

Strengthening Maine's Dental Workforce

A successful pilot project from
Northern Maine Community College
and St Apollonia Dental Clinic

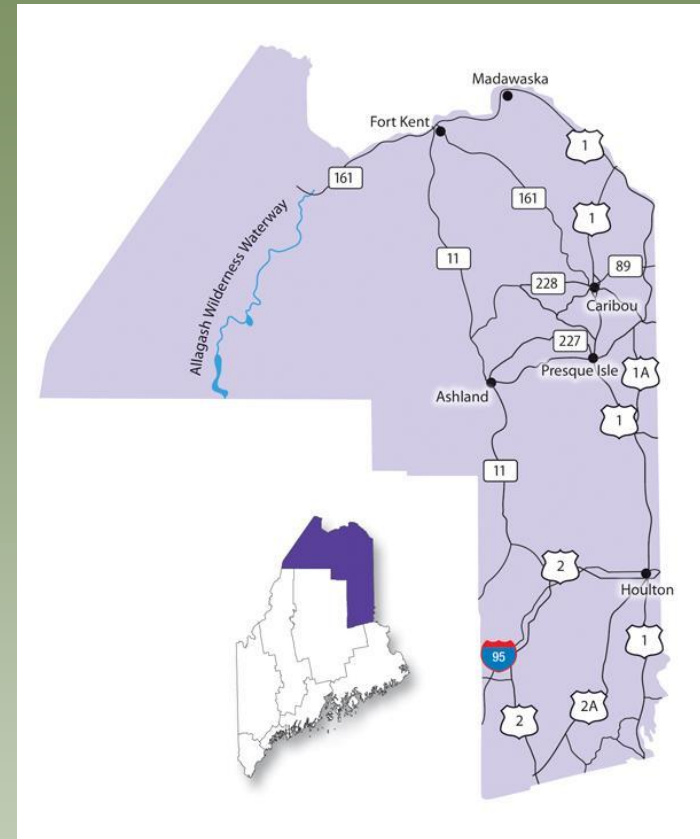


Why Here?

Why Now?

What is an EFDA?

(And, what the heck is AHEC?)



Currently...

The number of new dentists practicing in the County has increased in the past 6 years.

Hence, the need for educated, well trained dental office employees has increased due to greater number of dentists. Many of them would like an EFDA or 2 to work with them...

Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary (EFDA)

- * To become an EFDA, you first must be a CDA (Certified Dental Assistant)

How?

Sit for the exam through
DANB (Dental Assisting
National Board)



Dental Assistants in Maine

- * Can be trained chair side
- * Can be trained in a dental assisting program
- * DANB (Dental Assisting National Board)
- * Provides examinations to acquire certification (Certified Dental Assistant or CDA)
- * “next level” is EFDA (Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary) licensure
- * Became a licensed position in Maine in 2008 and training programs were developed

Where is Training Available?

- * A majority of the best candidates for the CDA and EFDA training are already employed
- * Programs take this into consideration and provide training on Friday afternoons and Saturdays
- * Still, traveling outside of the County after a full week of work (many work 9 hr days, M-Th), is considerably “inconvenient”

NMCC/St Apollonia Dental Clinic Partnership

- * **Program offered “locally”**
- * **Students appreciate having the training “at home” in the County**
- * **Most of the funding for this pilot is provided by the**
- * **Healthcare Sector Grant and**
- * **Northern Maine AHEC**





Dental Assisting Training Details

- * **First group of 8 students selected from pool of applicants**
- * **Extremely quick timeline (April 2013 – June 2013!)**
- * **Equipment , curriculum development and “infrastructure” will allow for sustainability and growth**



**8 students,
scheduled to sit
for certification**





Next Steps...

- **Another cohort of Dental Assisting Training**
- **EFDA Training offered in Aroostook County?**
- **A New Dental Assisting Program offered at Northern Maine Community College?**

Questions/Comments



Maine AHEC
Network

*Healthcare Workforce
Recruitment and Retention*

St Apollonia Dental Clinic



Working to put a smile on the face
of every child.



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