



KVCAP Parent Enrichment Classes – Kennebec & Somerset Counties

Summer 2025

These classes are offered over Zoom. Contact us to learn about our in person programs

The First Five Years

In this series of 5 classes we explore discipline methods that work, how to prevent tantrums, establishing routines to make life easier, and much more. This class is designed for parents of children from birth-age 5.

Wednesdays: June 4th – June 25th

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Presented by: Emily Buckhalter

Mondays: June 30th – July 28th

2:00 – 4:00pm

Presented by: Jenny Freundlich

Active Parenting Now

Do you ever feel like there is a better way to handle those daily parenting challenges? Learn how with this 6 session video & discussion-based program for parents and caregivers of children ages 5-12. Participants will learn strategies for communication, positive discipline, building self-esteem, and more.

Wednesdays: June 18th – July 30th

10:00am -12:00pm

Presented by: Emily Buckhalter

Active Parenting of Teens

For parents of preteens and teens, this 7 session video and discussion program explores adolescent development, and provides parents with tools for communicating with their teens, teaching responsibility, effective discipline, and encouragement.

Wednesdays: September 3rd – October 15th

5:00 – 7:00pm

Presented by: Jenny Freundlich

Cooperative Parenting & Divorce

This video and discussion-based program gives parents the power to make positive changes that shield their children from parental conflict, and guides them into establishing a long-term relationship of healthy communication with the child's other parent or caregivers.

Tuesdays: July 15th – August 12th

12:00pm – 2:00pm

Presented by: Emily Buckhalter

Circle of Parents

This is a mutual peer support group open to anyone in a parenting role. Connect with other caregivers, explore topics in nurturing ourselves and our children - share ideas and support.

1st and 3rd Thursday of each month

11:00am – 12:30pm

Facilitated by: Parent Leaders & Council Staff

Attention New Parents & Caregivers!

Have a new baby in your life, or one on the way?

Contact us to learn about our free programs:

Infant Safe Sleep - Period of Purple Crying

Parent & Playgroups

All of our classes are FREE to families

To register, contact us:

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Nurturing Parenting for Families in Recovery

This program explores the effects of substance use and recovery on individuals and families. Participants learn nurturing skills using a variety of discussion and activities that accommodate different learning styles. This is a 12 week program with rolling enrollment – contact us to register any time.

Tuesday Mornings: Rolling Admissions

10:00am – 11:30am

Presented by: Jenny Freundlich, KVCAP & Community Partners

Tuesday Afternoons: Rolling Admissions

3:30 – 5:00pm

Presented by: Megan Belton, KVCAP & Diane Bouffard, G.E.A.R. Parent Network

The Nurturing Fathers Program

Join us for this 12 session program especially for dads (any father figures welcome!) Participants will learn about the roots of fathering, and practice skills for communication, problem-solving, guiding behavior, building self-esteem and the parent-child relationship.

Thursdays: Summer Dates TBA

3:00 – 4:30pm

Presented by: Jon Heath, FVP & Kristen Plummer, KVCAP

Wednesdays: Fall Dates TBA

5:30 – 7:00pm

Presented by: Emily Buckhalter & Jon Martin

Monthly Fatherhood Meetup

Connect with other dads in Central Maine, share local activities and info on child development, and learn to advocate for stronger systems for fathers. Dads, grandads, step-dads - any father figures welcome!

Last Thursday of each month

12:00 – 1:00pm

Facilitated by: Jon Heath & Kristen Plummer

Nurturing Hope

This Nurturing Parenting program is designed for families of children with special needs and health challenges. Participants explore strategies for communication, positive discipline and encouragement, coping and soothing, and advocating for your child. The class offers opportunities to meet community resources, and connect with other caregivers in a supportive environment.

Mondays: September 22nd – November 17th

3:30 -5:00pm

Presented by: Jenny Freundlich

Infant Safe Sleep & Period of PURPLE Crying

Monday, June 16th

5:00 – 7:00pm

Presented by: Jenny Freundlich

These workshops for parents and caregivers offer the latest recommendations for keeping babies safe while they sleep, and understanding and coping with infant crying.

Community Nurturing Workshops

These single session workshops are based on the Nurturing Parenting curriculum, and designed to apply to a wide variety of parenting experiences. Join us for one, or all!

Cooperation Through Communication

Monday, July 14th

2:30 – 4:00pm

Presented by: Emily Buckhalter

Learning to communicate effectively with kids and co-parents benefits everyone! Join us for this single-session workshop and practice step-by-step strategies for communicating and connecting.

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