

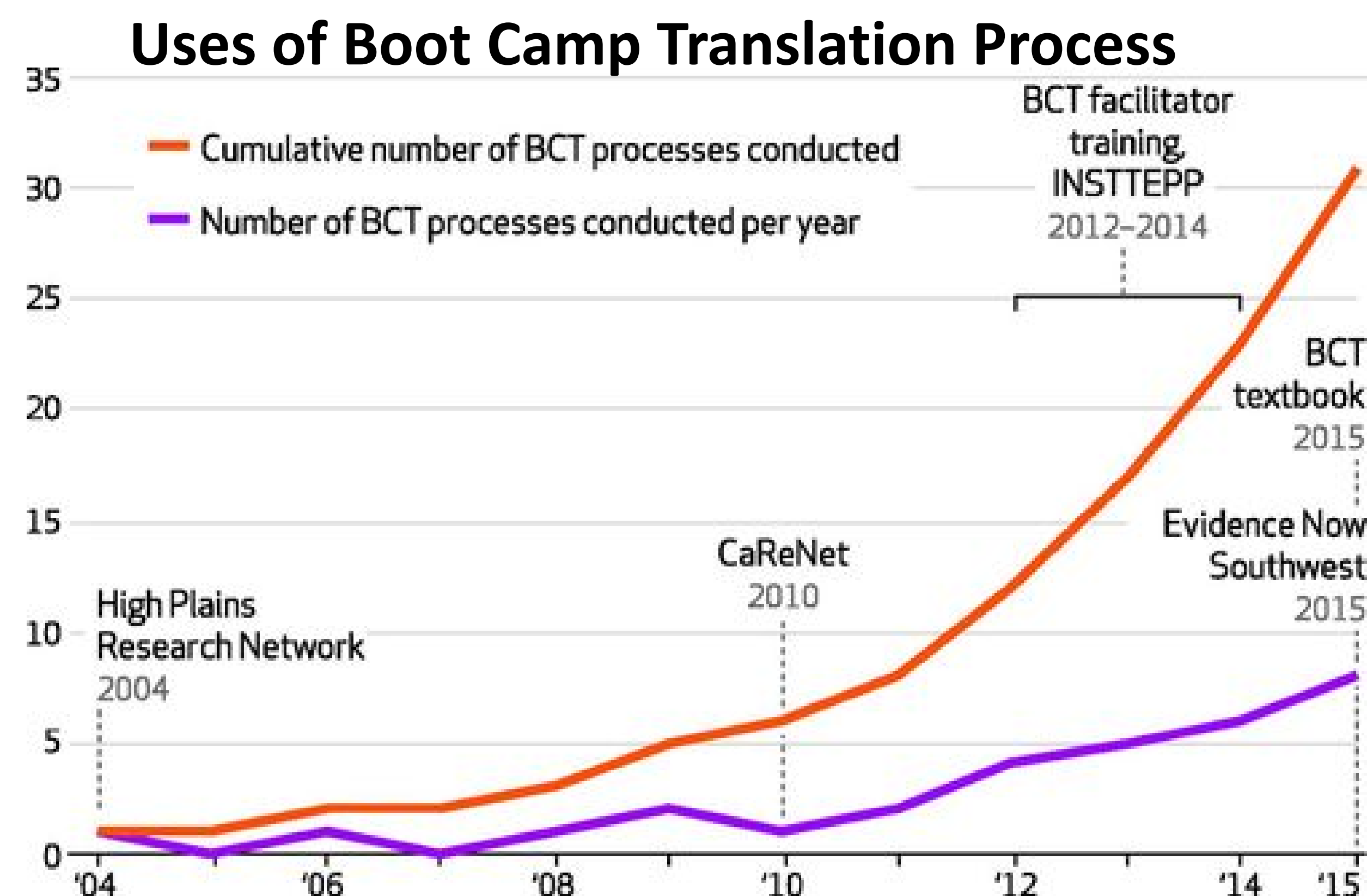
# BOOT CAMP TRANSLATION: COMMUNITY ENGAGED RESEARCH PROCESS EVALUATION

## Abstract

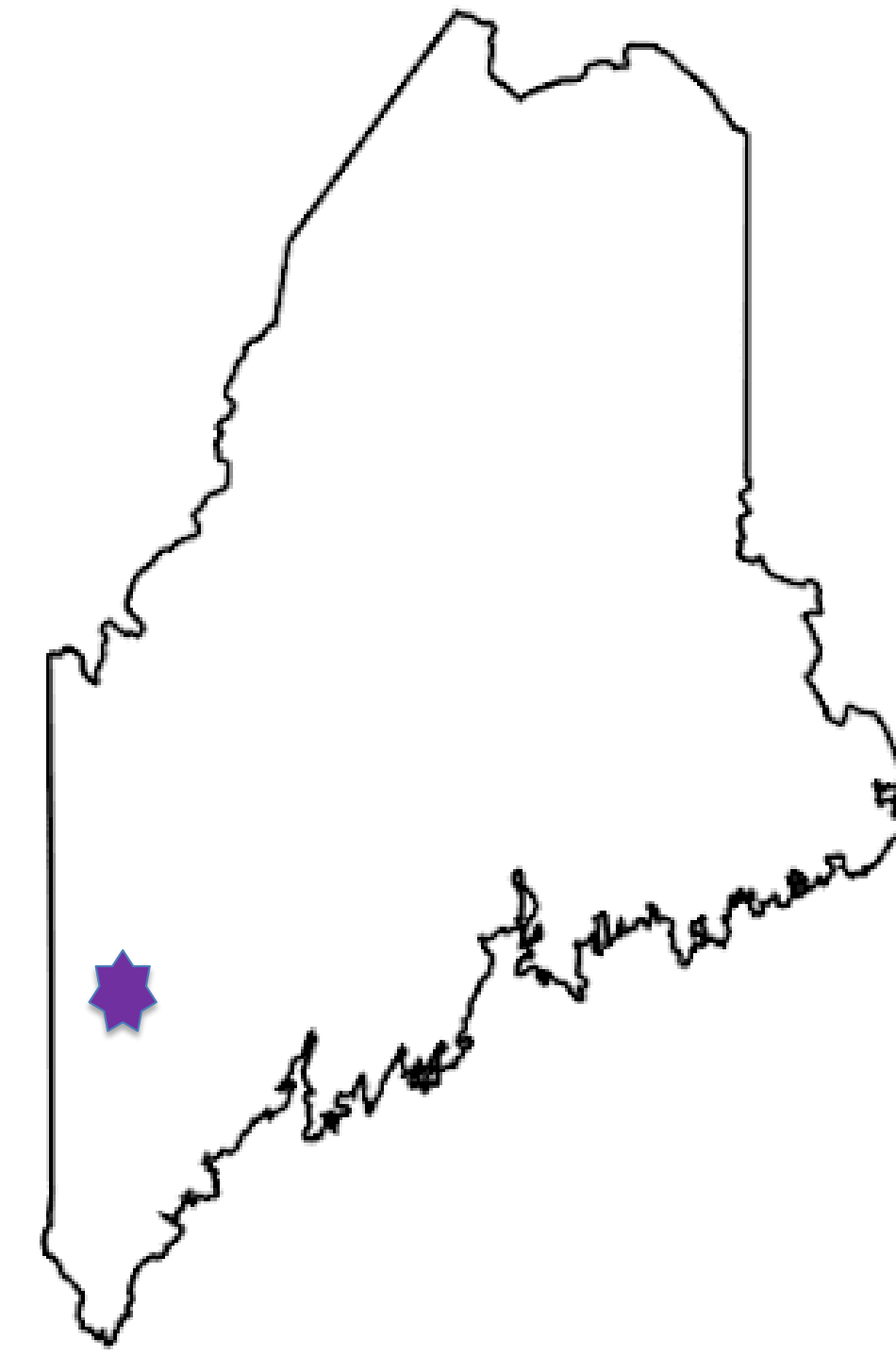
Boot Camp Translation (BCT) is a method of partnering with community members to translate complex health information into locally relevant language and actionable messaging to improve health within their community. Our evaluation will seek to demonstrate the feasibility, reproducibility, worth, and significance of the BCT process. The BCT process being evaluated is based in Norway, Maine. This BCT is on the community selected health topic of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

## Background

The BCT process was first developed by the High Plains Research Network and its Community Advisory Council in rural Colorado. This Colorado community used BCT to successfully address the topics of colon cancer prevention, asthma diagnosis and management, and hypertension. Between 2004 and 2015 the BCT process was used 31 times across the U.S. on a broad range of topics.



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## Co-investigators

The Rural Health Research and Community Engagement Core (Rural Core) of the Northern New England Clinical and Translational Research Network (NNE-CTR) set out to conduct the first BCT process in Norway, Maine in November 2020. The Rural Core has been working to conduct community engaged research in Western Maine since 2018 and has developed partnerships with individuals and organizations including Western Maine Health, Healthy Oxford Hills, the Oxford County Wellness Collaborative. A series of meetings with these partners led to the identification of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and their impacts on health as a priority of the community to be addressed by the Norway, ME BCT.

## Norway, ME BCT

This BCT is composed of seventeen individuals with lived experience/expertise in their community within the greater Norway region. This BCT will occur over a twelve-month period, consisting of several facilitated group meetings over zoom, with an end goal of developing actionable health messaging around ACEs.

## Methodology

### Evaluation Questions

- 1) Is the Boot Camp Translation Community Engaged Research process feasible and reproducible?
- 2) Do participants find the BCT process and outcomes have value and significance?

### Data Collection

Data collection will use the following methods:

- Observation using the Pyramid of Engagement Rubric
- Initial and Midpoint Surveys
- Exit interviews with all participants and facilitators

### Sample

The Norway BCT is made up of 17 community members, 2 facilitators (one of which is a community member) and 3 researchers (one of which is a community member).

## Results

Data collection will begin in February 2021 and will be completed in December 2021. The findings of our evaluation will be used to inform future funding opportunities and efforts to scale up this process across the MaineHealth network.