

Franklin County Children's Task Force



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Spring Hours:
Monday -Thursday
8 to 4:30,
Closed on Friday's



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New Trainings

The Maine Parent Federation, Evergreen Child Development Center and Franklin County Children's Task Force are partnering to provide parent trainings to families in Franklin County. We are offering trainings once a month. These trainings will be held at the Franklin County Children's Task Force from 5:30 to 7:30, dinner and childcare will be provided. There is also a \$20.00 stipend for parents who attend.

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| April 26, 2010 | Special Education: The 3 R's: Rights, Responsibilities and Results |
| June 28, 2010 | Can you hear me now? |
| July 26, 2010 | Making Peace With Conflict: Weathering the Storm |
| October 25, 2010 | Great Minds Don't Think Alike! |
| October 27, 2010 | Why can't Johnny B. Good at Home? |

Please call the Franklin County Children's Task Force to register at

778-6960 Or 1-888-429-6960

Other trainings :

Sign Supported Speech A communication class for parents, caregivers, daycare providers and anyone working with non-verbal children.

April 29th, May 6th, 13th and 20th at the Franklin County Children's Task Force, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Parent Education

1,2,3,4 Parents! — **April 7th, 14th, 21st** at the Franklin County Children's Task Force, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Childcare available for both classes.

Please call the Franklin County Children's Task Force 778-6960 to register for these classes.

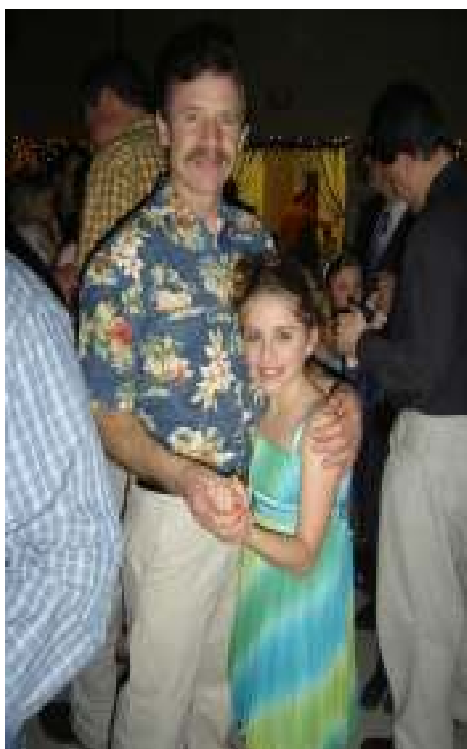


Children's Festival

The 26th Annual Children's Festival was held on February 13th, 2010
a VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to our sponsors:

University of Maine at Farmington, Poland Spring-Kingfield, Hannaford, Madison Paper Industries, Thomas & Barbara Marshall, Camden National Bank, Coca-Cola, Franklin Chrysler, Kyes Insurance, Hannaford, Poland Spring-Kingfield, The Opportunity Center of North Franklin County, Calico Patch, Sherry Walwrath, Nina & Ron Brown, Dexter Supply, Pallet- One of Maine, Care & Comfort, Boralex Biomass, Farmington Elks Lodge # 2430, Bean & Smith Real Estate, Wal-mart, and David & Carolyn Allen. Without these sponsors we would not be able to provide the children of Franklin County this free event.

Entertainment included Bill Reid, Conjuring Carroll, Miss Periwinkle and Inner Rhythm. We were also graced with Jim Parker and his raptor; McGruff; and Rick Merrill, our balloon sculptor. The Maine Maple Association was making children and parents of all ages sticky with delight as they sampled the delicious maple taffy. The hands-on room boasted many community organizations including the popular Farmington Fire Department, Care and Comfort and Everyone's Resource Depot. Jim Dunn was on hand to give lessons in painting.



Father Daughter Dance

This year's event again featured two locations, one at Jay High School and the other at Phillips Middle School. We would like to thank Otis Federal Credit Union in Jay and The Opportunity Center of North Franklin County in Phillips for sponsoring these events. This has become a tradition in many families and we love to see the little girls coming to these dances with that special man in their lives. They create memories that last a lifetime. Hope to see you next year.

(Craig and Jesse Hutchinson)



Annual Pancake Breakfast

The Franklin County Children's Task Force, in partnership with the Farmington Rotary and Barclays will be hosting a free pancake breakfast at the Homestead Bakery on Wednesday April 13th from 7:30-9:00A.M.. Parents and children are encouraged to spend the morning enjoying pancakes, fruit, and juice served by the Farmington Rotary and the Franklin County Children's Task Force, while their children hear stories read by local State Trooper Matt Casavant. After breakfast the children will have the opportunity to meet the trooper and present him with our county's puzzle piece to be put together in the Hall of Flags in Augusta. The Children's Task Force will present each child that attends with a blue pinwheel, a symbol of childhood. This year's theme is "Strengthening Families and Communities" in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month to raise awareness that it takes a total community effort to support our Maine families and children. Anyone wishing more information may contact the Franklin County Children's Task Force by calling 778-6960, or stopping by our office at 113 Church St., Farmington.



Kids' Stuff Sale Saturday May 2nd 8-1

The 9th Annual Kids' Stuff sale will be held at Old South Church in Farmington on Sat. May 1st from 8-1 to benefit the Western Mountain Summer Camp Scholarship fund. Children's clothes, books, toys, and equipment are sold at great prices. There is also a silent auction and bake sale. This event serves as a wonderful opportunity for children to help other children by donating their outgrown toys and clothes, and to shop for great buys. Scholarship applications will be available beginning May 1st at the Franklin County Children's Task Force located at 113 Church St., Farmington. Anyone wishing to make donations please call Barb Marshall at 779-0879 or look for signs posting hours. If you need more information please call the FCCTF at 778-6960.

Benefit Concert

Peter and Donna Champion present...

a benefit concert in honor of the Franklin County Children's Task Force.

Join us Saturday April 24th at 7:30p.m. in the Nordica Auditorium
at the University of Maine Farmington.

The Champions, accompanied by Patricia Hayden (piano) and Mellisa Clawson (flute)

will perform songs by American composers, as well as Schubert and Wols. Opera Selections: Gounod, Faust, and Marriage of Figaro by Mozart. Pieces created by local writer and musician Richard Joseph and Carole Walker Trickett will be performed as well.

Please join us for a reception and some light refreshments following the concert.

Suggested Donation \$5 for Children \$10 for Adults



We need your help!

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of children in Franklin County!



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From the Executive Directors Desk:

The month of April is devoted to celebrating everything we can do to transform our community into a place that cares about – and actively supports -- families and children. By ensuring that all parents in our community have access to quality childcare, affordable health services, parenting education resources, and substance abuse and mental health programs, we make progress toward what the month stands for: April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are entirely preventable in an engaged and supportive community. A community that cares about early childhood development, parent support and maternal mental health, for instance, is more likely to see families nurturing children who are born healthy and enter school ready to learn. Cities and towns that work to create good school systems and who come together to ensure that affordable housing is available in good, safe neighborhoods are less likely to see stressed, isolated families who don't know where to turn.

Child Abuse Prevention Month is about connecting all of these dots so that the solutions to child abuse receive the attention the public craves. In a recent poll, 89% of Americans reported that child abuse was a "very important" moral issue to them. But it's not enough to care about the problem and address its consequences. We have to pay attention to the kinds of efforts that will prevent it from happening in the first place. So this April, learn more about what you and your community can do to support child abuse prevention. It's a shared responsibility and we're stronger together.

To find out more about child abuse prevention in our community please contact us here at the Franklin County Children's Task Force at 778-6960.

Sincerely,
Renee Blanchet
Executive Director

Clothing Exchange Bring A Bag-Take A Bag! Sizes Newborn to 4T. Bring in a bag of gently worn clothing and exchange it. First-time parents and expectant moms, no exchange is needed for 1st free bag of clothes. Limited maternity items available. FCCTF: Hours of Operation:

8:30am-4:00 pm M-Thurs

Closed on Friday