



# OREGON CHILD DEVELOPMENT COALITION

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### 40th Anniversary Luncheon Showcases Past, Present and Future Project

**WILSONVILLE, ORE. – July 06, 2011** – The Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC), will host a 40th celebration luncheon in Hermiston on Wednesday, July 20, from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. OCDC staff and parents will present the center’s “windows to the community past, present and future project” and highlight OCDC’s programs.

“We are thrilled to share with the community our newest project that will showcase what our center brings to Hermiston. We are known in the community for working with the migrant and agricultural workers, their children, and for promoting and helping not only the parents to continue their education but also our staff,” said Nora Kramer, Umatilla County Program Director.

During the luncheon OCDC will highlight community partners in a video presentation that expresses how much a county can do in a rural area with limited resources. The video provides a “window of discovery” to the center’s past and an opportunity to see present and future. The celebration is open to the public and located at The ARC of Umatilla County 215 W. Orchard Ave. Hermiston, OR 97838. The program will begin at 12:00 p.m.

The Hermiston center serves a total of 140 children, 100 families and employs 37 people. The center provides both Migrant Head Start and Early Head Start programs in its 7 classrooms. The children, families and staff are the body of the organization but the community partners are just as important. The center works regularly with Blue Mountain Community College, Dr. Nicacio, ESD and many more. Other supports are local growers, businesses, health places and schools.

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 few months ending with a Gala event at the beginning of October 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.

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For more information about OCDC please visit [www.ocdc.net/40th](http://www.ocdc.net/40th) and “like us” at

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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.