

**FY 2022/2023**

**Front Porch Project of Maine**

**Request for Proposals (RFP)**

**Announcement**

Maine Children’s Trust (MCT) is soliciting proposals from organizations that have county-wide reach, proven experience providing education and training, and are embedded in their local community to deliver the Front Porch Project of Maine workshops to members of the public. Funding is available in the amount of **$5,000** to support trainedprofessionals to provide **a minimum of five community workshops** in their respective counties. A maximum of sixteen grants (one for each county) will be awarded. Applications are due by **August 28, 2022**, and should be submitted by email to granting@mechildrenstrust.com.

The intended audience for Front Porch Project workshops are community members, parent/teacher groups, Rotary and Lion’s Clubs, church groups, and other community groups, to be engaged by the grantee through public outreach efforts. Grantees will seek media coverage of the workshops through press releases and social media outlets.

The virtual training session for at least two grantee staff (required) at the awarded organization/agency will be on Oct. 13, 2022. While more than five community workshops are encouraged to be held under this grant, grantees must provide five workshops at a minimum over the 12 months and **must train a minimum of 50 participants in total.**

Due to the requirements of the national office, a reporting form provided by MCT, will be **due monthly** **on the third Thursday to Diane Stuart at** dianes@mechildrenstrust.org documenting the names, mailing addresses, dates, locations, and attendance for all workshops, as well as all media outreach efforts and reflections on the experience of providing this workshop in the local communities. **Each workshop session is evaluated by participants with a standardized questionnaire, which will be submitted to MCT. Additionally, follow-up surveys sent by MCT will be collected six months and one year after each session.**

**Anticipated Timeline**

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| **October 13, 2022** | **October 2022 – September 2023** |
| MCT provides a virtual Front Porch Project Training to agency staff  | Minimum of five community trainings with a total of 50 participants  |

This grant supports:

* Delivery at minimum of five (5) community workshops plus staff time (initial training, preparation, registration, FPP workshop facilitation, and documentation), space and food if in person, or technology costs incurred if offered virtually.

**If the minimum number (five) of workshops are not completed with a minimum of 50 participants overall, the grantee will return a proportional amount of the training allocation ($1,000) to MCT by 10/31/23 for each workshop that did not occur in the granting period of October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023.**

Attachments:

**Front Porch Project Overview**

**Application**

**Reporting Form**



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**Front Porch Project**

**Overview**

The Front Porch Project of Maine is a community-based primary prevention initiative based on the belief that everyone can – and should – become more aware of how to help protect children and support familiesin their own community. It provides ordinary citizens with the knowledge, training and encouragement they need to become involved in preventing abuse and neglect *before* it occurs. The Front Porch Project is built upon the belief that all people who are concerned about the safety and well-being of children should be encouraged and taught how to make a difference. The Front Porch Project offers a comprehensive look at why people do (and don’t) get involved when they are concerned about a child.

The workshop teaches individuals to:

* Identify when and how to get involved in situations involving a child.
* Increase your comfort level with intervening in those situations.
* Identify and develop comfort with a range of parenting approaches.
* Think of possible responses, interventions and problem-solving strategies.
* Identify “roadblocks” to intervening and find ways around them to safely intervene.
* Understand the impact that culture, gender and socioeconomic status can have on parenting and on actions to intervene on behalf of children.
* Increase your awareness of importance of prevention in helping to protect children and support families.
* Reach out to others in your community to protect children and support families.

The Front Porch Project is not a “one size fits all” approach. It does not tell individuals what to do in any given situation. Instead, it helps individuals to think through situations they have encountered and decide on a response that feels right for that person. It also provides an opportunity to share ideas with other people in the community and practice strategies for stepping in to help. Participants will leave with real-world examples and concrete steps to take when something “just doesn’t seem right” with a child in their local community. The workshop is flexible with a range of lengths from 2 hours to 6 hours (which can be done in multiple sessions) as well as available in-person or virtually.



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**Grant Application**

**Cover Sheet**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** (*One application per county*)

**Organization Name:\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Name**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Title**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Phone Number**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Email:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Person Completing Application**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **EIN#:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Website:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Identified staff (2) to complete training/provide community workshops:**

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**A complete application includes:**

\_\_ This cover sheet and application overview

\_\_ Information on two (required) agency staff to provide the Front Porch Project including name, position, FTE, education, years of experience, relevant certifications

\_\_ Description of agency to include mission, history, and relevant programming

\_\_ Description of demonstrated experience working in the community to provide education, awareness, and training in public health matters

**By applying, I understand that the following is required:**

* Two (2) staff are required to complete the Train the Trainer for the Front Porch Project.
* Five (5) Front Porch Project community workshops provided by September 30, 2023 with a minimum of 50 participants total. Four participants must be present to conduct a community training to be interactive among participants and evaluation questionnaires gathered and submitted to MCT.
* Community workshops are provided to civic groups, parent/teacher groups, rotary clubs, and church groups. Attendees’ names and contact information will be submitted to the MCT.
* Seek media coverage of the workshops through press releases and promote on social media outlets as well as provide other appropriate outreach efforts.
* Documentation of required activities will be recorded on the excel sheet provided and submitted to MCT each month.



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**APPLICATION**

**Grant Amount Provided: $5,000 Time Period: October 1, 2022- Sept. 30, 2023**

**Name of Program:** **Front Porch Project of Maine**

**Goal:** The goal of this funding is to support a community-based primary prevention initiative in every county in Maine that is based on the belief that everyone can – and should – become more aware of how to help protect children and support familiesin their own community. By providing this workshop, individuals will be personally equipped to assist in preventing child abuse and neglect.

**Timeline:**

* October 13, 2022 – MCT will provide a virtual training to the two (required, at minimum) staff from 9am-3pm.
* October 2022 - September 30, 2023: Staff will provide (at minimum) five community workshops with a minimum of 50 participants.

**Monthly Required Reporting Times:** The MCT provided report is due on the third **Thursday of each month** to Diane Stuart atdianes@mechildrenstrust.org

By signing, I understand and agree to the deliverables, timeline, required documentation, and submission dates. I understand that a proportional amount of the grant must be returned as described in the RFP Announcement if the training requirements are not met. Please email a signed copy to granting@mechildrenstrust.org

 **Name/Title: Date:**

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**MCT Grant Approved by: Date:**

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