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40th Celebrations Tribute Infant and Toddler Education in Marion County

WILSONVILLE, ORE. – June 28, 2011 – The Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC), a nonprofit organization, will host two 40th anniversary celebrations in Woodburn on Tuesday, July 12 and in Silverton on Wednesday, July 13 both from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

“We are excited to celebrate OCDC’s 40th anniversary at two of our centers. The celebrations will highlight both centers individually and showcase the services and programs we offer to families with infants and toddlers,” said Anedelia Vasquez, Marion County Program Director.

Both the Woodburn and Silverton center offer Migrant Seasonal Head Start, Migrant Head Start, Oregon Head Start PreKindergarten and Oregon Early Head Start. Together both centers serve 554 children and pregnant women.

The centers extend the number of service hours and program days during the summer peak season, which supports the agricultural industry in the area. The centers employ over 147 full and part-time employees, which impacts the local economy throughout the year.

These programs and the number of service hours each center can provide during the peak agriculture season is what OCDC’s Marion County is known for. Due to the centers and the programs they provide Woodburn and Silverton employ 147 full and part time employees. Marion County is also known for the longevity of staff working for the OCDC centers, which impacts the economy by providing jobs throughout the year.

The celebrations will highlight services and programs OCDC provides for the children and families, teacher education and the garden to table project at the Silverton Center. In addition, the celebrations will bring together the community partners who have worked with or benefited from the programs, such as growers, public health, environmental services and the local school districts.

The celebrations are open to the public. The Woodburn center is located at 540 N. Settlemier St. Woodburn, OR 97071. The Silverton center is located at 707 McClaine St. Silverton, OR 97381. The programs will begin at 5:30 p.m.

This is OCDC’s six county to host and celebrate the organization’s 40th Anniversary. Celebrations will continue throughout the 12 counties it currently serves over the next four 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.