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Multnomah County Oregon Child Development Coalition Center Celebrates 40th Anniversary With Afternoon Social Event

OCDC Anderson Center Welcomes Community to the Celebration

WILSONVILLE, ORE. – August 23, 2011 – On Friday, September 9th, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. the Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC), a nonprofit organization, will host a 40th anniversary celebration in Gresham.

“We are thrilled to host this afternoon social event and share with the community what our organization does locally,” said Maria Mottaghian, Multnomah County Program Director. “This event will provide a way for our community partners, Multnomah community members and other dignified guests to network, learn about the Anderson center and celebrate our 40th anniversary,” said Mottaghian.

The Anderson center serves approximately 245 children over the year, 202 families and employs 69 people. The center provides Early Head Start, Seasonal Head Start and Migrant Head Start in its 13 classrooms. It is known for its longevity of staff, artwork, hospitality, and initiative to work with other counties for California recruitment.

During the event guests will enjoy light hors d'oeuvres, a chance to meet other community members and partners and door prizes. The program portion of the event will feature the OCDC Executive Director, Donalda Dodson and personal testimonials. Those attending will explore the center through tours and learn about the services and programs.

This is OCDC's tenth county to host and celebrate the organization's 40th Anniversary. Celebrations will continue through Polk and Marion county in a few weeks and end with a Gala event on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at the Oregon Zoo to highlight the accomplishments of the past 40 years.

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.

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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.