

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

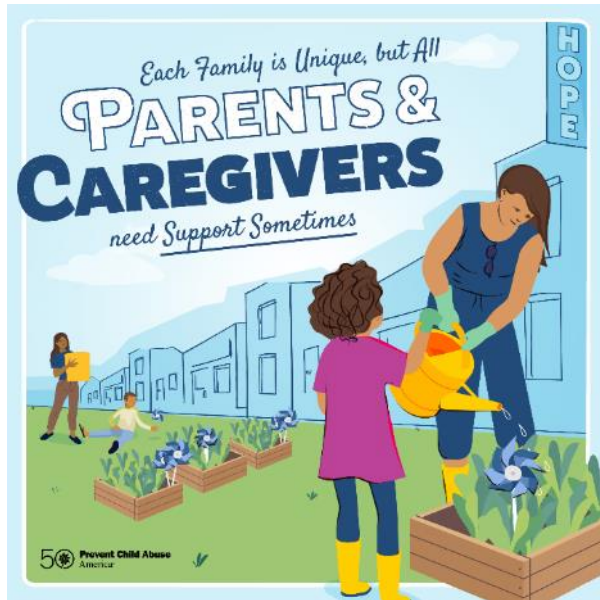
Treatment and Recovery
Support Groups
Family Preservation Services

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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Prevention Month**



**We
SUPPORT**
Thriving Children and Families
childwelfare.gov/preventionmonth #ThrivingFamilies



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.

1

Parental Resilience

Building Inner Strength

2

Concrete Supports

Knowing How to Find Help

3

Social Connections

Connecting with Others

4

Knowledge of Child Development

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.

*The Front Porch Project® was developed by the Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance.
Maine Children's Trust is the first organization to make this project available on a statewide basis.*

HOME

ABOUT US


OUR WORK

WAYS TO GIVE

LOCAL RESOURCES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

www.mechildrenstrust.org

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](#)

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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/x522dnfQ8e1yfg59>

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

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State-Level Prevention Efforts

STATE AGENCY PARTNERSHIPS FOR PREVENTION (SAPP)

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



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 raising awareness 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 29th at 12 p.m.: Help Me Grow Orientation
- ✓ April 13th at 9 a.m.: “Locating Services and Supports for Families In Maine”
- ✓ April 28th 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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