# Child Abuse Prevention: It's Everyone's Role

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## **Objectives:**

- Gain an understanding of the National and Maine specific efforts and strategies to provide information about the prevention of child abuse and neglect,
- Develop knowledge about tools and resources that everyone can use to raise awareness about child abuse prevention in the month of April, and
- Learn about opportunities and resources for the prevention of child abuse and neglect beyond Child Abuse Prevention Month.

## Reminder:

Please use the Questions button (and not the Chat) to submit any questions to the presenters. We will do our best to answer these at the end of the webinar.

## **Our Collaboration**







Maine Children's Trust was originally created by Statute in 1985 as a part of State Government. In 1994, legislation was enacted that transformed the Trust into a 501(c)3 non-profit governed by a Board of Directors. The Trust provides leadership and coordination of efforts throughout Maine to prevent child abuse and neglect before it occurs. The Trust provides funding and supports for prevention programming, as well as coordinates statewide collaborative initiatives to strengthen families. The Trust is also the state chapter for Prevent Child Abuse America.

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services contracts with Maine Children's Trust to coordinate the Prevention Councils located in each county in Maine.

## **The Prevention Continuum**

Resources and supports to strengthen families span the continuum.

#### **Primary**

## Services for the **general population** to:

- Strengthen all families and communities
- Build protective factors and mitigate risk factors
- Raise awareness of the public, service providers, and decision-makers of the scope and problems associated with child maltreatment
- Connect families to concrete resources and help them develop protective factors to avert crisis
- Prevent maltreatment before it occurs and prevent the need for involvement by the child welfare agency

Media Messaging
Parent Education
Networks/Collaborations

### Secondary

## Services for individuals or families with **one or more risk factors** to:

- Strengthen specific populations, communities, or neighborhoods
- Build protective factors and mitigate risk factors
- Connect families to concrete resources and help them develop protective factors to avert crisis
- Prevent maltreatment before it occurs and prevent the need for initial or deeper involvement with the child welfare agency

Parent Education
Screening
Home Visiting Programs

### **Tertiary**

## Services for families where child maltreatment has occurred to:

- Strengthen families with indicated or substantiated child abuse or neglect cases
- Build protective factors and mitigate risk factors
- Prevent family separation, reunite families, and help families and children heal from trauma
- Prevent recurrence of maltreatment and reentry into the child welfare system

Treatment and Recovery
Support Groups
Family Preservation Services

## April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

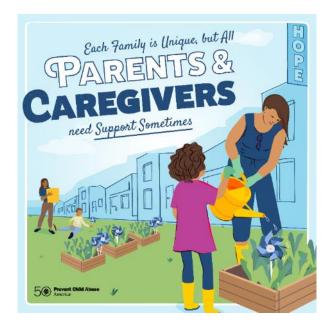
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## National Child Abuse Prevention Month











## **A National Conversation**

"How Toxic Stress Affects Us, and What We Can Do About It"

By the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University



## **Protective Factors**

## **Build Supportive Communities & Strong Families**

A strengths-based approach developed by the Center for the Study of Social Policy, which are characteristics that have been shown to make positive outcomes more likely for young children and their families, and to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect.

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Parental Resilience Building Inner Strength 2

Concrete
Supports
Knowing How
to Find Help

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Social
Connections
Connecting with
Others

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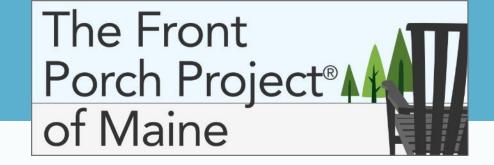
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Parenting as Children Grow 5

Social-Emotional Competency of Children Understanding Children's Emotions

## **PREVENTION COUNCILS**





The Front Porch Project is a community-based primary prevention initiative based on the belief that:

Everyone can – and should – become more aware of how to help protect children and support families in their own communities.

- It provides community members with the knowledge, skills, and encouragement they need to take an active role in preventing abuse and neglect.
- Each training workshop offers facilitated discussions and interactive activities that can help community members navigate difficult situations involving children and families and offers strategies for offering support.
- The Front Porch Project® is flexible and can be adapted to meet the needs of a specific community.
   This free training is provided by local Prevention Councils, both in person or virtually, and is open to everyone.

## Prevention Councils

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Maine Children's Trust envisions a world where all children thrive, and all people are treated with dignity and respect. We recognize that communities of color face disproportionate effects of adversity. The Maine Children's Trust commits to looking inward and outward to do our part toward eliminating systemic racism and discrimination. We believe Mainers want the best for all children. We all have a role to play in ensuring equity and eliminating the disparities that impact our children's futures.



**Supporting Local Family Strengthening Programs and Efforts** 

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#### **Local Resources**

Click on any county for information about local activities and the contact information for the Prevention Council where you live.

Or select one of the filters below to see what's happening around the state.

#### **Parenting Education**

Find a class developed with your child's age in mind:

Prenatal-5 Years

5-12 Years

13-18 Years

#### Find a class geared toward:

Fathers

Co-Parenting/Blended Families

Families Impacted by Substance Use Disorder

Families with Children with Special Needs or Health Challenges

#### **Additional Activities**

Playgroups & Parenting Groups

Events

Professional Training

Front Porch Project



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County Map

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#### **Search Results**

Dates and times subject to change. Contact your local Council to confirm the event details.

#### **Nurturing Parenting: Community-Based Education**

Council: Aroostook Council for Healthy Families

Start Date: 8/5/2021 End Date: 10/7/2021

Day(s) of the Week: Thursdays

Time: 1pm-3pm

In Person or Virtual: Zoom

Registration Required: Yes

Link to Register: https://forms.gle/x522dnnfQ8e1yfg59 Contact: Danielle Langley Phone: 207-532-1141

Website: https://sites.google.com/achf-me.org/wwwachf-meorg

#### **Mandated Reporting**

Council: Aroostook Council for Healthy Families

Start Date: 9/29/2021 Day(s) of the Week: Time: 5:30-7:30 Town: Houlton

In Person or Virtual: Zoom Registration Required: Yes

Link to Register: https://forms.gle/bZ8BEJJ5TiruM4E16 Contact: Danielle Langley Phone: 207-532-1141

Website: https://sites.google.com/achf-me.org/wwwachf-meorg



#### STATE AGENCY PARTNERSHIPS FOR PREVENTION (SAPP)

State Agencies partnering to support healthy and safe families and children across Maine.

SAPP is a partnership of state agencies working to increase access, availability and knowledge of prevention services for families in Maine. This inventory captures <a href="mailto:some">some</a> of the services these agencies support and/or implement.		Primary Prevention Services provided before any symptom or problem exists.		Secondary Prevention Interventions when risk or problem behaviors surface.	Tertiary Prevention Services provided after a problem has been identified.
	Office of Child and Family Services	LOW RISK Child Abuse Prevention Councils Child Care Subsidy Program Early Childhood Mental Health Consultati	on	AT RISK  Child Abuse Prevention Councils Targeted Case Management Youth Leadership Advisory Team Parent Coaching	Family First Prevention Services Children's Behavioral Health Services Supportive Visitation & Crisis Services Dom. Violence/Sexual Assault Services
	Office of Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health Teen Text Line		Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Screening Case Management Services Supportive Housing Seals Fit Program	SUD and Mental Health Treatment SUD and Mental Health Recovery Overdose Prevention Crisis Services
	Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention	Substance Use/Tobacco/Suicide Preventie Maternal Child Health (MCH) Care Coord. Home Visitors/Public Health Nursing/WIC Newborn Screening		Prime for Life/Student Intervention Reintegration/Restorative practices School Based Health Centers Harm Reduction/Syringe NE/HIV/HEPO	Pediatric Mental Health Access Services Home Visitors/Public Health Nursing Child w/Spec. Healthcare Needs Support
	Office of MaineCare Services	Developmental Screening Bright Futures Assessments Primary Care Services Immunization	$\sum$	Behavioral Health Screening Behavioral & Opioid Health Homes Early Periodic Screening Diagnostic Tes Targeted Case Management	Behavioral Health Treatment Behavioral & Opioid Health Homes Targeted Case Management Early Periodic Screening Diagnostic Test
	Office for Family Independence	Education and Training Opportunities Whole Family Approach Services Program Specific Support Services	>	Case management/workshops Whole Family Approach Services Respite childcare/ASPIRE	Whole Family Approach Services Respite childcare/ASPIRE Intensive Case Management
	Department of Education	Social Emotional Learning Family Engagement Headstart Programs Trauma Informed Work	>	Restorative Practice Headstart Programs Child Development Services Adult Education (literacy, etc.)	Restorative Practice Headstart Programs Child Development Services Maine School Safety Program
	Department of Labor	Adult Education Career Centers Vocational Rehabilitation		Competitive Skills Scholarships Apprenticeship Programs Youth and Veterans Services	Progressive Employment Model Services Orientation & Mobility Instruction Unemployment Compensation
	Department of Corrections	Regional Collaboratives Emergency short-term housing	$\rangle angle$	Restorative Justice Alternative Housing Youth Advocacy Programs Alternative Services	Restorative Justice Alternative Housing Home Based Alternative Services Youth Re-entry Programming

Link: Maine Family First Prevention Services State Plan FINAL 2.1.2021.pdf



# Child Abuse Prevention Month Strategies

Child Abuse Prevention Month is a perfect opportunity for us to all take part in <u>raising awareness</u> about Child Abuse Prevention.

It is an opportunity for us to be reminded that we can all implement strategies to prevent Child Abuse in Maine all year round.

We all have a role in keeping children in Maine safe...

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Participant Input

### WHATS ON THE HORIZON....

## **Bi-Monthly Webinars:**

First Tuesday of Every Other Month at 10 a.m. starting June 2, 2022.

## **Upcoming** webinars/resources:

- ✓ March 29<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m.: Help Me Grow Orientation
- ✓ April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.: "Locating Services and Supports for Families In Maine"
- ✓ April 28<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.: Service Provider training on Child Welfare
- ✓ May is Foster Care Awareness Month



## "There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about".

— MARGARET J. WHEATLEY

## Thank you!



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