



“Qué Pasa”

*Que Pasa is a quarterly News
Communication Update from the
Executive Management Team areas.*

Early Head Start Funding

Donalda Dodson, Executive Director

GOOD NEWS!! Congress authorized the EHS funding for another 6 months and the funding is no longer one time but part of OCDC ongoing Early Head Start, Head Start funding. We still need to have Congress authorize funding to support the second 6 months as well as all of the funding needed to continue Head Start and Early Head Start at its current level. But now EHS is part of ongoing allocation and authorization processes that Head Start experiences each year.

OCDC will be participating in a ‘Cluster Meeting’ on June 13-14 in Washington D.C., on the transference from ARRA to ongoing funding for EHS. They will also discuss requirements and other aspects of this new grant stream.

OCDC 40th Anniversary Celebrations

Jennifer Olson, Resource Development Director

The celebration of the OCDC 40th Anniversary Year is fully underway! Many Counties have held their local events. These include, Clackamas and Hood River, Klamath, Umatilla, and Washington. Each was a special event with programs that included Donalda welcoming everyone and sharing a bit of OCDC’s history.

This was followed with persons from the community whose lives had been touched by OCDC, including current and past parents, teachers who credit their degrees to working at OCDC, and other key community partners such as commissioners, growers, and school district representatives. One County augmented their program with a videotaped history of the agency in their county.

As we travel to each of these centers we are all so impressed with the work of OCDC and the remarkable outcomes that have occurred over the past 40 years. More events will be held over the next few months ending with the 40th Anniversary GALA at The Oregon Zoo-Cascade Crest Banquet Center on September 24th 2011. For more information visit our new 40th Anniversary website!

<http://www.ocdc40th.net/>

Board of Directors 2011

Next Board of Directors Meeting held at Central office:

- ❖ June 10-11
- ❖ August 26-27
- ❖ November 4-5

For more information on Board of Directors meetings please contact Linda Torres, Senior Executive Assistant at Ext. 1006



Policy Council 2011

The next Policy Council Meetings:

- ❖ **MSEHS**
June 25-26 - Central office
July 22-25 - Family Retreat
- ❖ **OPK-EHS**
June 7 - Central office
August 10 – Central office

For more information on Policy Council meetings please contact Karelia Harding, Policy Council Coordinator at Ext. 1057

All Board and PC information and minutes can be found in the ‘R’ drive under Program Governance, Board of Directors or Policy Council documents.



California Project

**Maria Mottaghian, Program Director,
Multnomah Co.**

The California Project was a collaboration effort among Multnomah, Marion and Washington counties to send staff to California in mid May for the purpose of recruiting families for the summer program.

The project had several other objectives: conducting surveys to determine why families might not be traveling to Oregon this summer, promoting OCDC outside the state and to make partnerships with California agencies that serve the migrant population.



By all accounts the trip was a success! The team visited a portion of over 16 central CA cities. In addition to speaking with families working in the fields, the teams sought out churches, libraries, State and local agencies, markets, radio stations and newspaper offices. Over 1,000 recruitment flyers listing all OCDC locations were distributed.

Thanks and recognition goes out to the following team members for their dedication and hard work in making the California Project possible:

Victor Chonteco, Community Member to the PC and former OCDC parent

Nora Barbosa, parent, Washington Co.

Antonio Rojas, ERSEA supervisor, Multnomah Co

Patricia Alvarado, ERSEA Supervisor, Washington Co

Erika Ramirez, ERSEA Supervisor, Marion Co.

Ana Ruiz, Mental health and Disabilities Coordinator, Marion Co.



USDA Food Program

Donalda Dodson, Executive Director

The USDA audit has been completed and the results are very positive. Our reviewer was very impressed with our centers and kitchens, the classroom meal service, our record keeping systems and site monitoring. The massive amount of records for one month was rather overwhelming. The reviewer was impressed with your knowledge and your dedication to the children we serve.

I would like to thank everyone for their excellent work supporting the operation of the USDA Food Program, not only during the review, but year round. A special acknowledgement to Carla Beutler, Nutrition Services Coordinator, and those interviewed during the USDA review.

MSEHS Federal Review Results

Federal Review results are back for the Migrant and Seasonal Early Head Start program. The issue around use of SNAP (*Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program*) food stamps for eligibility was raised again. We are currently having the Office of Head Start look at that issue for us once more since they advised to include SNAP as public assistance.

The other issue was the fact we are at 8% of children with disabilities instead of 10%. The year is not complete and we do have children in the evaluation phase. We anticipate the year will end with OCDC at the 10% since this is a cumulative percent requirement.



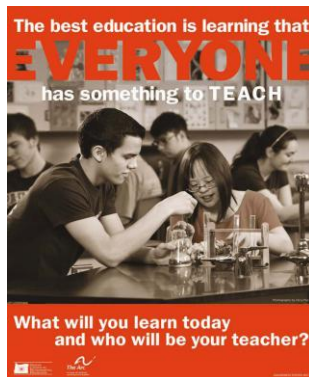
OCDC Volunteers at Oregon Food Bank

Joy Rowley, Family & Health Services Specialist

On a sunny Saturday (April 23rd), 17 OCDC Central Office staff, friends, and family gave their time to volunteering at the Oregon Food Bank in Beaverton. The group joined other community volunteers and together spent two hours repacking large containers of frozen corn and fresh potatoes into family-sized packages.

Based on the calculations of our friendly OFB volunteer coordinator, each person who volunteered that day helped create 400 meals. It was great fun to be with each other and share in the spirit of giving!

The new DD Awareness Poster was unveiled at the ceremony reminding each of us that we not only learn from every person who touches our lives: but we leave a mark on them as well.



Developmental Disabilities Awareness Celebration

Carol Mazer, Special Projects Manager

On April 14, with the help of strong advocates and one united voice, officials and community members celebrated the growing awareness of Developmental Disabilities and the power of inclusion in Oregon. As part of the celebration Governor Kitzhaber highlighted the contribution of two strong advocates, DD Champion Award Winners Representative Arnie Roblan and parent advocate Adelina Martinez.

We are especially proud of former OCDC employee Adelina Martinez, who has previously worked in both the HIPPI and Even Start programs as a home visitor, assistant teacher and shining model of parent advocacy in both programs. Her tireless efforts on behalf of her two youngest children and of other Spanish-speaking families have earned her this prestigious recognition from Governor Kitzhaber.

New Staff and New Positions

Deborah Hoswell, Operations Support Coordinator

Karen Ayers, now Program and Staff Development Coordinator

Caroline Royston, is now Human Resources Clerk

Patty Park, new Accounts Payable Clerk

Annette Cline, new Accounts Payable Clerk

Congratulations and Welcome to OCDC!



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Employee Opinion Survey

Duke West, Human Resources Director

Overall, OCDC has much to be proud of. The ratings are above the norm and very strong in some areas as reflected in service excellence. The employee opinion survey indicated employees to be extraordinarily dedicated, well matched to work and committed to the OCDC mission.

Communication and Change, Disagreements and Conflict continue to be areas to focus on for OCDC. Plans are being developed and put in place to address areas of improvement. It is important to remember, the results are a comparison of OCDC to other organizations who administer Employee Opinion Surveys, which are usually employers who care about people enough to ask for feedback on how to improve. Seventy percent of employers do not administer employee opinion surveys. So OCDC is being compared to best practice organizations.

Thank you for being honest in your response to the survey. Through your open and honest responses we can move forward to make OCDC an even better place to work. I want to assure you the confidentiality for your response was and continues to be honored.