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ANDROSCOGGIN HEAD START AND CHILD CARE PARENTS VISIT CAREERCENTER

Lewiston, ME (February 20, 2007) - Parents from Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care recently visited the CareerCenter, located at 5 Mollison Way in Lewiston. Children of the participants are enrolled in classrooms in Lewiston at the Multi Purpose Center, Coburn School and Hillview Center, and the classroom at Walton School in Auburn. They were given a presentation on the benefits of using the CareerCenter in their job search.

Karlene Duval, CareerCenter Consultant, explained to the ten participating men and women that the CareerCenter is not just about jobs, it provides many other resources, such as career research, education and training. All of the services provided by the CareerCenter are free.

Duval stressed that every job seeker faces difficulties, and the CareerCenter helps people to overcome the issues that hinder their job search. Workshops on picking a career, writing a resume, and interviewing skills are offered, as well as support groups for job seekers. Even a person who is currently employed, and may be considering a career change or looking for a new job, can use, and benefit from the services of the CareerCenter.

After a brief tour of the facilities, including the computer terminals and other equipment available to help in their search, the parents were returned to their children's classrooms. Renewed and energized about their job searches, the parents were eager to return and take advantage of the services offered by the CareerCenter.

CareerCenters bring employers and job seekers together through a network of employment, training and career development resources. Services are given at no cost to individuals and businesses. Visit the CareerCenters at www.mainecareercenter.com, or call 753-9001 to meet with a CareerCenter Consultant about your job search or business needs.

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.

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