

# HealthReach Community Health Centers



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## **Agnieszka Smith, LCSW joins Richmond Area Health Center**

RICHMOND—The staff at Richmond Area Health Center will be welcoming Agnieszka “Aga” Smith, clinical social worker, to the practice in December. Immigrating to the United States 18 years ago, Aga earned her Master’s degree in social work from the University of Silesia in Poland before continuing her studies at the University of Southern Maine and receiving her Master of Social Work in 2006. She brings social work experience with children, adolescents and adults in hospital, outpatient and residential settings.

In 2006, Aga began her career working with children and their families as an in-home support and child reunification worker. In 2009, she treated children and adolescents in inpatient and outpatient capacities as a hospital clinical social worker. Later, she found her calling working with adults with co-occurring disorders. As a therapist in an adult intensive outpatient program, she noticed that intrinsic motivation was a critical element of behavioral change. Aga has also utilized her skills to manage two Federally Qualified Health Center primary care practices. More recently, Aga developed the desire to return to work in direct patient care and adjusted her path to a cancer center and discovered a hidden appreciation for end-of-life care as a clinician in an oncology unit.



Aga will join physicians Linda Hermans, Michael Landrum and Henry Scheuller, as well as nurse practitioners Elizabeth Kerr, Melissa Hackett and Tom Bartol. Our clinicians offer medical and behavioral health services from birth through retirement and beyond. Area residents and visitors from Richmond, Gardiner, Litchfield, Dresden, Bowdoinham, as well as Augusta and surrounding communities, utilize the health center which was established in 1977.

Richmond Area Health Center is part of HealthReach Community Health Centers, a group of eleven Federally Qualified Health Centers in Central and Western Maine. Dedicated providers deliver high quality medical and behavioral health care to citizens in over 80 rural communities. To ensure access to everyone, HealthReach accepts Medicare, MaineCare and major insurances. In addition, an Affordable Care Program is available to uninsured and underinsured residents as well as assistance with applications for programs that help with the cost of healthcare and medications including the Health Insurance Marketplace.

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