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## 2018 CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award Winner

*Kathy Goodine, RMA*



The Maine Immunization Program is proud to announce that Kathy Goodine, RMA from St. Croix Regional Family Health Center in Princeton, Maine has been selected as the *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Childhood Immunization Champion* for Maine. CDC and the CDC Foundation hold this annual awards program to honor immunization champions across the 50 U.S. states, 8 U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States, and the District of Columbia during [National Infant Immunization Week](#) (April 21-28, 2018).

Ms Goodine was nominated and selected from a pool of health professionals, community advocates, and other immunization leaders for making a significant contribution to public health in Maine through her work in childhood immunization. Ms. Goodine is recognized for her passion for protecting children and adults from preventable disease. She makes sure patients are up to date with their vaccinations and believes every visit is an opportunity to fully immunize the children in her practice. Kathy is motivated and enthusiastic, she's a great support to other staff and continuously gives 100% in her position.

Young children rely on the champions in their lives to keep them safe and healthy. Champions may be doctors and nurses who share scientifically accurate, up-to-date information about vaccines with parents. They may be advocates who go the extra mile to ensure that all children in their communities have access to vaccines. They may be public health professionals who work behind the scenes tracking immunization data, coordinating vaccine logistics, or developing public awareness campaigns. They may be parents who share their personal stories about vaccination with their communities.

When families, healthcare professionals, and public health officials work together, all children can be protected from serious and deadly vaccine-preventable diseases. Kathy Goodine is an inspiration to all of us who care about children's health in Maine. We are pleased and honored to congratulate her on this well-deserved award.

To read Kathy Goodine's profile on the CDC's website, and to learn more about CDC's *Childhood Immunization Champion Award* program, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/champions>