

MCEAP 2026 Elder Abuse Summit Agenda

Virtual Event - May 5 & 7, 2026

DAY ONE: Tuesday, May 5

9:00-9:15	Welcome Jane Margesson, AARP Maine's Senior Communications Director and manager of AARP Maine's fraud and scam prevention work
9:15-10:15	Wabanaki Advocacy Centers Response to Elder Abuse- Struggles, Strengths, and Culturally Specific Resources Donna Brown, Executive Director, and Aline Pardilla, Assistant Director, Wabanaki Women's Coalition The presenters will cover topics including statistics, cultural awareness, perpetrators of abuse, legal, and policy issues and community resources.
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:00	Fact and Fiction on Surrogate Decision Making in Maine Attorneys Simon Beirne and Angela Hamlin will present on surrogate decision making in Maine.
11:00-11:30	Maine's Elder Justice Investigator Candice Simeoni will share updates about her new role as Maine's first Elder Justice Investigator.
11:30-12:00	AARP Fraud Watch Network Jen Clouse, a Program Specialist with the AARP Fraud Victim Helpline, will share information on the AARP Fraud Watch Network which provides guidance, resources, and support for victims of fraud. Please join us to learn about the AARP Fraud Support Helpline and Support Groups.
12:00-12:05	Closing Andrew Booth, Chief of Police, Bath Police Department, Co-Chair of the Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention

DAY TWO: Thursday, May 7

1:00-1:05	Welcome Andrew Booth, Chief of Police, Bath Police Department, Co-Chair of the Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention
1:05-2:35	Health Care's Role in Stopping the Mistreatment of Older Adults Dr. Robert Anderson, MaineHealth; Dr. Lisa Yeh, MaineHealth Midcoast; Dr. Sarah Hallen, MaineHealth Maine Medical Center Evaluating the mistreatment of older adults across a variety of medical settings; from the clinic, long term care facility to the emergency department.
2:35-2:50	Break
2:50-3:50	Maine's Domestic Abuse Homicide Review Panel and Report Lisa Bogue, Deputy Attorney General, Chief of the Criminal Division and Chair of Maine's Domestic Abuse Homicide Review Panel. Deputy Attorney General Lisa Bogue will discuss the Domestic Abuse Homicide Review Panel and its reports focusing on the elder population as both victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse.
3:50-4:00	Overview of MCEAP's Plan for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and Closing Remarks Andrew Booth, Chief of Police, Bath Police Department, Co-Chair of the Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention