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Androscoggin Head Start announces 2009-10 Board Directors and new member

Lewiston, ME (August 5, 2009) - Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care is pleased to announce the Directors of their 2009-2010 Board. Dr. Elaine Makas of Lewiston has been selected as Chairperson. Dr. Makas is an Androscoggin County Commissioner and an adjunct Associate Professor of Psychology at University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College. Elwood Trask, an Auburn resident, will be serving as Vice-Chairperson. Now retired, Trask was most recently employed at Formed Fiber Technologies as a Vice President of Technology. Treasurer Todd Abbotoni of Auburn is a Commercial Loan Officer with TD Banknorth; and Secretary Mary Martin of Mechanic Falls is Principal of the Elm Street School in Mechanic Falls, and was named Maine's Elementary Principal of the Year in 2005. New Board Member Joshua Klein-Golden is a lawyer with Clifford and Golden, P.A. in Lisbon Falls, and also the Register of Probate for Androscoggin County.

Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care has provided quality child development services to pregnant women, families, and children, newborn to age five, for over forty-three years. Program options include Full Day, Half Day, Pre-Kindergarten partnerships with local elementary schools, 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 nine hundred children and families throughout Androscoggin County. Centers are located in Lewiston, Auburn, Lisbon Falls, Livermore Falls, and Mechanic Falls.

Applications for all Head Start programs are accepted at any time. Full day childcare services are available on a sliding fee scale for parents who are working, continuing their education, or participating in job training thirty or more hours per week. Please call (207) 795-4040 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.

Photo Attachment: Gavin, age 3, sneaks up to get a closer look at the book Dr. Elaine Makas is reading at Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care's B Street Community Center classroom.



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