

Franklin County Children's Task Force



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Summer Hours:
Monday -Thursday
8 to 4:30,
Fridays Closed



Help us save money:

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A **Big Thank You** to
Peter and Donna Campion and their
accompanists Mellisa Clawson and Patricia Hayden
for presenting a Benefit Concert and raising \$918.00 for programming at the
Franklin County Children's Task Force

June marks the beginning of summer!

Some quick summer safety reminders:

Wear Bike Helmets	Use Sunscreen
Don't Leave Children and Pets in Cars	Check for Ticks
Drink Plenty of Water	

Have a Happy, Healthy Safe Summer!



Another **Big Thank You to Carol Chase**

at Bass Hill Gardens and Gifts for a fundraising project of Daylilies. **There is still time to order!** Thank you to all who ordered lilies, a part of the proceeds will go to programming at the Franklin County Children's Task Force. Remember Lilies will be available at:

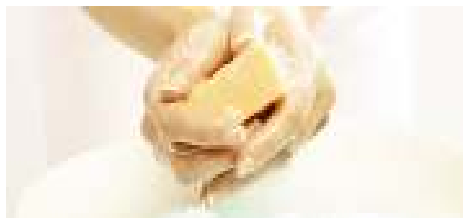
Bass Hill Gardens on June 12th 2010

Hours: 10am to 6pm, closed Tuesdays and Thursdays

Location: 22 Allen Street, Wilton Maine Phone: 645-3311

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 : 8:30 am-4:30 pm Monday-Thursday & Closed Fridays



Wash Your Hands

Handwashing is a simple thing and it's the best way to prevent infection and illness.

Clean hands prevent infections. Keeping hands clean prevents illness at home, at school, and at work. Hand hygiene practices are key prevention tools in healthcare settings, in daycare facilities, in schools and public institutions, and for the safety of our food.

Handwashing can prevent infection and illness from spreading from family member to family member and, sometimes, throughout a community. The basic rule is to wash hands before preparing food and after handling uncooked meat and poultry, before eating, after changing diapers, after coughing, sneezing, or blowing one's nose into a tissue, after using the bathroom, and after touching animals or anything in the animal's environment.

WASH YOUR HANDS: THE RIGHT WAY

When washing hands with soap and water:

- Wet your hands with clean running water and apply soap. Use warm water if it is available.
- Rub hands together to make a lather and scrub all surfaces.
- Continue rubbing hands for 15-20 seconds. Need a timer? Imagine singing "Happy Birthday" twice through to a friend.
- Rinse hands well under running water.
- Dry your hands using a paper towel or air dryer. If possible, use your paper towel to turn off the faucet.
- Always use soap and water if your hands are visibly dirty.

If soap and clean water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub to clean your hands. Alcohol-based hand rubs significantly reduce the number of germs on skin and are fast-acting.

When using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer:

- Apply product to the palm of one hand.
- Rub hands together.
- Rub the product over all surfaces of hands and fingers until hands are dry.



For more information on handwashing and other food safety issues, please call 1-800-CDC-INFO 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; email cdcinfo@cdc.gov; or visit www.cdc.gov.

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.

June 28, 2010	Can you hear me now?
July 26, 2010	Making Peace With Conflict: Weathering the Storm
September 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

Parent Education Schedule

Nurturing Program: September 8th to November 10th 2010, 5:30– 7:30

Nurturing Fathers Program: July 5th to August 23rd 2010, Monday's 5:30-7:30 childcare and dinner provided, please call the Franklin County Children's Task Force 778-6960 to register.

1,2,3 Magic : Time 8:30-1:30, the following dates are subject to change, breakfast and lunch are provided along with childcare, please call to register at 778-6960.

Monthly Classes: June 12th, September 11th, October 9th, November 6th, December 11th,
(These are one day, Saturday workshops)

Contact FCCTF at 778-6960 to register. Childcare provided as needed.



Kid Stuff Sale

Western Mountains Summer Camp Scholarship Fund

Thanks to all who helped raise money through the Kids' Stuff Sale in May for the Western Mountains' Summer Camp Scholarship fund. Scholarship applications are available at the Franklin County Children's Task Force and on the web www.fcctf.org. It is a first come first served availability. This year \$3,252.50 was raised. Look for the 10th Annual Kids' Stuff Sale on the last Saturday of April in 2011!

We need your help!

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



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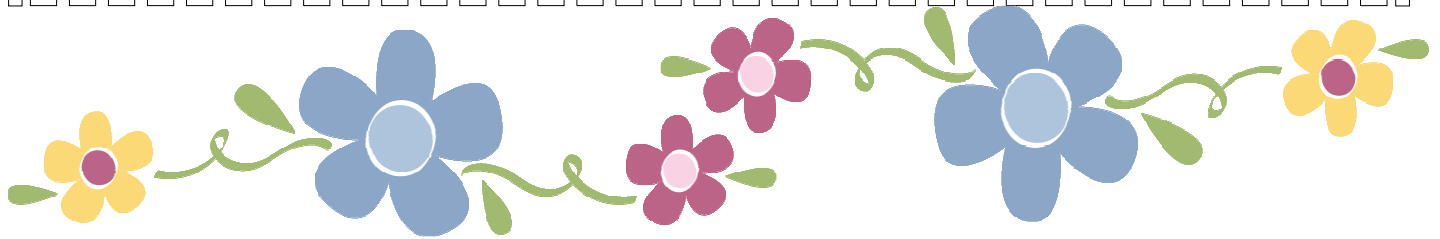
E-Mail _____

Please make my gift in memory of _____

Please make my gift anonymous

Please make your tax deductible check payable to:

FCCTF, 113 Church St., Farmington, Maine 04938



From The Desk Of The Executive Director:

Sometimes changes are subtle and you don't notice them and other times they are quite obvious. What many people don't know is that we here at the FCCTF are undergoing some changes ourselves. While our core programming is staying the same we have recently seen a change in our hours of operation and in how some of our programs have come to be known. The first change which came to the FCCTF is unfortunately a sign of the difficult economic times. Beginning April 5th, 2010 the hours of operation for the FCCTF changed making us open 4 days per week instead of our regular 5 days per week. We have done this in order to continue to serve our families and avoid cutting the direct services we provide to families. Our new hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 8:30-4:30, the reduction in hours means we at times may be out of the office when you stop by. While we strive to ensure we always have someone here emergencies do come up so we ask for your patience while we work out our kinks. The other changes going on at the FCCTF come with a name change of our largest program. Growing Healthy Families has been the long standing home visiting program housed at the FCCTF and while the name has changed the service is exactly the same. The new Maine Families program (formerly Growing Healthy Families) came about as a result of many years of working together with other counties to provide one consistent service statewide. So if a family engages with Maine Families in Franklin County and moves to Aroostook County they can expect the same service and level of professionalism they receive from us. The FCCTF has worked diligently with its state partners to have consistent training, and programming statewide available to all families. So if a family is part of Maine Families-Franklin, they are part of a much larger network of family and child education professionals should they find themselves relocating to a different part of our fine state. In the coming months you will undoubtedly see the new Maine Families tag name but please be assured you are still working with your local home visitors who you know and love.

Have a great summer!

Renee Blanchet

Executive Director