

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care participates in the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program**

**Lewiston, ME (June 17, 2008)** - Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care, located at 269 Bates Street, Lewiston, announces its participation in the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals are available at no separate charge to all enrolled participants without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap.

Eligibility for participation is based on any of these four separate criteria: household income, elementary school attendance, local census, and/or child care provider's income. For a family of two, annual income should be below \$18,200, while a family of three can make no more than \$22,880. Income for a family of four, to qualify for free meals, is below \$32,240. Reduced price meals are also available for those with slightly higher incomes. A family of three may have an annual income up to \$32,560, while a family of four can earn annually to \$39,220.

For further information on participating centers and/or homes, please contact Carla Fortier, CACFP Coordinator for Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care at 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, Pre-Kindergarten, Home Based, Family Child Care, Infant and Toddler Early Head Start, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Services through these programs are provided annually to over nine 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](http://www.androkids.com). Androscoggin Head Start and Child Care is a United Way funded and Lewiston and Auburn CDBG supported agency.

**Child and Adult Care Food Program**

**Income Eligibility Guidelines**  
**Effective from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009**

**Eligibility Scale for “FREE” meals**

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Twice Per Month</b>	<b>Every Two Weeks</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
1	13,520	1,127	564	520	260
2	18,200	1,517	759	700	350
3	22,880	1,907	954	880	440
4	27,560	2,297	1,149	1,060	530
5	32,240	2,687	1,344	1,240	620
6	36,920	3,077	1,539	1,420	710
7	41,600	3,467	1,734	1,600	800
8	46,280	3,857	1,929	1,780	890
<b>Each Additional Family Member</b>	4,680	390	195	180	90

**Eligibility Scale for “Reduced-Price” meals**

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Twice Per Month</b>	<b>Every Two Weeks</b>	<b>Weekly</b>
1	19,240	1,604	802	740	370
2	25,900	2,159	1,080	997	499
3	32,560	2,714	1,357	1,253	627
4	39,220	3,269	1,635	1,509	755
5	45,880	3,824	1,912	1,765	883
6	52,540	4,379	2,190	2,021	1,011
7	59,200	4,934	2,467	2,277	1,139
8	65,860	5,489	2,745	2,534	1,267
<b>Each Additional Family Member</b>	6,660	555	278	257	129

**Please Note: When determining income at the monthly level, please use the following criteria:**

**Weekly Income x 4.333 weeks**  
**Bi-weekly Income x 2.15 weeks**

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