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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Androscoggin Head Start's B Street Center tours Lewiston Police Department**

**Lewiston, ME (July 13, 2011)** - Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care's B Street Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten classrooms recently had the opportunity to visit and tour the Lewiston Police Department. Tour guides and Community Resource Officers Robert Ullrich and Thomas Murphy walked the thirty children, ages three to five, from the B Street Center to the Lewiston Police Department.

After splitting up into two groups, Officer Rob and Officer Tom showed the children the briefing room, enjoyed the view from Police Chief's Bussiere's office, explained how a taser was used and demonstrated safety equipment, toured the exercise room, and gave the children the opportunity to sit in a cruiser and run the sirens. The children were thrilled to see the Police Station with Officer Rob and Officer Tom.

Estelle Rubinstein, Executive Director of Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care, said "The relationship we have with the Community Resource Officers from the Lewiston Police Department is wonderful. Not only do they provide positive role models for the children, but through their visiting our classrooms for lunch or to read stories, as well as giving them a tour of the Police Station, the Officers are making the children comfortable with law enforcement, and showing them that they are friendly and nice. We are so grateful for all that the Lewiston Police Department Community Resource Officers have done for the children in Head Start."

The Lewiston Police Department's Community Resource Office, located at 292 Bates Street, was founded in 2010 by Chief Mike Bussiere to work within the Lewiston community to address community issues. The CRO is designed to help improve quality of life for Lewiston residents. Community Resource officers can be reached at 786-2405.

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.androscogginheadstart.org](http://www.androscogginheadstart.org). Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care is a United Way funded and Lewiston and Auburn CDBG supported agency.

*Photo attachment: Officer Tom Murphy poses with the B St children in Chief Bussiere's office.*



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