

PRESS RELEASE

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Head Start Staff honored for Years of Service

Lewiston, ME (June 10, 2008)- Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care recently honored fifteen employees at their yearly Wellness Fair, a day for staff to promote positive and healthy lifestyles. Staff were applauded for their years of service.

Staff honored for five years of service to Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care were Heidi Goucher, Dennis Donahue, Daniel Beliveau, Marchian Crane, Lisa Coates, and Diane Lizotte. Honored for ten years of service were Linda Beaudoin, Barbara Stevens, and Debbie Johnson. Employed at Head Start for fifteen years are Sheila Smith, Joline Colby and Dorothy Patria. Sharon Philbrook Bergeron was honored for 20 years, Mary Ratsavong for 25 years of service, and Mary Anne Vallee was honored for working at Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care for thirty-five years.

Human Resource Manager Anita Blanchette awarded all honorees with a token of appreciation featuring Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care's logo. She also told Androscoggin Head Start's staff that fifty-six employees had been employed for over 5 years with Head Start, for a total of 769 years of service combined.

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, and Mechanic Falls.

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: Androscoggin Head Start staff honored for years of service are: (Back row, left to right) Mary Ratsavong, Sheila Smith, Sharon Philbrook Bergeron, Mary Anne Vallee, Dorothy Patria, Diane Lizotte, and Joline Colby. (Front row, left to right): Lisa Coates, Debbie Johnson, Barbara Stevens, and Linda Beaudoin.



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