

Step 1 of Maine CDC Maternal & Child Health Title V Block Grant Needs Assessment: Gathering Community Input

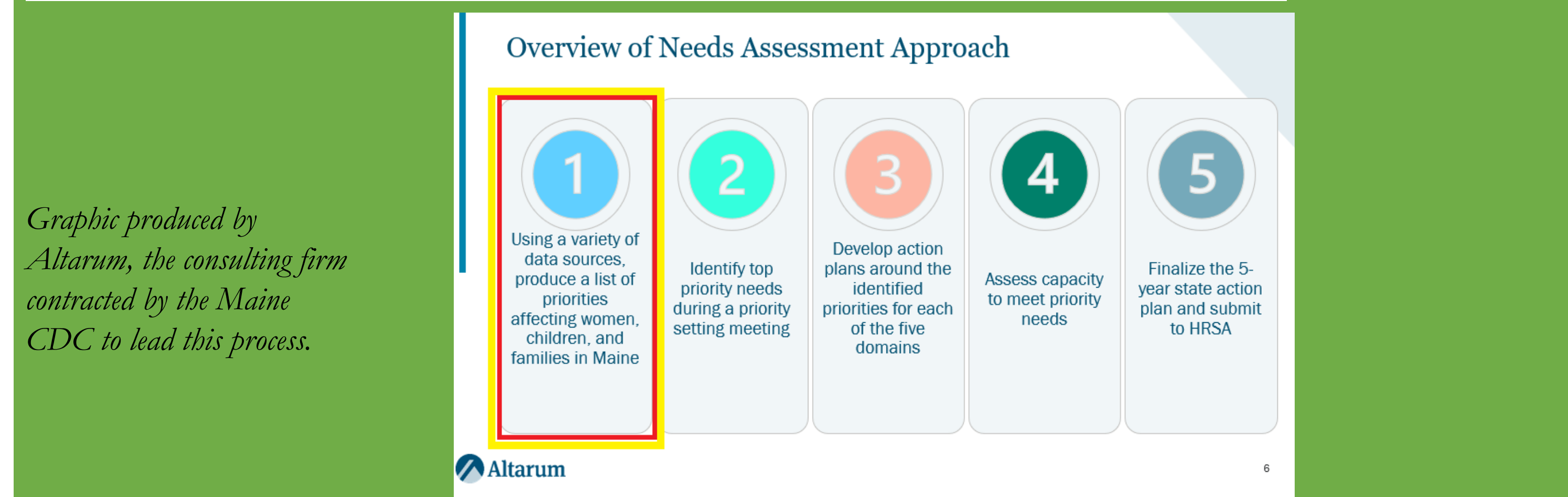


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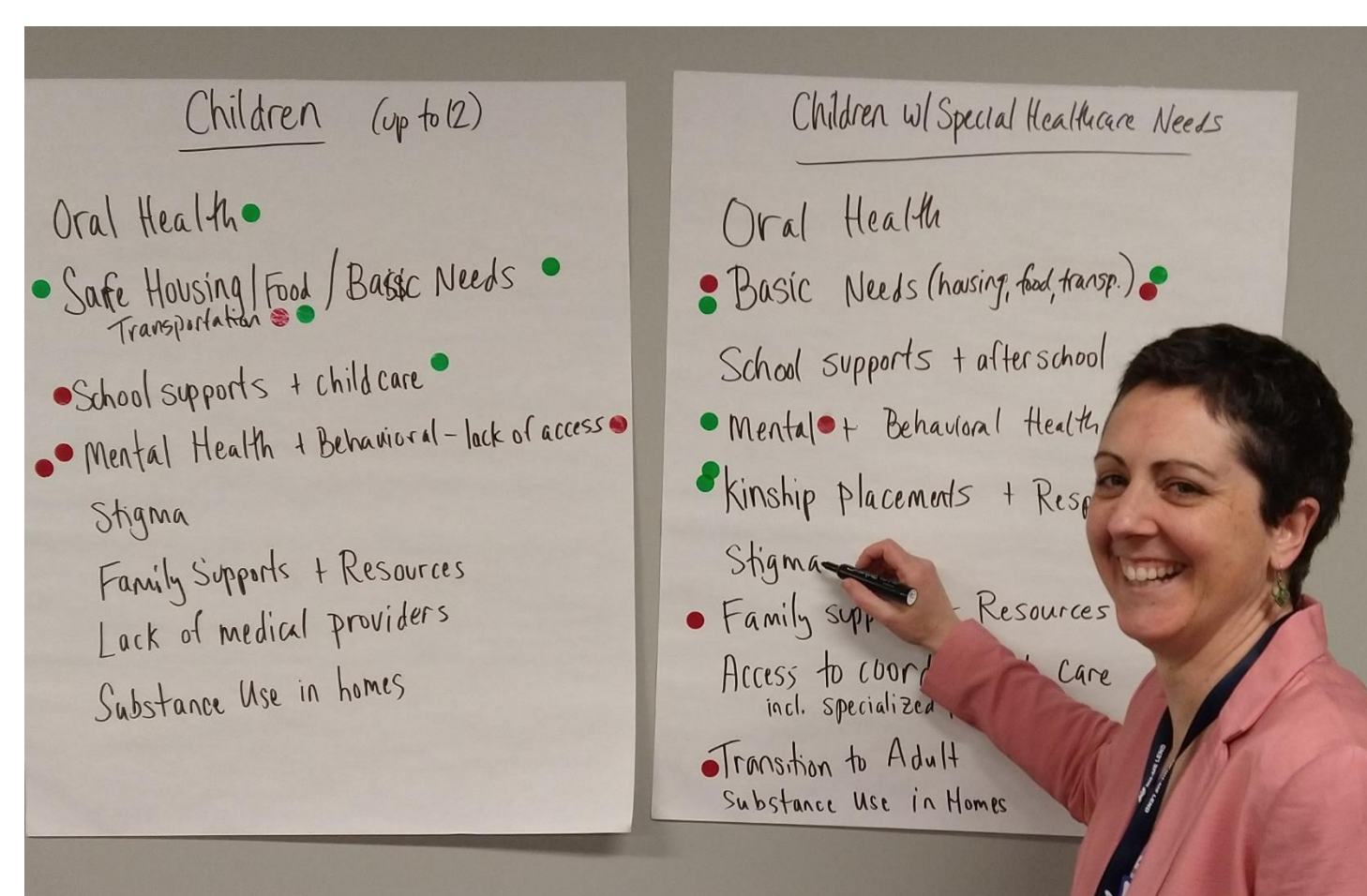
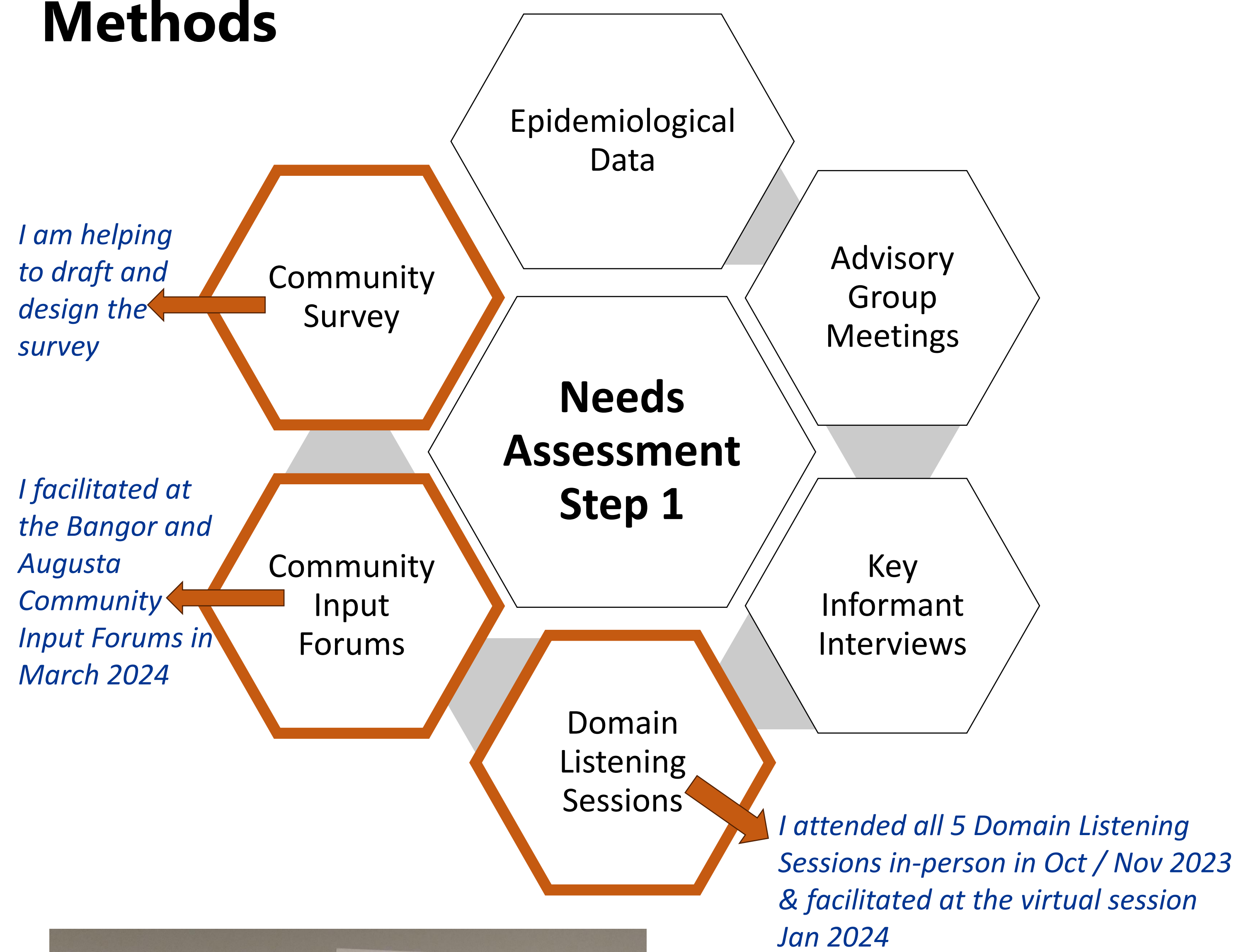
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Introduction

The Maine Center for Disease Control (ME CDC) receives funding through the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant Program, which creates Federal/State partnerships to address the health services needs of 5 population domains: **women, infants, children, children with special health care needs, & adolescents**. Every 5 years Maine must conduct a needs assessment to determine its priorities for the next 5 years. Currently Maine is in Step 1 (highlighted in graphic below) of the Needs Assessment Process for 2025-2030. This step involves gathering community input.



Methods



Left: Facilitating the voting process for identifying top priorities for two domains: 1) Children and 2) Children with Special Health Care Needs at the Bangor Community Input Forum 3/18/24

Data & Results

	DOMAIN LISTENING SESSIONS		COMMUNITY INPUT FORUMS		
	Attendees In person: Virtual	TOTAL Invited who did not attend	Location	# Attendees / # Registered	# Paid by Employer : Community
# ppl	32:26	51	Bangor	15/29	13:2
# orgs	21:11	34	Augusta	12/14	10:2

TOP THREE PRIORITIES FOR EACH DOMAIN IDENTIFIED @ DOMAIN LISTENING SESSIONS

Perinatal & Infant Health

- Access to Quality Care
- Social Determinants
- Delivery and Neonatal Care

Women & Maternal Health

- Access & Quality of Care
- Mental Health/ Substance Use
- Abuse & Violence

Child Health

- Basic Needs/ Social Determinants
- Mental Health
- Oral Health

Children with Special Health Care Needs

- Service/Care Coordination
- Access to Quality Care
- Transition

Adolescent Health

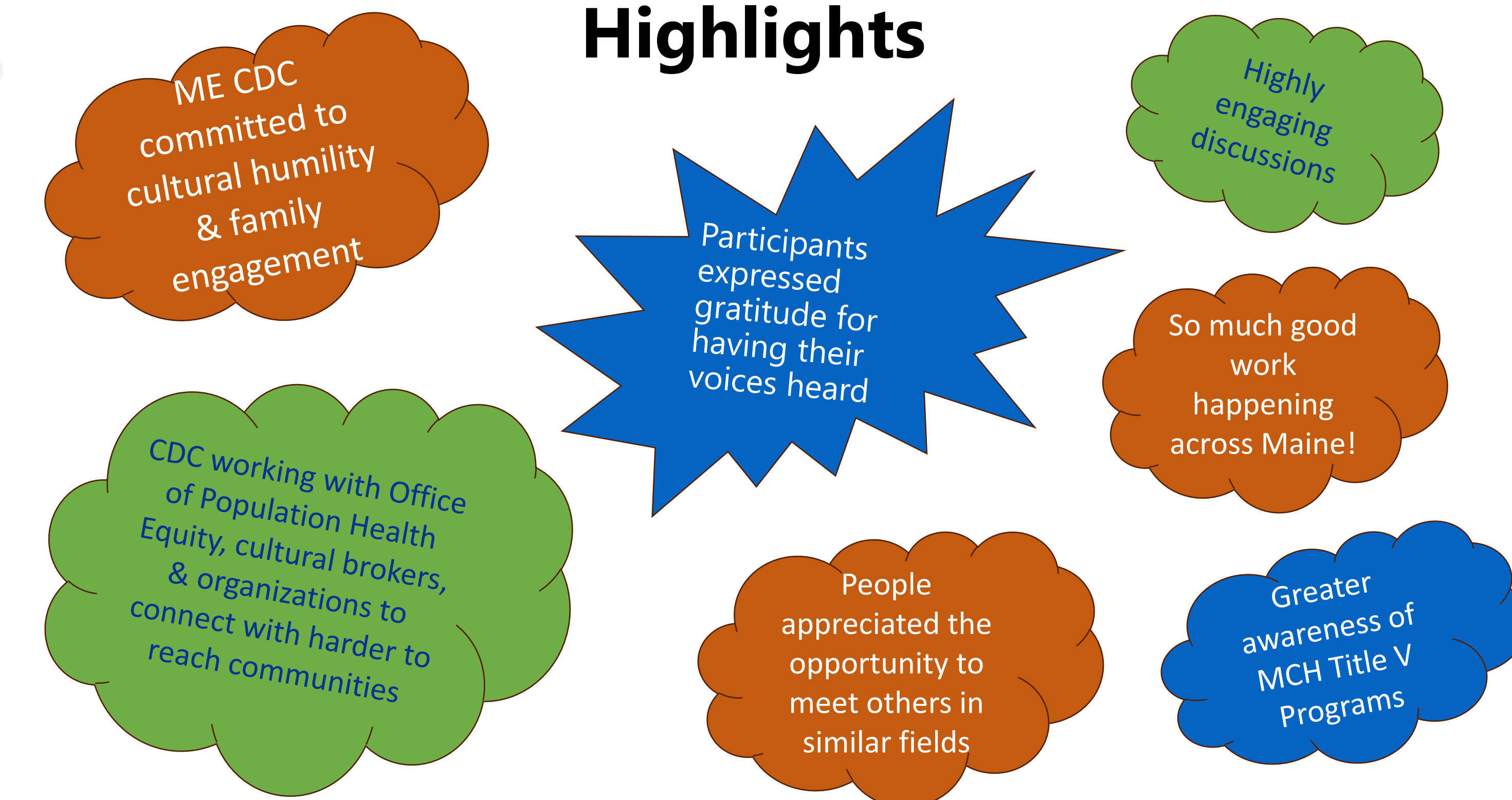
- Connection/ trust in adults
- Social Determinants
- Mental Health
- Health

Organizations that Participated

- Child Development Services
- Center for Community Inclusion & Disability Studies
- DHHS Office Child & Family Safety
- Disability Rights Maine
- Developmental Disabilities Council
- Help Me Grow
- Let's Go
- Maine Boys to Men
- Maine Children's Trust
- Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence
- Maine Department of Education
- Maine Families
- Maine Family Planning
- Maine State Breastfeeding Coalition
- Maine Youth Action Network (MYAN)
- Rural Maternity Obstetrics Management Strategies Program (RMOMS)
- NAMI Maine
- Office Population Health Equity
- OUT Maine
- Partnership for Children's Oral Health
- Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System
- School Based Health Centers
- USM Epidemiology
- Women Infants Children
- Yellow Tulip Project

ME CDC: Disease Prevention, Youth Suicide Prevention, Newborn Bloodspot Screening, Newborn Hearing, Genetics, Birth Defects, Cleft Lip & Palate, Public Health Nursing, Maternal Infant Fetal Mortality Review Panel, etc.

Highlights



Recommendations

The ME CDC strives to engage a diverse array of partners, agencies, professionals, and community members in the Title V Needs Assessment process to identify the most important issues impacting maternal & child health in Maine. Despite concerted recruitment efforts, invitations, and a financial incentive, many people and agencies did not attend sessions. The experiences of the people in the room shape the conversations and influence the outcomes.



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