

# Community Health and Counseling Services



**The Healthy Link Between  
People, Family and Community**

For more information on CHCS services delivered to children and their families call:

**1-800-924-0366**

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#### NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

In accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations cited below\*, Community Health and Counseling Services (CHCS) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, and status as protected veteran, or any other trait that is protected under local, state or federal law in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities.

CHCS has an Affirmative Action Program (AAP) which is available for inspection by any applicant or employee at the Human Resources office between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm on any work day. Individuals wishing to inspect the AAP should contact the Director of Human Resources to establish a time which is convenient to review the material.

The person whose name appears below has been designated to coordinate our efforts to comply with the U.S. Department of Labor regulations implementing these Federal laws. You may contact this person for further information about these regulations and our grievance procedure for the resolution of discrimination complaints.

Paige Allen, Director of Human Resources  
(Name and Title of Designated Coordinator)

Main Headquarters: 42 Cedar Street  
Bangor, Maine 04401

\* - Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. (Executive Order 11246)  
42 U.S.C. ss2000e.);

- Title I and Title V of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended. (42 U.S.C. ss12101);

- Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. ss791)

- Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended (42 U.S.C.ss621)

- Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008

- The Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended

(38 U.S.C. ss4212) Rev 09/2014

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## CHCS Office Locations

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| 24 Stone Street<br>Suite #201 | <b>AUGUSTA</b><br>adult, child &<br>family services                                 | 623-3712             |
| 42 Cedar Street               | <b>BANGOR</b><br>home health & hospice<br>adult, child &<br>family services         | 947-0366<br>947-0366 |
| 7 Hatch Drive<br>Suite #120   | <b>CARIBOU</b><br>adult, child &<br>family services                                 | 496-3166             |
| 1093 W. Main St.              | <b>DOVER-FOXCROFT</b><br>home health & hospice<br>adult, child &<br>family services | 564-2267<br>564-8175 |
| 52 Christian Ridge Rd.        | <b>ELLSWORTH</b><br>adult, child &<br>family services                               | 667-2061             |
| 413 W. Main Street            | <b>FORT KENT</b><br>adult, child &<br>family services                               | 834-4410             |
| 2 Water Street,<br>Suite #2   | <b>HOULTON</b><br>adult, child &<br>family services                                 | 532-5510             |
| 313 Enfield Road              | <b>LINCOLN</b><br>home health & hospice<br>adult, child &<br>family services        | 794-2001<br>794-3554 |
| 15 Kids Corner                | <b>MACHIAS</b><br>home health & hospice<br>adult, child &<br>family services        | 255-8311<br>255-8473 |
| 24 Lewiston Road              | <b>MECHANIC FALLS</b><br>adult, child &<br>family services                          | 345-9113             |
| 30 High Street<br>Suite #2    | <b>SKOWHEGAN</b><br>adult, child &<br>family services                               | 858-4860             |
| 201 Main Street               | <b>WESTBROOK</b><br>child services  | 854-0122             |

**TTY# 990-4730**  
**www.chcs-me.org**

**CHCS Treatment Foster Parenting**



*“Foster parenting has been the most rewarding and meaningful experience that I have been able to contribute to somebody’s life.”*

*CHCS foster parent*

# CHCS promotes healthy growth and development of children and families through a comprehensive, integrated system of care that is child centered, family focused and community based.

## What is treatment foster parenting?

Treatment foster parenting provides a safe, therapeutic environment for children, birth to 18, who have suffered trauma, abuse, neglect or abandonment. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) refers children to Community Health and Counseling Services (CHCS) for placement in one of the licensed treatment foster care homes. The children in the program have a wide range of behavioral and emotional challenges. Some have medical needs, while others may have developmental delays or disabilities.

## Who decides what children will be placed in my home?

The foster family always has the final say for who is placed in their home. Consideration for placement is based on a number of factors, most important is the match between the child's needs and the strengths of the foster family.

## What type of support is offered?

A treatment team is built around the needs of each child in the program. The treatment team is made up of caring professionals who, in addition to the foster family, provide services to the child.

Education, training and support are available for foster parents. Respite, or planned time off, is provided on a regular basis based on the needs of the child and the foster family.

Emergency support is available 24 hours a day.

## Will I need to do this full-time?

No. There are opportunities for families to provide part-time, vacation and weekend care for children.

## Why should I consider treatment foster parenting?

Foster parents have many reasons for becoming foster parents. Many simply want to make a difference in a child's life. Others may have strengths and skills that are a good match for a child in need of foster care placement. The need for foster homes is great. There are not enough in the state of Maine to meet the needs of these children.

## I am interested. What do I do next?

If you want to make a difference in a child's life, **call CHCS at 1-800-924-0366** to locate the office nearest you for more information. A Foster Home Developer will be happy to answer any questions you might have and assist you through the licensing and placement process.

"I'm always learning every day. Love alone isn't the answer. It takes an investment of time and energy. It takes a team."

CHCS foster parent

