



# OREGON CHILD DEVELOPMENT COALITION

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## Jose Pedro's Legacy Lives Through 40th Celebration

**WILSONVILLE, ORE. – April, 13, 2011** – The Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC), a nonprofit organization, is celebrating 40 years of service through highlighting its Jose Pedro Center in Cornelius, OR on Monday, April 18, from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. The Jose Pedro Center serves some of Oregon's most vulnerable children and their families.

"We are excited to open our doors to the public and showcase what our center brings to the community. We have been located in Cornelius for almost ten years now and it's time we celebrate everything we have accomplished and the relationships we have formed," said LaRue Williams, Washington County Program Director.

The Jose Pedro Center provides a variety of programs and services, including Oregon Pre Kindergarten and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs. Also part of their comprehensive services, the center hosts an annual health fair where children receive free screenings, vision and dental exams as well as immunizations when needed. "We bring the Tooth Taxi once a year to Cornelius, which provides free restorative dental care to low income families both enrolled and those in the community," said Williams.

The Jose Pedro Center was named after Jose Pedro, a 12 year old Migrant Head Start student who died of heart complications. Commemorating his legacy, the celebration will showcase the facility, classrooms and staff. The celebration is open to the public and located at 1389 S. Dogwood St. Cornelius, OR. A short program will begin at 5:30 p.m.

This is OCDC's second facility to host and celebrate the organizations 40th anniversary. Celebrations will continue throughout the 12 counties it currently serves over the next six 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.

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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.