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CONGRESSMAN MICHAUD AND REPRESENTATIVE MAKAS VISIT EARLY HEAD START

Lewiston, ME (November 20, 2007) – Congressman Mike Michaud and State Representative Elaine Makas recently visited Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care’s Early Head Start Center. While at Early Head Start, Congressman Michaud and Representative Makas played with the sixteen children, ages six weeks to three, enrolled in the program. Following a tea party, Congressman Michaud and Representative Makas played race cars, blocks, and dolls.

Estelle Rubinstein, Executive Director of Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care said, “It was a pleasure to have Congressman Michaud and Representative Makas visit our Early Head Start Center. Our child care staff are passionate about the continuity of care given to the children and families in their program, and it was wonderful for them to be able to share what they do with the people who make the decisions regarding our State and Federal funding. Head Start and Early Head Start are such important programs in Maine, especially to families who are working or continuing their education. We greatly appreciate Congressman Michaud and Representative Makas taking the time out of their busy schedules to spend some time playing with our children. I’m sure having a tea party is very different than what they are used to in both Washington and Augusta.”

Rubinstein continued, “This past week, members of Congress from both sides of the aisle came together to significantly strengthen this program. Congress voted to reauthorize Head Start and Early Head Start programs, increasing funding and expanding access to tens of thousands of children across the United States. Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care would like to thank Congressman Michaud for his continued support of Head Start programs.”

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-one years. Program options include Full Day, Half Day, Home Based, Family Childcare, and Infant and Toddler Early Head Start. Services through these programs are provided annually to over four hundred children and families throughout Androscoggin County. Centers are located in Lewiston, Auburn, Lisbon Falls, Livermore Falls, Mechanic Falls and Turner.

Applications for all Head Start programs are accepted at any time. Most Head Start programs are free to eligible children. Full day childcare services are available on a sliding fee scale for

parents who are working, continuing their education, or participating in job training. 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: Congressman Mike Michaud plays dolls with Jakiyah B., at Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care's Early Head Start Center.



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