



OREGON CHILD DEVELOPMENT COALITION

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City of Ashland Mayor John Stromberg Proclaims July 15, 2011

Oregon Child Development Coalition Day

OCDC Ashland Center Welcomes Community to the Celebration

WILSONVILLE, ORE. – July 1, 2011 – The Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC), a nonprofit organization, will host a 40th anniversary celebration in Ashland on Friday, July 15, from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. The celebration will bring the community together to celebrate OCDC’s 40th Anniversary and the Mayor’s newly proclaimed Oregon Child Development Coalition Day.

“We are thrilled to share with the community what our organization accomplishes on a daily basis,” said Don Williams, Jackson County Program Director. “This event will provide a way for our community partners, Ashland community members and the families we serve to celebrate OCDC’s 40th Anniversary,” said Williams.

The Ashland center serves approximately 175 children, 150 families and employs 58 people. The center provides Migrant Seasonal Head Start and Oregon PreKindergarten in its nine classrooms. The classrooms are located in the Briscoe School. Educational services are provided at no cost for qualifying families.

During the event guests will enjoy performances by a local Hispanic violinist and Native American drummers. The program will contain a performance by OCDC preschoolers who will dance with local children. Those attending will explore the center through tours and learn about the services and programs. The celebration is open to the public and located at 265 N. Main Street # 1 Ashland, OR.

This is OCDC’s seventh county to host and celebrate the organization’s 40th Anniversary. Celebrations will continue throughout the 12 counties it currently serves over the next four months ending with a Gala event on Saturday, October 8, 2011 to highlight the accomplishments of the past 40 years and each individual center.

OCDC specializes in providing quality early childhood education and care for children ages birth to five, who come from working families with incomes below or at the poverty level. The goal is to help these children become ready for kindergarten, and also to provide health, education, parent involvement, mental health, nutrition and social services.

For more information about the event please contact Anthony Veliz at aveliz@izomarketing.com.

For more information about OCDC please visit www.ocdc.net/40th and “like us” at www.facebook.com/ocdc.oregon.

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The Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC) is an established private nonprofit corporation that serves children and their families through Migrant and Seasonal Head Start (MSHS), Migrant and Seasonal Early Head Start (MSEHS), Oregon Pre-Kindergarten (OPK) and Oregon Early Head Start (OEHS). As one of the largest education and early care networks in Oregon, OCDC is dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through Preparing children for school, Promoting economic opportunities families and communities, Partnering and collaborating and Practicing inclusiveness.