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Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care Exceeds the National Average in Triennial Federal Review

Lewiston, ME (June 14, 2010) - Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care recently completed their triennial federal review. A committee of six federal reviewers from around the country observed and reported on classroom and staff activities for a week. Following the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS), the review team reported on ten dimensions of teacher-student interactions. The Agency exceeded the national average in all areas.

Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care is thrilled to announce that based on the information gathered during the federal review, our Head Start and Early Head Start programs are in compliance with all applicable Head Start Program Performance Standards, laws, regulations, and policy requirements. Not only did staff, families and children impress the federal review team in the areas of nutrition and services to children with disabilities, Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care was also noted for highly successful efforts to address and improve school readiness.

“I could not be more proud of our staff, children and families,” said Estelle Rubinstein, Executive Director of Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care. “It was very clear to the reviewers that they were visiting an agency that embodies a spirit of teamwork, and is committed to our mission ‘To promote the positive growth of children, families and staff’. Head Start’s staff set the example of what is developmentally appropriate for children. The Federal review team left with the lasting impression that Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care is a high quality program, serving the best interests of children and families in Androscoggin County.”

Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care has provided quality early care and educational services to pregnant women, families, and children for over forty-four years. Program options include Full Day Head Start pre-kindergarten and child care, Half Day Head Start pre-kindergarten, Home Based, Family Child Care, Infant and Toddler Early Head Start, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Services through these programs are provided annually to over four hundred children and families throughout Androscoggin County.

Applications for all programs are accepted at any time. Please call (207) 795-4040 ext. 325 for more information. Please visit our website at www.androkids.com. Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care is a United Way funded and Lewiston and Auburn CDBG supported agency.

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