



## KVCAP Parent Enrichment Classes – Kennebec & Somerset Counties

Fall - Winter 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.

**Tuesdays: September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 – 7:00pm**

Presented by: Emily Buckhalter

**Mondays: November 24<sup>th</sup> – December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**10:00am – 12:00pm**

Presented by: Emily Buckhalter

### **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.

**Mondays: September 29<sup>th</sup> – November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00 – 2:00pm**

Presented by: Emily Buckhalter

**Tuesdays: October 28<sup>th</sup> – December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 – 7:00pm**

Presented by: Jenny Freundlich

### **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.

**January Dates TBA**

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.

**Wednesdays: November 12<sup>th</sup> – December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 – 11:00am**

Presented by: Emily Buckhalter

### **Circle of Parents**

All are welcome at our parenting peer support group. Connect with other caregivers, share ideas and support!

**NEW DAY AND TIME starting October 20<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month**

**12:30 – 2:00pm**

Facilitated by: Parent Leaders & Council Staff

### **Attention New Parents & Caregivers!**

Contact us to learn about our free programs:

Infant Safe Sleep - Period of Purple Crying

Cribs for Kids - Parent & Playgroups

All of our classes are FREE to families

To register, contact us:

Kennebec County:

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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.

**NEW DAY starting October 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday 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: Winter Dates TBA**  
**3:00 – 4:30pm**  
Presented by: Jon Heath, FVP & Kristen Plummer, KVCAP

**Wednesdays: September 17<sup>th</sup> – December 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**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, granddads, 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.

**Wednesdays: October 22<sup>nd</sup> – December 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:30 -5:00pm**  
Presented by: Jenny Freundlich

### **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!

### **Dealing with Stress**

Join us for this free, single session workshop as we discuss tools and techniques for coping with stress at all ages.

**Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**12:00 – 1:30pm**  
Presented by: Emily Buckhalter

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