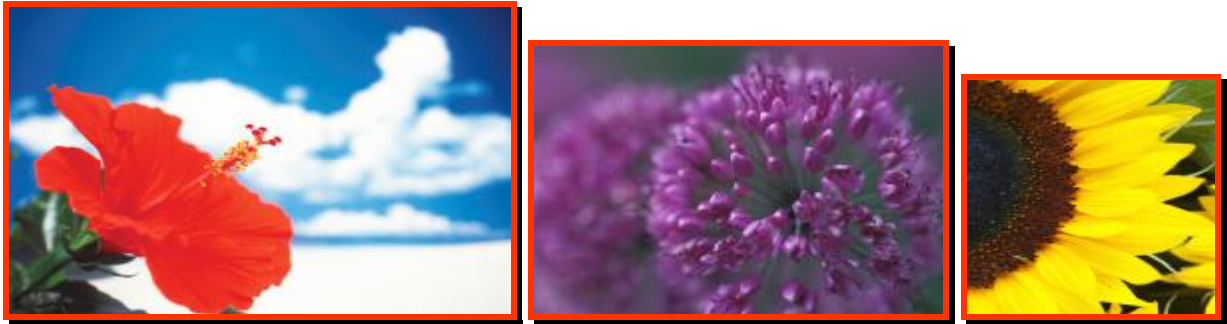


# ¿QUE PASA? Con el Executive Management Team



*Communication Update -June 2007 Oregon Child Development Coalition*

1. **Hello to Everyone!** Hope you're having a colorful season. This is a quick update on news and activities from the Executive Management Team- EMT.



## **From the desk of the Executive Director...**

2. **COLA 2007** – OCDC received authorization for 1.5% COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) for 2007. The funding available from this COLA will allow giving a higher percentage to the lower range classifications and the standard 1.5% to the higher salary ranges. This will assist in bringing these lower range jobs to a family living wage level.
3. **Statewide Children Wraparound Initiative-** Donalda will be serving on the “Statewide Children’s Wraparound Initiative, Cultural Competency sub-committee.” This initiative is by Governor Kulongoski’s executive order. The committee will probably complete its work by the end of the summer. The committee’s next meeting will be here at Central Office at the end of June.
4. **Early Childhood Team** – Donalda continues her work with the State Early Childhood Team; she was a presenter with the rest of the ECT on a statewide video conference that was directed at all county Early Childhood committees. The statewide plan addresses major areas of focus for early childhood.
5. **Pacific Northwest Farmworkers Summit** – Donalda and Jack DeWaard presented at the NW Tristate Farmworkers Summit on the benefit of Head Start as a partner in farmworker activities. Besides being part of the opening presentation, they presented two workshops on how Head Start could and is a complement to farmworker services. Donalda also had participated as a member of the planning committee for this event.
6. **Migrant Head Start Expansion 2007** – We applied last year for the MHS Expansion funds and we just received in May approval from OHS (Office of Head Start) to serve a total of 154 children. We will be preparing to serve 84 children this year collectively in Clackamas and Marion counties, and we will serve the rest when construction is completed.
7. **Resource Development** – We are recruiting for a Resource Development Director who will be able to follow up on the efforts we have started in this area. The Allen foundation grant allows the opportunity to begin this area of growth. We anticipate being able to do interviews for the position this month of June.

8. **Annual Reports 2006** – Please make sure to share the OCDC Annual reports that were presented at General Session with your staff and community. We are also working on a new brochure for the agency and those will be presented the end of June at the County Director meeting.



9. **OCDC Audit 2006** – The auditors from Moss-Adams have been working on the audit here at Central Office as of May 14 and up to mid June. We hope to have the results of the 2006 Audit report by Fall of 2007.
10. **Board of Directors info- Patricia Cuevas-** As in previous 'Que Pasa', members of the OCDC Board are presented... Patricia resides with her husband and 6 children in Malheur County. She has been on the Board of Directors for 10 years. Patricia started attending parent meetings at the center in Ontario, and had her children in the MHS program while she worked in the fields. Later in 1996 was elected as parent President and State Representative. In 1997 she then became Policy Council representative to the Board of Directors. She had the opportunity to represent the parents in several occasions at the national level at the National Migrant Head Start Conference. Patricia has also visited the congressional delegation in D.C. several times. Patricia is a strong advocate and fervent supporter of the children and families of OCDC.
11. **Meetings for Board of Directors and Policy Council in July** – The dates for the next Board of Directors meeting will be July 20-21, 2007 at Central office. The MHS Policy Council will also have their meeting on July 21-22, 2007. The Board and PC will have a short joint meeting to review agency reports and then they will continue each with their individual business meetings.
12. **OPK PRISM-** The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) Prism review was conducted on March 19 through March 23, 2007. In May we received letter from ODE that OCDC passed the Oregon Prekindergarten (OPK) PRISM with flying colors – reviewers offered congratulations on the successful work our agency has accomplished for the children and families.



13. **More Babies!** And talking about children, Lupita Balbuena, Data Clerk, has a new baby girl. Her name is Mayrin, and she is so cute and healthy and is already 3 ½ months old. Felicidades Lupita!

### Holly's Corner...

14. **PRESERVICE Online** – What began as a thought has become a reality. Innovative and creative, the CDA Coordinators and Specialist team have laid the foundation for the new Preservice Online. It is designed to provide support to local County Management teams involved in providing one-on-one trainings after the initial County Preservice has been offered for new/returning employees. This new approach will enable the County Management teams to continue with the operation of the county while strengthening the direct services to children and families. Recognized as 'best practice' during the OPK review this year.



15. **CRADLE PROJECT 2007**– The Academy for Educational Development (AED) has asked OCDC to host the National Cradle Project Cluster in June 2007 - 5 grantees (25 people) including Dr. Susan Burns and Bob Stechuk from D.C. will be facilitating the session. They have asked OCDC to use our Early Reading First

Video for a presentation- the outcome of the CRADLE (Culturally Responsive and Aware Dual Language Education) project is to enhance the curriculum of dual language in the infant/toddler period.

16. **PRISM 2007 Regional Training** – The PRISM trainings 2007 are being delivered to all counties as of April 24<sup>th</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup>. The county trainings have been focused on preparing employees and parents at the local level for the 2007 PRISM (Program Review Instrument for Systems Monitoring of Head Start and Early Head Start Grantees).
17. **2007 Federal Review** – Work over the next few months is concentrated on preparing for the peak season with hiring and planning; Holly and her team have been working on the pre-site material request that will be sent out this month; and all of us are in final preparations for the anticipated Federal Review this summer. The team of Federal Reviewers from the Office of Head Start will be here August 6-10, 2007.
18. **National Head Start Institute for Hispanics** – The 2007 National Head Start Hispanic Institute took place in San Antonio, Texas. Presentations were made by OCDC staff: “An Integrated Approach to Recruitment and Partnership Building” presented by Maria Mottaghian, Daniel Cilenti, Elizabeth Rodriguez and Antonio Arroyo Rojas. The workshop was presented twice and participants had very positive comments about the information and presenters; “Lost in Translation” presented by Tadeo Saenz, Martha Molitor and Sharon Yandian, and participants had very good reviews of the presentation and on the presenters’ expertise. The two workshops were a great success.



19. **Wedding Bells**– Besides stepping into her new position of Education Specialist, Clarissa Martinez recently got married. She had a lovely and fun wedding in Portland, Texas, her hometown. Clairssa and her husband James spent their honeymoon in Turks and Caicos Islands in the Caribbean... just around the corner. Congratulations Clarissa!
20. **OCDC Accomplishments in 2006** – We will be sending out soon the list of OCDC Accomplishments for the year 2006. The EMT wants to acknowledge all the work that has been achieved during the last year by all of us!

Thank you,

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