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Program

SPREADING *Holiday Joy*

AFFM's Holiday Gift Giving Program

Help
make the
holidays
brighter!
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**Adoptive & Foster
Families of Maine, Inc.
& The Kinship Program**

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**ONLY FOR ADOPTIVE, FOSTER,
AND KINSHIP FAMILIES**

Today

SIGN UP

DEADLINE NOV 13TH



To avoid duplication, please do not use our program for holiday gifts if you are already participating in another program

Interested in helping

HELP BRING JOY TO **1400** CHILDREN IN NEED

AFFM's Mission is to provide the training, guidance, knowledge, and resources needed to handle complex issues encountered by resource families as they open their hearts and homes to children in need.

AFFM's Holiday Gift Giving Program supports Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship families by fulfilling holiday Wishlists for the children in their care.

Ways to Help:

- **Sponsor a Child:** Provide gifts (Up to \$75)-We'll send you the age, gender, and Wishlist—you shop for the gifts.
- **Monetary Donations/Gift Cards:** We'll fulfill the gift request-or-Gift a Teen!
- **Host a Toy Drive:** Collect new toy donations..
- **Shop Our Amazon Wish List:** [Holiday Gift Giving Program List](#)



Deadline for Donations: Please complete collections by the first week of December to allow time for organizing and distributing gifts to families.



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Save the Dates!

OCT | NOV | DEC

TRAININGS

SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP

OCTOBER

Monday, October 5 | 6:00–7:30 PM
Resources for Success

Virtual

Tuesday, October 6 | 6:00–7:30 PM
Resource Parent Bill of Rights

Virtual

Wednesday, October 7 | 6:00–7:30 PM
Building Healthy Relationships: Navigating Child Sexual Development

Virtual

Tuesday, October 20 | 6:00–7:30 PM
Core Teen Series — Class 2 of 7

Virtual

Wednesday, October 28 | 6:00–7:30 PM
Understanding Food & Nutrition in Foster Care

Virtual

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 4 | 6:00–7:30 PM
Conflict to Collaboration: Unlocking Effective Resolution

Virtual

Tuesday, November 10 | 6:00–7:30 PM
Trauma 101

Virtual

Thursday, November 12 | 6:00–7:30 PM
Reports in Foster Care: Recognizing, Responding & Reducing the Risk

Virtual

Tuesday, November 17 | 6:00–7:30 PM
Core Teen Series — Class 3 of 7

Virtual

Thursday, November 19 | 6:00–7:30 PM
Adoption: Minimize Challenges, Maximize Supports

Virtual

DECEMBER

Thursday, December 3 | 6:00–7:30 PM
Empowering Your Voice: Confident Documentation for Resource Families

Virtual

Tuesday, December 8 | 6:00–7:00 PM
Core Teen Series — Class 4 of 7

Virtual

Wednesday, December 9 | 6:00–7:30 PM
Understanding Trauma's Effects

Virtual



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT

12

OFFICE CLOSED—
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

OCT

29

TRUNK OR TREAT

NOVEMBER

1

NATIONAL ADOPTION
MONTH

NOVEMBER

13

DEADLINE FOR HOLIDAY
PROGRAM

DECEMBER

1

GIVING TUESDAY—
FUN-RAISE FOR AFFM

VISIT:

[HTTPS://AFFM.NET/CALENDAR/](https://affm.net/calendar/)



for more details &
upcoming events

ADOPTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Jackson Family celebrates Adoption day!

Adopted on August 6th 2026



Lacey Madore adopted
Magnolia Madore on
July 8, 2026

Juanita adopted her grand
babies on July 8, 2026!
Kayla and Richard



Celebrating An Adoption?
We'd be honored to share your joyful
news!

Email your announcement to
info@affm.net to be featured in an
upcoming issue of the AFFM Newsletter



KINSHIP CORNER

Thank you to all the kinship families that joined us on Grandparents' Day and for Kinship Month Celebration!



At Conant Apple Orchards

C.A.R.E.S.

Connect . Advice. Resources. Education. Support

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE ACTIVE LISTING OF C.A.R.E.S
MEETINGS AND FOR ANY CHANGES IN TIME AND SCHEDULES**



- STATEWIDE F/A/K C.A.R.E.S. MEETING meets the second Tuesday of the month from 10-11:30 A.M by **ZOOM**.
- STATEWIDE Kinship C.A.R.E.S. MEETING meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6:00PM-7:30PM by **ZOOM**.
- Southern Maine C.A.R.E.S. Meetings: Childcare is Available at in-person Meetings with Advance Notice
- F/A/K Evening- Meets the second Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 P.M. by **ZOOM**.
- F/A/K Afternoon- Meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 12:00-1:30 P.M. by **ZOOM**.
- A/PG Afternoon - Meets the third Tuesday of the month from 12:00-1:30 P.M. by **ZOOM**.
- South Portland - F/A/K- Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6:00-7:30 P.M. at The Point 345 Clarks Pond Pkwy, South Portland.
- South Portland - F/A/K- meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6:00-7:30 PM at The Point (345 Clarks Pond Pkwy.).
- Waterboro - F/A/K - Meets the first Tuesday of the month from 6:00-7:30pm at Massabesic Adult Learning Center (84 West Road Massabesic East Waterboro).
- Saco/Biddeford - Kinship Only- Meets the third Tuesday of the month from 10:00A.M. - 12:00 P.M. at The Kimball Health Center Conference Room, 333 Lincoln St.).
- Lewiston/Auburn- F/A/K- Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:00-7:30 P.M. at SeniorsPlus (8 Falcon Rd, Lewiston).
- Northern Maine C.A.R.E.S. Meetings
- Augusta- F/A/K - Meets on the first Monday of the month from 6:30-8:00 P.M. by **ZOOM**.
- Orono - F/A/K - Meets 3rd Monday of the month from 6:00-7:30 P.M. Orono United Methodist Church (36 Oak St.).
- Damariscotta - F/A/K- Meets the first Thursday of the month from 5:30-7:00 P.M. at Central Lincoln County YMCA (525 Main Street).
- Ellsworth - F/A/K- Meets the third Tuesday of the month from 5:30-7:30 P.M. at United Baptist Church (28 Hancock Street).
- Skowhegan-F/A/K– Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 4-5:30 P.M. at The Federated Church (13 Island Ave.)
- Belfast– F/A/K– Meets the first Tuesday of the month from 5:30-7:00 P.M. at the Baptist Church (95 High Street).
- Machias - F/A/K - Meets the second Thursday of the month from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Rose M Gaffney School (15 Rose Gaffney Road).
- Milford - F/A/K - Meets the third Thursday of the month from 6:00-7:30 PM by **ZOOM**.
- Presque Isle - F/A/K - Meets the fourth Wednesday of the month from 5:30-7:00 PM at HUB Coffee (342 Main Street).

Notices regarding C.A.R.E.S. Meetings are sent out via AFFM's email listserv. Please make sure you are signed up to receive emails from AFFM. RSVPs are required to obtain login information for virtual meetings.

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