



OREGON CHILD DEVELOPMENT COALITION

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Celebrating 40 Years Through Past, Present and Future Discovery

WILSONVILLE, ORE. – May 11, 2011 – The Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC), a nonprofit organization, will host a 40th anniversary celebration luncheon in Milton-Freewater on Wednesday, May 18, from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. The luncheon will highlight the center’s “windows to the community past, present and future project.”

“We are thrilled to share with the community our newest project that will highlight what our center brings to Milton-Freewater. 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, yet there is so much more to our organization,” said Nora Kramer, Umatilla County Program Director.

The Milton-Freewater center serves a total of 194 children, 130 families and employs 78 people. The center provides both Migrant Head Start and Seasonal Head Start programs in its 16 classrooms. The building was donated by Gerald Roloff of Roloff Farms, who has been one of the centers biggest supporters. Other supports are Blue Mountain Community College, Orchards Homes, local growers and schools, Rotary, Dr. Schroeder and Mr. & Mrs. Price. Every year the center hosts a Fall Festival that focuses on community partners and literacy for the families.

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 through slides, photographs and personal interviews. The celebration is open to the public and located at 109 NE 5th Ave. Milton-Freewater, OR. The program will begin at 12:30 p.m.

This is OCDC’s fourth facility to host and celebrate the organization’s 40th Anniversary. Celebrations will continue throughout the 12 counties it currently serves over the next five months ending with a Gala event at the end of September 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.

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.