>Fiscal Year 2024 priority activity updates will be available at the end of the fiscal year and posted online via our Progress Report to Our Community.</p>

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Social Determinants of Health	In 2023, Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center connected individuals with community resources they need to improve their health and wellbeing.	Bangor Area Homeless Shelter*; Bangor Public Library*; Bangor YMCA*; Christine B. Foundation; Good Shepherd Food Bank; Hope House PCHC; Lafayette Family Cancer Institute; Penquis Community Action Program (CAP); St. Joseph Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three community partners* added nine programs to the findhelp directory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Bangor Area Homeless Shelter: Bangor Area Homeless Shelter, Food pantry o Bangor Public Library: Computer classes, Knit Night at the Library o Bangor YMCA: Camp Hope, Camp Jordan, Membership for All, Open Door Program, Summer Day Camp • Partnered with Good Shepherd Food Bank on Shelter and Nutrition for All Children Program • Community Closet for patients; undergarments for sexual assault victims • Partnered with St. Joseph Hospital, in Bangor, on a community garden located on St. Joseph's property. • Thirty-six childbirth education classes were offered to the community in the last year with 510 enrolled participants. • Provided Irving cards/Taxi/Uber vouchers to patients and families in need to help traveling back and forth to EMMC
	In 2024, Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center continues connected individuals with community resources they need to improve their health and wellbeing.	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">THROUGH Q1 PROGRESS REPORTING (<i>delete this line before finalizing</i>)</p> Literacy Volunteers of Bangor; Community Health & Counseling (PATH program); Good Shepherd Food Bank; Boys and Girls Club; Eastern Area Agency on Aging; Local police departments, churches, and other organizations	Fiscal Year 2024 priority activity updates will be available at the end of the fiscal year and posted online via our Progress Report to Our Community.

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Substance Use	In 2023, Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center improved pathways to prevention, treatment, and recovery for individuals with substance use disorder.	Bangor Area Recovery Network (BARN); Bangor Public Health and Community Services; Co-Occurring Collaborative Serving Maine; Health Equity Alliance (HEAL); Hermon School District; Maine Substance Use Disorders Learning Community; OPTIONS; Project ECHO: Low Barrier MOUD for Maine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 127 state-sponsored naloxone kits distributed • Staff trained in Trauma Informed Care • Family Medicine and Residency curriculum expansion to outreach the homeless population impacted by substance use disorder. A collaboration with community organizations. Peer to Peer consults between Acadia providers and pediatric primary care providers (internal and external to Northern Light Health). • Began planning for naloxone training with the Hermon school district. Training will take place in fiscal year 2024 on October 6, 2023. • Multiple Naloxone presentations provided
	In 2024, Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center continues to improve pathways to prevention, treatment, and recovery for individuals with substance use disorder.	THROUGH Q1 PROGRESS REPORTING (delete this line before finalizing) Hermon High School; Brewer High School	Fiscal Year 2024 priority activity updates will be available at the end of the fiscal year and posted online via our Progress Report to Our Community.

Additional information on Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center's priority activity can be found at:

<https://northernlighthealth.org/Community-Health-Needs-Assessment/2022-Community-Health-Strategy>

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Organization - Northern Light Home Care & Hospice

Information on Northern Light Home Care & Hospice's priority activity can be found at:

<https://northernlighthealth.org/Community-Health-Needs-Assessment/2022-Community-Health-Strategy>

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Organization - Northern Light Sebecook Valley Health (SVH)

Priority	Activities	Partners	Key Accomplishments
Mental Health Services	In 2023, Northern Light Sebecook Valley Hospital educated and empowered others to recognize, support, and respond to mental and behavioral health needs of youth.	Healthy SV Coalition; Maine Central Institute (MCI)*; Maine Resilience Building Network (MRBN); Mr. Sean Presents; Maine School Administrative District (MSAD) #53; National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI); Northern Light Sebecook Valley Hospital Ambulance Service* Pittsfield Public Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two community organizations* trained in Psychological First Aid (PFA); 44 individuals trained in PFA. • "Stress less" kits provided to youth in collaboration with Healthy SV, MSAD #53, and Pittsfield Public Library. • Provided presentation to MCI staff in partnership with MRBN (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and Strengthen ME (Acadia); Engaged MSAD #53 via staff book club on mental health and resiliency. • Engaged social media platforms to increase awareness of youth mental health by promoting the new 988 suicide and crisis lifeline. • Partnered with Mr. Sean Presents to host a six-week puppet pals program to reach youth and use puppetry to talk about emotions, increase empathy, and identify what brings them happiness.
	In 2024, Northern Light Sebecook Valley Hospital continues to educate and empower others to recognize, support, and respond to mental and behavioral health needs of youth.	THROUGH Q1 PROGRESS REPORTING (<i>delete this line before finalizing</i>) NAMI Maine (National Alliance on Mental Illness); Kennebec Behavioral Health; Warsaw Middle School	Fiscal Year 2024 priority activity updates will be available at the end of the fiscal year and posted online via our Progress Report to Our Community.
Social Determinants of Health	In 2023, Northern Light Sebecook Valley Hospital connected individuals with community resources they need to improve their health and wellbeing.	Alpha One; Catholic Charities; Department of Health and Human Services; Kennebec Valley Community Action Program (KVCAP); Local food pantries; Maine Cervical and Breast foundation; Maine Street Dental Care (Waterville Maine); Penquis Community Action Program (CAP); Pittsfield Public Library*; Redington Fairview General Hospital*; Sarah's House*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three community partners* added three programs to the findhelp directory (Pittsfield Public Library: Library Connect Telehealth Program; Redington Fairview General Hospital: Car Seat Safety Program; Sarah's House: Temporary lodging) • 296 community members referred to SDOH resources via our Patient Navigator
	In 2024, Northern Light Sebecook Valley Hospital continues connected individuals with community resources they need to improve their health and wellbeing.	THROUGH Q1 PROGRESS REPORTING (<i>delete this line before finalizing</i>) Penquis CAP; Kennebec Valley Community Action Program (KVCAP)	Fiscal Year 2024 priority activity updates will be available at the end of the fiscal year and posted online via our Progress Report to Our Community.

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Substance Use	In 2023, Northern Light Sebecook Valley Hospital improved pathways to prevention, treatment, and recovery for individuals with substance use disorder.	Cianbro; Hometown Health Center; Kennebec Valley Community Action Program (KVCAP); Maine Central Institute; Pittsfield Police Department; Regional School Unit #19; Rural Communities Opioid Response; Program Sonoco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 386 state-sponsored naloxone kits distributed • Distributed 95 Sebecook Valley Opioid Response Network Recovery Resource Guides to community members in partnership with the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program Coordinator, Pittsfield Police Department, Cianbro, and Kennebec Valley Community Action Program
	In 2024, Northern Light Sebecook Valley Hospital continues to improve pathways to prevention, treatment, and recovery for individuals with substance use disorder.	Forthcoming	Fiscal Year 2024 priority activity updates will be available at the end of the fiscal year and posted online via our Progress Report to Our Community.

Additional information on Northern Light Sebecook Valley Health's priority activity can be found at:

<https://northernlighthealth.org/Community-Health-Needs-Assessment/2022-Community-Health-Strategy>

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Organization - Penobscot Community Health Care (PCHC)

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Additional information on Penobscot Community Health Care's priority activities can be found at:

www.pchc.com

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Organization - Penobscot Valley Hospital

Priority	In 2023		
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Additional information on Penobscot Valley Hospital's priority activity can be found at:
www.pvhme.org

Organization - Penquis

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Additional information on Penquis's priority activity can be found at:
<https://www.penquis.org/>
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Organization - St. Joseph Hospital

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Additional information on St. Joseph Hospital's priority activity can be found at:
www.stjoeshealing.org
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Organization - United Way of Eastern Maine

Information related to United Way of Eastern Maine's priority activity can be found at:
<https://www.unitedwayem.org/>
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Organization - Helping Hands with Heart

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<p>Information on Helping Hands with Heart's priority activity can be found by contacting: Sue Mackey Andrews, Helping Hands with Heart 207-408-8040 or sdmandrews@gmail.com</p>			
Organization - Northern Light Mayo Hospital			
Mental Health	<p>In 2023, Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center educated and empowered others to recognize, support, and respond to mental and behavioral health needs of youth.</p>	<p>Bangor Daily News & Eastern Gazette; Community Health and Counseling Services; Dexter Regional High School; Maine Department of Education; Maine Youth Action Network; Maine's Opioid Response; Milo Police Department; National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI); Northern Light Mayo Hospital's; Community Outreach*; OutMaine; PENQUIS; Penquis Valley High School; Penquis Valley Positive Action Team Summit; Pine Tree Hospice*; Piscataquis Community High School; Piscataquis Community Secondary School; Piscataquis County Emergency Management; SeDoMoCha Middle School; State of Maine; Town of Milo; Tradewinds; Yellow Tulip Project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two community organizations* trained in Psychological First Aid (PFA); 19 individuals trained in PFA. • Co-hosted "Mental Health Dine & Discuss" event with Piscataquis Community High School • Co-hosted presentation with National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) for community members • Hosted a Positive Action Team Summit at the Piscataquis Community Secondary School • Hosted a Dine and Discuss event in Milo for the community to discuss Penquis Valley Schools Maine Integrated Youth Survey Data • Engaged in the Overdose Prevention Through Intensive Outreach Naloxone and Safety (OPTIONS) initiative coordinated by the Maine Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) and CHCS
	<p>In 2024, Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center continues to educate and empowere others to recognize, support, and respond to mental and behavioral health needs of youth.</p>	<p>THROUGH Q1 PROGRESS REPORTING (<i>delete this line before finalizing</i>) Piscataquis Community Elementary School</p>	<p>Fiscal Year 2024 priority activity updates will be available at the end of the fiscal year and posted online via our Progress Report to Our Community.</p>
Social Determinants of Health	<p>In 2023, Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center connected individuals with community resources they need to improve their health and wellbeing.</p>	<p>Friends of Community Fitness Guilford*; Old Town/Orono YMCA*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two community partners* added two programs to the findhelp directory (Friends of Community Fitness Guilford: Community Fitness; Old Town/Orono YMCA: Tax Aide) • Multiple outreach efforts to community based organizations to engage in the findhelp platform
	<p>In 2024, Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center continues connected individuals with community resources they need to improve their health and wellbeing.</p>	<p>Forthcoming</p>	<p>Fiscal Year 2024 priority activity updates will be available at the end of the fiscal year and posted online via our Progress Report to Our Community.</p>

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Substance Use	In 2023, Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center improved pathways to prevention, treatment, and recovery for individuals with substance use disorder.	Bangor Public Health; Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention; Community Health and Counseling Services (CHCS); Hardwood Products; Maine Prevention Network; Pine Tree Hospice staff; Piscataquis Community Secondary School; Piscataquis County Secondary School; Positive Action Team students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 183 state-sponsored naloxone kits distributed • Engaged in the Overdose Prevention Through Intensive Outreach Naloxone and Safety (OPTIONS) initiative coordinated by the Maine Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) and CHCS, and Bangor Public Health • Trained Mayo staff, Pine Tree Staff, and local first responders in Trauma Informed Care • Trained Piscataquis Community Secondary School staff on the use of Naloxone and expanded the number of Naloxone placements in the school for easy access.
	In 2024, Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center continues to improve pathways to prevention, treatment, and recovery for individuals with substance use disorder.	Forthcoming	Fiscal Year 2024 priority activity updates will be available at the end of the fiscal year and posted online via our Progress Report to Our Community.

Additional information on Northern Light Mayo Hospital's priority activity can be found at:
<https://northernlighthealth.org/Community-Health-Needs-Assessment/2022-Community-Health-Strategy>
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Organizations - Northern Light CA Dean Hospital

Priority	Activities	Partners	Key Accomplishments
Mental Health	In 2023, Northern Light CA Dean Hospital educated and empowered others to recognize, support, and respond to mental and behavioral health needs of youth.	Bangor Daily News & Eastern Gazette; Community Health and Counseling Services; Dexter Regional High School; Maine Department of Education; Maine Youth Action Network; National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI); Northern Light CA Dean employees* (rehab, pharmacy, maintenance, care management); OutMaine; PENQUIS; Penquis Valley High School; Piscataquis Community Secondary School (PCSS); SeDoMoCha Middle School; State of Maine; Yellow Tulip Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA Dean employees and one community member trained in Psychological First Aid (PFA); 11 individuals trained in PFA. • Co-hosted "Mental Health Dine & Discuss" event with Piscataquis Community Secondary School (PCSS) • Co-hosted presentation with National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) for community members • Hosted a Positive Action Team Summit at the Piscataquis Community Secondary School • Engaged in the Overdose Prevention Through Intensive Outreach Naloxone and Safety (OPTIONS) initiative coordinated by the Maine Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) and CHCS
	In 2024, Northern Light CA Dean Hospital continues to educate and empower others to recognize, support, and respond to mental and behavioral health needs of youth.	Forthcoming	Fiscal Year 2024 priority activity updates will be available at the end of the fiscal year and posted online via our Progress Report to Our Community.
Social Determinants of Health	In 2023, Northern Light CA Dean Hospital connected individuals with community resources they need to improve their health and wellbeing.	American Legion Post 94 Food Pantry; Dover Foxcroft Congregational Church*; Greenville Food Cupboard; Mobile Pantry/Guilford Economic Partnership; Partnership Food Pantries; Piscataquis Regional/Old Town-Orono YMCA; Rideout Preventive Dental*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two community partners* added six programs to the findhelp directory (Dover Foxcroft Congregational Church added five programs including Community Meals, Gas Cards, Heating Assistance, Medical Lending Closet, and Vouchers Program; Rideout Preventive Dental added one program specific to dental care) • Multiple outreach efforts to community based organizations to engage in the findhelp platform
	In 2024, Northern Light CA Dean Hospital continues connected individuals with community resources they need to improve their health and wellbeing.	Forthcoming	Fiscal Year 2024 priority activity updates will be available at the end of the fiscal year and posted online via our Progress Report to Our Community.

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Substance Use	In 2023, Northern Light CA Dean Hospital improved pathways to prevention, treatment, and recovery for individuals with substance use disorder.	Bangor Public Health; Community Health and Counseling Services (CHCS); Greenville Consolidated School; Pine Tree Hospice staff; Positive Action Team students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 145 state-sponsored naloxone kits distributed • Engaged in the Overdose Prevention Through Intensive Outreach Naloxone and Safety (OPTIONS) initiative coordinated by the Maine Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) and CHCS and Bangor Public Health • Worked with Greenville Consolidated School Superintendent, to ensure the school is adequately equipped for the start of the new school year.
	In 2024, Northern Light CA Dean Hospital continues to improve pathways to prevention, treatment, and recovery for individuals with substance use disorder.	Forthcoming	Fiscal Year 2024 priority activity updates will be available at the end of the fiscal year and posted online via our Progress Report to Our Community.

Additional information on Northern Light CA Dean Hospital's priority activity can be found at:

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