

Our Home:

Infants may be at risk due to the difficult situations in which mothers find themselves, whether they are due to substance use/abuse, mental health issues, or domestic violence. We welcome them to St. Andre Home—a place of stability and compassion.



We offer a place for moms and children to grow up alongside each other, and work towards creating a better future for them. While living with other moms and children, each family is encouraged to develop bonds and friendships that will last a lifetime!



Our Goal

Saint Andre Home has been assisting Maine families since 1940. Our goal is to successfully reunite families. Our parenting program focuses on the whole family where the child can grow in a safe and loving home.

It is our hope that the value system to which we are committed will continue to live and grow through the dedicated collaborative effort of each staff.

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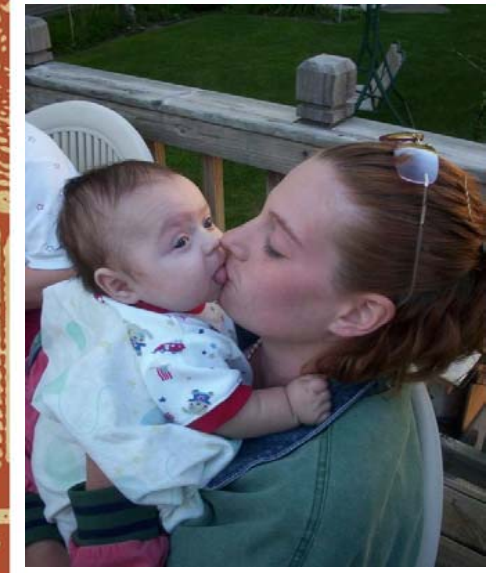
Infant Mental Health &
Parenting Residential Services



Serving Proudly since 1940

SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Parenting Education and Coaching
- Play Group
- Nutrition Class
- Facilitation of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Assessments
- Follow-up with Child Development Services, Maternal & Child Health Visiting Nurses, and other Infant and Child Assessment Specialties
- Personal and social development classes
- Ongoing assessment of mother/child attachment and bonding
- Pregnancy Support
- Coordination of services (medical, dental, substance abuse & mental health)
- Individual and group counseling
- Assistance with community integration and resources
- Life Skills Class
- 24/7 Staffing
- Transition/Discharge planning



"I would have been so lost if I was not able to start my life over at St. Andre's. My family is forever grateful!"

"I had my doubts about my future, but with the help and skills I have learned here – I am going to be okay."

Anticipated Outcomes at St. Andre Home Infant Mental Health and Parenting Residential Program:

THE MOTHER

- Improved relationship between mother & child;
- Positive life changes & personal development;
- Improved safety and healthy decision making
- Mother learns to meet her child's physical, emotional & social needs.

THE CHILD

- Safety and security
- Improved well-being
- Attachment is strengthened with his/her mother
- Stress level is reduced
- Physical, emotional and social needs met.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR BIRTHFATHERS

- Visitation and involvement to foster attachment
- 1:1 coaching in parenting, life skills
- Referral to "Strong Fathers Program"
- Supportive couple's counseling

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