



OREGON
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“Cultivating Our Children’s Future”

OCDC 2006 Accomplishments

1. **1% MIGRANT HEAD START BUDGET REDUCTION** – In March of 2006 there was a budget cut in the base funding level of all Head Start grantees. Budget changes were made to the OCDC MHS budget in different areas, and we were pleased to make the necessary reductions without impacting services to children or to personnel.
2. **HEALTH BENEFITS** – In 2006 we maintained health insurance at last year 2005 costs by doing sustainability payment.
3. **MIGRANT HEAD START EXPANSION** – OCDC applied for the Migrant Head Start expansion funds and we received from the Office of Head Start (OHS) approval for 154 children. Expansion would be into Clackamas County and additional children for Marion County in Woodburn.
4. **AUDIT 2005** – In August of 2006 the auditors of Moss-Adams, LLP reported on the audit performed for the year 2005. The OCDC Audit report for 2005 resulted with no findings.
5. **RECRUITED AND SEATED THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS** – OCDC Board of Directors seated 3 new board members in 2006: Robert Coen, Business Owner and CEO of BCI Group in Portland, Oregon; Margarita Castaño community member with a history of having received Head Start services and was a previous Policy Council member from Klamath County; and Heather Shepherd, previous OPK Policy Council member from Marion County. The Board composition is of 12 members, we now have 11 members of the 12 positions filled. We are recruiting for one more person and we will have a full Board of Directors.

6. **MSHS PC CHAIR ELECTED AT NMSHS ASSOCIATION** – The OCDC Migrant and Seasonal Policy Council Chairperson, Bernarda Alatorre, was selected to serve on the National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Parent Affiliate Board in Washington D.C.

7. **POLICY COUNCIL TRAININGS** – The following are some of the Policy Council trainings that were provided to both Migrant Head Start and Oregon Prekindergarten Policy Councils among other trainings in 2006:
 - Program Governance and Share Decision Making
 - Early Reading First Training and Literacy Bags
 - Leadership and Relationship Building Training
 - “Cara Corazón” Training
 - Community Assessment Training
 - Fatherhood Initiative

8. **SUCCESSFUL FATHERING** - Expanding upon opportunities for literacy trainings for parents, CDA Coordinators who received the *Train the Trainer Father Involvement training* in Texas last May 2006, implemented and delivered a series of ten trainings for parents in Washington County’s Oregon Pre-Kindergarten program. The trainings received a welcomed review by parents and have spurred opportunities for them to also become prepared to be trainers for the Father Involvement Training.

9. **RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** – Began activation of the Resource Development plan and the OCDC tagline was developed **“Cultivating our Children’s Future”**. We identified four major areas of OCDC contribution - the 4 P’s:
 - Prepare** children for school
 - Promote** economic opportunities for families and communities
 - Partner** and collaborate with service providers and key stakeholders
 - Practice** inclusiveness

10. **2006 COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT (CA)** – The CA was noted by National Head Start trainers and Head Start community leaders as a model in community assessment. There continues to be requests to receive copies for use in trainings and for use of information.

11. **EXTENSION WEEKS OF SERVICE** – In 2006 OCDC was able to increase weeks of service for children in those counties where requested: Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Umatilla and Washington counties.
12. **SAMOA** - (Service Area Monitoring and Ongoing Assessment) – This data tool continues to be recognized at the national level as a '**best practice**' and state of the art tool for program monitoring. Requests for information about the tool and for training on how to use this tool continue to be received.
13. **FACILITY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY** – The new OCDC Migrant Head Start facility in Madras, Oregon opened on October 26, 2006. The open house was a great success! Many community partners and community members attended. There were people coming and going throughout the total time and expressed very positive comments about the facility and were supportive of OCDC activities.
14. **WASHINGTON COUNTY EVEN START/ OCDC PROGRAM** – In 2006 the Oregon Department of Education awarded \$250,000 for the Washington County Even Start Project for 2006-2007 year. The Washington County Even Start Collaborative has successfully brought resources together and it has built on many years of community relationship and collaboration to create a solid family literacy presence in Washington County. The Collaborative delivers a model of integrated family literacy services that promotes parenting education.
15. **CRADLE** – In 2006 grant was awarded for the “Culturally Responsive and Aware Dual Language Education Project”, *CRADLE*. OCDC sent a team from Multnomah County to Washington, D.C. to participate in this nine month project. The training focused on exploring the unique ways in which infants and toddlers learn and how dual language is acquired during the infancy/toddler period. The team brought OCDC’s program philosophy into this learning and developed action plans that include parent involvement, staff development and community activities.
16. **SPARC PROJECT**– In September 2006, Jackson, Klamath and Malheur Counties along with one of OCDC’s Region X partners received a grant from the National Family Literacy Center to participate in “Strong Partnerships and Resource and Communities”, *SPARC*

Literacy project. Each of these county teams sent leadership representatives to participate in trainings geared toward learning research-based strategies for the support of family literacy as well as promoting individual and program-level growth. The goal for the project is to become a recognized leader Head Start program in all aspect of family literacy.

17. **SEASONAL PROGRAM MODEL** – In 2006 OCDC implemented a revised recruitment practice to better assure that children of migrant families are served first and then serve children of seasonal families if space permitted. Results were greater than expected; more migrant children were served in the long term seasonal program. Seasonal slots were utilized by migrant families to a greater degree than ever before.
18. **2006 SELF ASSESSMENTS** – Statewide results were excellent. There were no failed assessments and Counties had many best practices. OCDC instituted an Appreciative Inquiry- *Ai* approach to self assessments by having counties identify strengths vs. weaknesses. The approach is one we are using daily in relation to county building.
19. **PROGRAM FLAT LINING** – OCDC implemented program flat lining in three counties in 2006: Multnomah, Marion and Malheur. The programs were lined up so that they ran back to back not concurrently. The counties elected to run the long term program- then the short term -and then the long term program. It assured long term employment for the staff, made the program planning and program operations and execution much easier. This was a great success.
20. **TWO MILE RADIUS MODEL** – OCDC implemented a 2 mile radius for child transportation at each county to encourage parents to transport their children if they were close to the center. Results were better than expected with children being transported and ADA and enrollment not being affected.
21. **FULL ENROLLMENT FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEARS** – OCDC met full enrollment and over enrolled *for the 4th year* in all programs: Migrant, Seasonal and Oregon Prekindergarten.

22. **2006 TEACHERS CONFERENCE** – The OCDC 2006 Teachers Conference was a great success - Jennifer Olsen from Oregon Department of Education was the Keynote Speaker and we had over 250 teachers statewide in attendance from November 15-17th at The Embassy Suites Hotel. The theme was *Celebrating our Culture- Telling our Stories*.