



United Way of Androscoggin County

2007 IMPACT COUNCIL OUTCOMES

THRIVING FAMILIES AND SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN (*SUCCESS BY SIX*) **Support families and ensure that children are ready to succeed when they enter school, as well as beyond.**

All children in Androscoggin County are adequately prepared for success in kindergarten. They have the family and community support required to achieve the intellectual, social, emotional and physical capacity to succeed in school.

The Impact Council encourages initiatives that:

- have a strong focus on prevention and early investment in children from birth to age six
- articulate clear measures of success in one or more of the developmental areas referenced above (i.e. intellectual, social, emotional, physical)
- enhance affordability, availability and access to quality services
- promote community partnerships
- support broader efforts to promote public awareness of this important issue throughout the community

A DYNAMIC COMMUNITY

Promote, support and enhance independence, community integration and self-sufficiency for all.

- Individuals in both urban and rural communities have access to services that will increase their independence and self-sufficiency and that services are provided in a way that collaboration and coordination among agencies and service recipients is promoted.
- ¹Essential services to meet the social needs of at-risk individuals, especially youth, senior citizens and individuals with disabilities, are provided, promoted and supported.
- Diversity and cultures are respected, supported and celebrated.

¹Special attention will be given to services that increase opportunities and reduce isolation.

HEALTHCARE AND OTHER ESSENTIAL NEEDS

Ensure that individuals and families have food, shelter and clothing, and access to prevention and support services that promote physical and mental well-being.

- Affordable healthcare, including preventive, physical and mental health services, is accessible to the most needy.
 - Homelessness is reduced through prevention services, emergency shelters, transitional living services, outreach and housing for those with low/no income.
 - Basic living needs, including but not restricted to food, clothing and essential household goods, are accessible to the most needy.
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LIFE-LONG LEARNING

Promote opportunities for job training, education, collaboration and volunteerism.

- ¹Job training and educational opportunities are accessible.
- ²Literacy of Androscoggin County residents is improved.
- Access to mentoring programs, both traditional and non-traditional, is increased.
- Community involvement and programs that support volunteerism are developed and enhanced.

¹Not intended to provide group or individual scholarships to two or four year institutions.

²As defined by the 1991 National Literacy Act: *an individual's ability to read, write, and speak in English, and compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job and in society, to achieve one's goals, and develop one's knowledge and potential.*

PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Advocate that individuals and families are safe and protected at all times.

- All residents of Androscoggin County feel safe in their homes, neighborhoods, workplace, schools and community.
- ¹Interpersonal violence will be reduced, root causes addressed and its impact minimized.

¹Council encourages initiatives that address, including but not limited to, the following:

- Family conflict.
- Sexual assault/abuse/harassment.
- Elder abuse.
- Connection between substance abuse and violence.
- Domestic violence.
- Bullying.
- Hate crimes