



many voices ... one song

Waldo County Preschool & Family Services
Annual Report



Fiscal Year 2005-2006



Mission Statement

We help children and families to develop the skills they need to lead healthy and productive lives. We share our knowledge and experience with child- and family- serving organizations across the state and nation.

Vision Statement

We believe that all children and families have basic rights, including: the right to early intervention and an appropriate education through the least restrictive means; the right to nutritional food, medical care, and safe and warm housing; and the right to love and be loved and to receive a fair chance at succeeding in life. We strive to uphold these rights for children and families. They deserve nothing less.

Core Values

PEOPLE

Our employees are our most valuable resource. Our ability to help children and families depends on the contribution of staff members who are dedicated to the mission and goals of WCPFS. The success of our agency is a testament to the commitment, creativity and talents of the individuals who work here.

TEAMWORK AND COLLABORATION

We are committed to building strong collaborations within our agency and throughout our community to support positive outcomes for children and families. We operate in partnership with staff, families, board members, community members, and the public and private agencies serving the children and families of our community.

RESPECT

We treat each individual served with respect and understanding. We show respect and concern for all staff members, and encourage a work atmosphere of friendly openness and mutual support.

INTEGRITY

We hold ourselves to the highest possible standards for ethics and integrity. WCPFS and all of the individuals who are a part of it will behave ethically in all aspects of our work. Our reputation is built on trust and integrity. We seek partners who share our standards for integrity.

HIGH QUALITY

We are dedicated to developing and maintaining program excellence. We are innovative, resourceful and creative. We provide the highest quality of services and continually seek feedback from staff, clients and partners to improve our practices.

DIVERSITY

We are enriched by inclusion, cooperation and partnerships across race, ethnicity, culture, religion, sexual orientation, and abilities. We value diversity of opinion, backgrounds and experience.

LEADERSHIP

We are committed to taking a leadership role in ensuring that Maine's children, families and communities are healthy and strong. We invest in leadership at all levels of our organization. WCPFS is proud to be recognized by our public and private partners as a leader in collaboration, innovation and child and family services programming.

welcome

Dear Friends and Supporters,



Program year 2006 has been another record year for Waldo County Preschool & Family Services (WCPFS). Our agency, once again, has sung its continuing melodious tune of excellence, dedication and commitment to children and families. Every staff member has raised their voice high in song resulting in the ultimate blending of harmony and joy.

Specifically, this year we've continued to refine our agency offerings by adding new programs, revising in-house systems, improving our facilities, adding new funding sources and increasing our fundraising capabilities. Because our staff remains steadfastly committed to their team efforts, we stay forever focused on our agency's purpose, firmly believing that the best is yet to come.

As we expand our services from Waldo to Knox County, we are forever mindful of the needs of the communities we serve. To that end, we support collaborative services, striving every day to respect the work of other agencies to assure that the most

appropriate opportunities remain available for all. Our continued growth and expansion are true testimonials to the fact that our efforts have been recognized, appreciated and respected.

In closing, we proudly offer to you some of the words composed in our newly revised WCPFS Core Values document that describe us so well: teamwork, collaboration, respect, integrity, quality, diversity and leadership. All these words join together in a harmonious melody to result in a symphony of services that are rivaled by few.

Please read on to see the specifics of what one agency can accomplish when its people combine their voices and sing as one.

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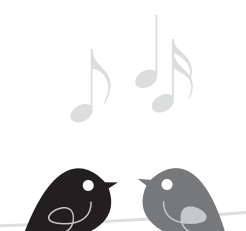
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high notes



WCPFS is now delivering Four Year Old programming in collaboration with all three Waldo County school districts, with this year's addition of the Morse Memorial Pre-Kindergarten Program, an innovative partnership of MSAD 3, WCPFS and Waldo County Head Start. Next year we hope to begin the process of developing similar programming in collaboration with the Knox County school districts. With our increased coverage in Knox County, our Children's Case Managers have been able to provide support and services to an additional fifty families with children with special needs.

This year we celebrated the 21st year of the Fabulous Food Fair, our primary fundraising event in Knox County. This event raised over \$50,000 to support crucial programming for young children. Our thanks again to the many volunteers and community members who so generously support our efforts.

Chip Bradstreet
Chief Financial Officer

Revenue By Source:	FY 05/06	FY 04/05
MaineCare	\$982,268	\$825,288
State And Federal Contracts	\$951,525	\$1,237,935
Tuition And Fees	\$521,619	\$358,411
Maine School Districts 3, 34, and 56	\$254,362	\$179,385
Fundraising, Foundation Grants, Other	\$235,938	\$186,106
Total Revenue	\$2,945,712	\$2,787,125

Expenditures By Program:	FY 05/06	FY 04/05
Early Childhood Inclusive Program	\$738,847	\$717,360
Early Reading First	\$130,295	\$621,662
Family Support	\$304,679	\$271,083
Day Habilitation Services	\$210,913	\$194,022
Four Year Old Program	\$263,328	\$140,619
WIC	\$119,452	\$123,600
Child & Parent Council	\$29,445	\$22,879
One ME	\$66,271	\$68,043
SPICE	\$48,654	\$24,997
Parent Education	\$98,625	\$107,324
Children's Case Management	\$460,860	\$355,424
MCCS Parent Program	\$63,674	\$20,765
MCCS Early School Program	\$394,210	\$62,402
Fundraising	\$47,527	N/A
Debt Reduction, Special Projects	-\$31,068	\$56,945
Total Expenditures	\$2,945,712	\$2,787,125

"I have visited Waldo County Preschool & Family Services and have seen first-hand the tremendous success they have had in providing children with the building blocks they need to become successful readers."
—United States Senator Susan Collins, who paid a visit to the Belfast Early Reading First Class in October 2005

"I always look forward to our visits and it's so nice to meet with such a friendly face. And the program is so helpful. I love it. Thank you!"—Parent of child with autism, Children's Case Management Program

"WIC has been a huge help over the last year, not only in terms of finances but also educationally. It's a great program." —Parent, WIC Program

"Our Family Support Worker was very helpful, coming into our home and helping us in the worst times of our life. She is a very caring and wonderful person. Thank you for everything you have done to help my family!"
—Parent, Family Support Program

"When I first came to the class I had a hard time trying to work with my children and now I can because of all the information I have received from the class. It has helped a lot."—Participant, Raising a Thinking Child class

"This is a very good program which helps men to communicate more effectively with their children without the use of harsh or abusive language. Helpful in spousal relationships also."—Father, Nurturing Fathers Program

"It is a pleasure working with the very professional staff at WCPFS. I only wish others had an opportunity to know how professional these preschool and daycare providers are. The teachers are obviously well-trained and knowledgeable. When consulting with WCPFS staff, I can trust that the information I receive is based on educated observation of children and their interactions in class and with family members." —Diana Sanderson, LCSW

"My ongoing experience with MCCS is very positive, relational, helpful and professional. Families report to me that they really appreciate the caring support they receive—and how wonderful the staff is to their children."—Wendelanne Augunas, LCPC, Women & Family Health Coordinator, PenBay Health Care

"Our daughter attends the Early School Program where the curriculum and staff seem to have been specifically designed to provide her with the utmost developmental and educational environment for learning and readiness to transition to kindergarten." —Parent, Early School Program

"Starting kindergarten could have been a difficult experience for my granddaughter, but with all those familiar faces from the 4 Year Old Program, it was like "coming home" for her. I firmly believe she was comfortable as can be in settling down to the fun of learning in kindergarten because the 4 Y.O. program had prepared her so well." —Grandparent, 4 Year Old Program

"Waldo County Preschool & Family Services is a national model for preschool excellence. They are integrating cutting edge early childhood research, policy and practice to ensure all children have solid and well-rounded foundations for future learning success. Of the ninety Early Reading First Programs across the nation, Waldo County is clearly one of the best."
—National literacy expert, Dr. Laura Justice, keynote speaker for the third annual Early Reading First Summer Institute



accomplishments



Our Work for Children

Day Habilitation Services provided home- and community-based support to develop the social, communication and self-care skills of 18 children with mental retardation, pervasive developmental disorder or autism.

Developmental Therapy Services provided individualized classroom-based special education instruction to assist 56 young children in achieving their learning goals.

Children's Case Management coordinated services for 154 children with mental retardation, autism or who were at-risk for developmental delay.

Early Childhood Inclusive and **MCCS Early School Programs** provided early childhood education including emergent literacy skill building, childcare and early intervention services to 434 young children at licensed centers in Belfast, Unity, Rockland, and Searsport. Our Belfast and Rockland Centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and our Searsport and Unity Centers are finalizing the accreditation process.

Early Reading First completed its third year delivering early education and emergent literacy programming that provided over 300 Waldo County preschoolers with the skills they needed to become successful learners and readers. The project delivered over 1000 hours of training to 45 early childhood professionals. The three-year Early Reading First project has been a collaboration of Waldo County Preschool & Family Services, Waldo County Head Start and Maine School Administrative Districts 3, 34 and 56.

Four Year Old Program provided early education experiences to 105 children from the Waldo County towns of Belfast, Brooks, Jackson, Monroe, Swanville, Frankfort, Stockton Springs, Searsport and Waldo. WCPFS is now partnering with all three Waldo County School districts (3, 34 and 56) and Waldo County Head Start to offer high-quality classrooms for young learners.

Our Work for Families

Family Counseling Program provided mental health assessments, play therapy, family counseling and parent consultation to 42 Knox County families.

Family Support Program assisted 88 families at risk of child abuse and/or neglect by teaching parents skills and providing them with resources to better support and nurture their children.

Parent Education Program assisted 76 Waldo and 21 Knox County families with training and support to increase family cooperation and positive communication.

SPICE, Family Literacy Program provided 19 families with adult basic education, parenting skills training and child development information. The program is offered in collaboration with Maine School Administrative District 3.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program provided 283 pregnant, post-partum and breastfeeding women, 239 infants and 514 children with nutrition education, health and social service referrals and supplemental food vouchers.



Our Work for Communities

Child and Parent Council worked for the primary prevention of child abuse and neglect throughout Waldo County. Over 500 individuals directly participated in Council programming this year, including: 87 parents completed the Kids First program; 27 parents participated in Raising A Thinking Child classes; 29 fathers participated in the Nurturing Fathers Program at the Waldo County Jail and at two community programs; five parents participated in the Positive Parenting of Preschoolers program; 411 children and adults from 21 Waldo County communities who participated in Child and Parent Day.

The Healthy Youth Project is a collaborative project of WCPFS and the Building Communities for Children Coalition working to reduce alcohol and tobacco use by Waldo County youth aged 12-17. This year the project held two Youth Summit meetings, worked with Waldo County Sheriff's Office and Belfast Police to develop an "underage drinking enforcement strategy", held a community forum on underage drinking with Maine's Attorney General and other experts, participated in Awareness Day at Belfast Area High School, participated in Challenge Day at Searsport High School and worked with Belfast and Mt. View to schedule Challenge Day in the next school year; worked with the Steering Committee of Belfast Area Task Force on Substance Abuse, worked on creating the Where In Waldo? website, and with Maine Community Foundation to create a Youth Philanthropy project in Waldo County.

The Knox County Child Abuse and Neglect Council worked for the primary prevention of child abuse and neglect throughout Knox County, and delivered: four mandated reporter workshops to staff from area school districts, childcare programs, Head Start and other programs working with children and families; five trainings for parents and professionals on issues related to positive youth and family development in collaboration with community partners; three monthly support groups for parents of children with special needs and two opinion columns to local newspapers concerning child and family issues.

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How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. — Anne Frank

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