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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### HEAD START RECEIVES VISIT FROM CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF MAINE

**Lewiston, ME (February 27, 2007)**- Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care's Coburn Center, located in Lewiston, recently had a visit from the Children's Museum of Maine. Suzanne Kahn, Science Coordinator for the Museum, located in Portland, spoke with the children about different ways animals keep themselves safe. Approximately 50 children, ages three to five, had the opportunity to see and touch a moose antler, turtle shell, owl wing, bird skull, deer skin, beaver tail, porcupine quills, and other examples of ways that animals make noise or escape from predators.

Some of the children enrolled in the Coburn classrooms have never had the opportunity to see and feel many of the items that were displayed by Kahn for her demonstration. They were thrilled to learn about the animals, and to touch and see something new. Kahn not only showed the children the items, but let them touch as much as they liked, and asked questions to make them think about what they were viewing. When asked how four year old Emily knew that the skull she was shown was from a bird, she replied "Because I am very smart."

The Children's Museum of Maine offers workshops and outreach programs for early childhood educators and their students. For more information on the Children's Museum of Maine, please visit [www.childrensmuseumofme.org](http://www.childrensmuseumofme.org) for more information.

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

*Photo Attachment 1: Head Start parent Sarah Berry helps her son Gabe hold the moose antler used in a workshop on wildlife by the Children's Museum of Maine.*



*Photo Attachment 2: Suzanne Kahn, Science Coordinator for the Children's Museum of Maine, explains how an owl flies silently through the night as Head Start student Kenniesha waits for the opportunity to touch the wing's feathers.*



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