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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### ANDROSCOGGIN HEAD START'S HOME BASED PROGRAM CELEBRATES HOME VISITING WEEK

**Lewiston, ME (November 9, 2007)-** Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care's Home Based Program recently celebrated Home Visiting Week, October 29 to November 2. Mark Stevens from the Lewiston Fire Department visited the Home Based Center, located on River Street in Lewiston, and spoke with the families in the program about fire safety.

Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care's Home Based Program is unique, supporting both parents and children by expanding parents' role as primary educator of their children. Home Based visitors offer all the comprehensive services offered through Head Start classroom based programs, such as medical and dental screenings, health and nutrition, and parent and family involvement. Services are provided to pregnant women as well as children, birth to age five.

Home visiting makes a difference for the youngest members of our community by promoting the physical and emotional health of the entire family. Home visitors connect parents to community resources and share parenting activities that help children achieve developmental milestones, preparing them to enter school ready to learn. For more information regarding Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care's Home Based Program, call 795-4040.

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

*Photo Attachment: Lewiston Firefighter Mark Stevens poses with (front, left to right) Cadence Libby, Colby Brooks, Kenniesha Felder, Jessalyn Herrick, Michael Gary and Rachel Gary. Austin Levesque is being held by Mary Thibeault, Home Visitor.*



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