



OREGON CHILD DEVELOPMENT COALITION

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Oregon Child Development Coalition Celebrates 40th Anniversary with the Madras Chamber of Commerce Coffee Cuppers Event

WILSONVILLE, ORE. – July, 14, 2011 – The Madras Chamber of Commerce will host one of its Coffee Cupper events at the Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC), a nonprofit organization. OCDC is celebrating 40 years of service through highlighting its centers over the state of Oregon. Coffee Cuppers will take place at the OCDC Madras Center in Madras, OR on Friday, July 22, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

“We are excited to host a Coffee Cuppers event during our organizations 40th anniversary,” said Jackie Brown, Jefferson County Program Director. “The event will showcase what our center does for the community, the relationships we have formed while we have been here and our accomplishments,” said Brown.

The Madras Center provides a variety of programs and services, including Migrant Seasonal Head Start and Seasonal Early Head Start. Over the last two years the center has also housed the High Desert Early Intervention program and operated the Juniper Junction Relief Nursery program. The staff has been working with the Juniper Junction Community Council to provide services to children and families who are at high risk for child abuse and neglect, operating the Juniper Junction Relief Nursery has made this possible.

In addition to providing programs and collaborating with different organizations in Madras, the center works with a local rancher by purchasing his grass fed beef for the program. OCDC also utilizes their center gardens to provide sustainable food for the children they serve and promote farm to table projects.

The OCDC center in Madras has 8 classrooms and a classroom at The Children’s Learning Center during the summer. The classes run 6 hours per day Monday –Friday, except the summer class which runs 8 hours per day. OCDC Madras serves 149 children plus pregnant women and employs 40 – 65 people during the year.

Every year the Madras center participates in the Week of the Young Child event in April. This opportunity helps OCDC connect with its community partners and provides opportunities for collaboration. The Week of the Young Child event is open to the public and located at Sahalee Park in Madras.

This is OCDC’s eighth facility to host and celebrate the organizations 40th anniversary. Celebrations will continue throughout the 12 counties it currently serves over the next few months ending with a Gala event 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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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.