



## Que Pasa

*“Que Pasa” is a quarterly Communication Update from the EMT-Executive Management Team and their areas.*



## Employees and New Positions

**Nicole Cahill**, is new HR Assistant in Human Resources department

**Adriana Ortiz**, is new Family Data Clerk in IT department

**Liliana Will**, previous Family & Health Services Specialist, accepted a new position in Washington County, as Family and Health Supervisor

**Linda Torres**, accepted new position as Senior Executive Assistant

Congratulations to staff and Welcome new staff to OCDC!

## National Head Start Association 2011 Leadership Institute

Donalda Dodson, Executive Director

OCDC Central office staff, local Program Directors, and Board and Policy Council members had representatives at the (NHTA) National Head Start Association Leadership Institute that took place on January 24-27, 2011 in Washington, DC.

For the first time this Leadership conference was a co-endeavor with NHTA and NMSHTA. The National Migrant Seasonal Head Start Association also held their annual Affiliate meetings, Board elections and Board meeting. OCDC continues to have representation on the NMSHTA Board and in each of the Affiliate groups.

Key issues facing Head Start and Early Head Start from funding to effective messaging were covered topics, and the information had great significance to how we carry out our business. In addition, Parents and staff were able to visit Oregon Members of Congress in their offices.

This was a great opportunity for us to update them on Head Start and Early Head Start relevance and impact on Oregon's children and families, jobs and economy.

## Upcoming MS Early Head Start Review

March 27-30, 2011

We just received word that the Federal Reviewers will visit OCDC from March 27 to March 30, 2011 to review the Migrant Seasonal Early Head Start program.

The Review Team Leader will be contacting us to confirm the schedule for on-site activities and to discuss any pertinent issues. As information is received it will be passed on so we all can be on the same page and prepare accordingly. At least now we know and can plan!

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2011 Board of Directors Meetings:

❖ **March 11** –

Board meeting will be held at Central office and video conference for members from Jefferson, Klamath, Malheur Counties

❖ **June 10-11**

❖ **August 26-27**

❖ **November 4-5**

All Board of Directors information and minutes can be found in the 'R' drive under Program Governance, Board of Directors documents.

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

## STATE POLICY COUNCIL

The 2011 next Policy Councils meetings:

❖ **March 29, 2011** - Meeting is rescheduled to accommodate the HS Federal Reviewers

❖ **April 2011** – TBD

All information on Policy Council can be found in the 'R' drive under Program Governance, MS/EHS & OPK Policy Council.

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

## PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Next Meeting March 2011

❖ **March 15, 16**

❖ **March 17** half day  
Wilsonville Office

*For information on Program Directors meetings please contact Annie Smith, Executive Assistant, Ext. 3011*



**OCDC 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**  
Celebrating 40 years of Services to Children, Families and Communities

## OCDC 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

*Jennifer Olson, Resource Development Director*

Plans are moving forward for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and we are very excited with the preparations. Anthony Veliz, PR Consultant, shared an overview of the plan and activities with the Board of Directors at their Board meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Most Counties have identified a date for their event, and the Gala Event to conclude our year of celebration will be **Saturday, September 24, 2011** in Portland.

- ❖ The first event is at the Mulino site in Clackamas County on March 14, 2011, and followed by
- ❖ Second event in Washington County in April.

A logo for the 40<sup>th</sup> OCDC anniversary has been developed and invitations will soon be in the mail. We will be sending out press releases and updating the web site to track the events.

## RECOGNITION TO OCDC POLICY COUNCILS

*Karelia Harding, Policy Council Coordinator*

*We want to thank the State Policy Councils for their leadership in the program. The MS/EHS and OPK Policy Councils are recognized nationwide for their leadership in Head Start.*

*Kay Ortega, Chair of the MS/EHS Policy Council was elected again to the NMSHSA Parent Affiliate and is also the representative on the NHSA Board. Her participation is supporting OCDC's families and children. Gracias! We have new members on the Policy Councils that are eager to learn and be an active member in the Policy Council. Thank you all for your hard work!*

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## OCDC "CULTIVATING OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE"

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### Region XII MSHS Fiscal & Program Management Cluster

On February 23-25, 2011, Don Horseman, Director of Financial Services attended the Region XII Fiscal & Program Management Cluster in Washington, DC. Don represented OCDC on the Panel of Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Fiscal experts.

The Cluster was hosted by TAC-12 (*Training & Technical Assistance*). Those who attended from Office of Head Start, Region XII were Sandra Carton, Regional Program Manager, and Debbie Youhouse, MSHS Program Specialist.

Topics that were presented at the cluster were fiscal implications for School Readiness and OHS initiative. As of March 1, Pal-Tech is now providing the T&TA until a new contractor is identified, probably in late summer.

Congratulations to Don for his valuable participation in the MSHS Fiscal Management Cluster.

### EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ROADSHOW

*Cordelia Fallon, Benefits Administrator*  
*Angela Sword, HR Manager*

March is Benefits Open Enrollment for OCDC. Cordelia Fallon, Benefits Administrator and Angela Sword, Human Resources Manager have been traveling around the State with all our insurance vendors briefing the Counties on their benefits and explaining the changes as of March 1st.

We received great questions and it has been gratifying to see staff understand their benefit plans better. We also have wonderful insurance vendors who traveled up to 8 hours to speak for 15 minutes and then stay even later to answer questions from employees. HR Administrative Assistants worked very hard to ensure employees had the appropriate benefit paperwork and literature available during our visit.

We are very grateful to all who assisted in making this a successful 2011 open enrollment season. It is always a rewarding experience seeing so many staff and the quality programs in operation around the State. Seeing the children play and learn reaffirms why we come to work every day!

### Celebrating 40 Years of Service!

Local community celebrations, March through September  
2011

Gala Event September 24, 2011

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