

For Immediate Release

February 18, 2016

**Contact: Jess Maurer, Executive Director, Maine Association of Area Agencies on Aging
[207-592-9972](tel:207-592-9972) or jmaurer@maine4a.org**

**FIRST-IN-THE-NATION MULTI-STATE LEARNING COLLABORATIVE TO HOST
REGIONAL SUMMIT ON AGING**

Community & Policy Leaders from Northern New England Encouraged to Attend

On April 1st policy, business, research, advocacy and community leaders from Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont will gather at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH for the first Tri-State Summit on Aging.

The rapid aging of Northern New England's population is spurring community and policy leaders across the region to action! Communities are collaborating with an array of partners to help older adults live well in their homes and communities and to build stronger communities that are livable for all ages. The Tri-State Summit on Aging will highlight these exciting efforts and provide an opportunity for leaders from these communities to learn from each other and from experts working on issues like housing, transportation, technology and health care.

Featured speakers include Jenn Nichols, Senior Associate from the FrameWorks Institute, who will help participants understand how reframing the way we talk about aging can lead to better policy outcomes; Steve Norton, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Center for Public Policy Studies, who will highlight the shared opportunities and challenges of an aging Northern New England; and Sandy Markwood, Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, who will share key strategies that are successfully advancing efforts to make communities livable for all ages. Summit breakout sessions will highlight models and tools that support the development of "age friendly" communities and share useful information on critical issues like technology, housing, transportation and health. Kathleen Otte, Regional Administrator for the Administration for Community Living, will offer concluding remarks.

The Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging (TSLCA) is the first multi-state effort focused on fostering collaborative, community-based strategies and systems that support the needs of older adults across a region – in this case, in Northern New England. The TSLCA is supported by seven funders from Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire and is committed to increasing the collective impact of “aging in place” initiatives through shared learning. The TSLCA engages over 600 people from the region through free monthly webinars, sector and issue specific discussions and regional events. The Summit on Aging is the first of a series of regional events that will be hosted around the region in the next two years. TSLCA membership is free to those living in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

The Summit will run from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on April 1st. The cost is \$25 per person for TSLCA members/\$30 for non-members, including a light breakfast and lunch. To see a full Summit agenda or to register, visit the TSLCA website at: <http://agefriendly.community/tri-state-summit-on-aging>. Please share information about the Summit on Aging and plan to assign a report to cover the event live.

In addition to the TSLCA Funders, the Summit on Aging is sponsored in part by our Gold Sponsor, Tufts Health Plan Foundation.
