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ANDROSCOGGIN HEAD START STAFF HONORED

Lewiston, ME (June 4, 2007)- Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care recently honored several employees at their yearly Wellness Fair, a day for staff to promote positive and healthy lifestyles. Staff were applauded for their years of service, and Teacher Debbie Johnson was awarded the Fridelle Peterson Award.

The Fridelle Peterson Award is given in memory of Delle Peterson, a sixteen year employee of Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care. Delle was devoted to the children and families of Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care, and her compassionate and professional delivery of direct services exemplifies the honor of this award. This year's recipient, Debbie Johnson, is a Teacher at Early Head Start. Debbie is the primary care giver to children between the ages of 6 weeks and three years old. This award was presented by Don Peterson, and daughter Meghan.

Several staff were also honored for years of service to Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care. June DeCoster, Financial Coordinator, was honored for fifteen years of service. Head Teacher Diana Smith has been employed at Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care for ten years. Honored for five years of service were Becky Lowe, Teacher Assistant, Sue Hatherley, Teacher, Mary Thibeault, Home Visitor, and Mike Lavigne, Janitor.

Androscoggin Head Start & 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: Delle Peterson Award winner Debbie Johnson (center) with Don Peterson and daughter Meghan Peterson



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