



Community IN ACTION

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Jerralynn is on vacation so I am filling in for her column.

It's hard to believe that we have just completed another program year and are already days into the 2007 – 2008 program year! My . . . how time flies! I myself always enjoy this time of year. We look back at all the “good” we have done for the community and look forward to how we can improve on our services in the coming year.

Looking Back: We had a good year with some fairly significant changes.

- ❖ As an Agency we served approximately 30,000 children, women & men.
- ❖ We closed the Energy & Emergency Rent office in King City and opened a new office in Beaverton.
- ❖ Over 14,000 individuals contacted 211Info for resource information.
- ❖ The Fiscal, Facilities and IT staff moved out of the Main Office and moved into an office in Forest Grove.
- ❖ We added the Energy Educator component to the Weatherization Program.
- ❖ Jerralynn took a well deserved Sabbatical after working for the agency for over 30 years!
- ❖ Head Start served 983 children in the Full Day Pre-K, Part Day Pre-K and Early Head Start.
- ❖ Marilyn Harrison resigned as Director of Child Development – she had been with the agency for 24 years! Farzana Siddiqui was promoted to the Director position!

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- ❖ The Washington County Safety Levy passed which was significant for the Housing & Homeless Services Network and the families served.
- ❖ Leslea Smith, Regional Director of Legal Aid Services of Oregon, ended her two year term as our Board Chair.
- ❖ Child Care Resource & Referral provided 1,970 parents with child care referrals and provided training for 3,775 child care providers.

Looking Ahead:

- ❖ Head Start received State expansion dollars which will allow us to serve an additional 162 children.
- ❖ Energy & Emergency Rent will receive an increase in funding to assist more families with their energy bills.
- ❖ Kevin Aguirre, Washington County Department of Human Services District
- ❖ Manager, will begin his two year term as our Board Chair.
- ❖ Weatherization will be adding 3 auditors to their staff to increase the number of families that receive help keeping their homes safe, warm and dry.
- ❖ We have developed a Strategic Plan that will guide the work we do for the next three years.
- ❖ Each program will continue to improve program services to best meet the needs of the community we serve.

Thank you for your hard work and continued dedication! Have a great year!

Renée Bruce

NEWS OF NOTE



Latest update on Judy Nagy is that she is recovering at home and staying in touch with us. She says she is feeling better everyday.

COMINGS & GOINGS

Welcome to the following:

Wallace (Skip) Booth – Facilities Maintenance Specialist
April Barratt – Teacher III
Shauna Hanson – Health Services Coord.

Goodbye to :

Janice Amburgey, Ashley Lindberg, Julia Hernandez & Erin Pearce



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Safety Meeting July 09
Building Meeting July 17

August 2007
BIRTHDAYS



Kristin Ludwig	1
Karla Castillo	2
Dawn Galli	4
Cindy Johncola	4
Karen Murray	5
Patricia Taylor	5
Mindy Kobata	7
Anthony Christy	9
Dora Dominguez	14
Wendy Polanco	16
Kathryn Gressett	17
Sandra Lazo-Lopez	20
Melissa Hills	22
Genie Guisinger	25
Rafael Alcaraz	28
Joyce Suchoski	29

July & Aug. 2007
ANNIVERSARIES



	Years
(July) For those missed last month:	
Jenine Macon	7
Debbie Burrows	6
Mary Jones	4
Michael Connor	4
Barb Dame	3
Kim Foesch	1
Selena Somarriba	1
(August)	
Margarett Blaylock	17
Debra Griffin	13
Dolores McNea	13
Jimi Smith	10
Cilicia Burrell	8
Kristen Long	8
Dolores Rodriguez	7
Leticia Flores	6

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Topics –

August is:
Golf Month
American Artist Appreciation Month

- Aug. 4 Coast Guard Day
- Aug 7 America's Night Out Against Crime
www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/
- Aug 14 Marshmallow Toasting Day
- Aug 21 Statehood Day – Hawaii
- Aug 30 National Toasted Marshmallow Day



Tips

For the gardeners among us, here's a recipe worth having:

A safe, environmentally friendly insecticide-fungicide can be made from
5 Tablespoons of any vegetable oil
1 TBS. of baking soda
4 TBS. of liquid dish soap mixed in 1 gallon of water
and sprayed on the plant. Remove noxious weeds to lessen nutrient competition to your crop.



Cherry Barbecue Sauce

- 1/3 cup orange juice
- 1 tsp. cornstarch
- 2 1/2 Tbs. vegetable oil
- 1 medium shallot, finely chopped
- 2/3 cup cherry preserves
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1/8 tsp. ground coriander

Whisk together juice and cornstarch in bowl. 1/2 Tbs. oil in saucepan over medium-low heat. Add shallot and sauté 3 to 5 minutes, or until softened. Stir in preserves, ketchup, vinegar, cayenne, coriander and orange juice mixture, and bring to a boil. Simmer 10 to 12 minutes, or until sauce is glossy, stirring frequently. Season to taste with salt and pepper.



WHAT'S DEVELOPING?

This summer, Resource Development is busy. We are preparing for fall activities, including our annual breakfast in November. Continually, we seek opportunities to update and implement "best practices" for responding to community members, organizations, and businesses who wish to donate to our organization either through monetary or in-kind gifts, or volunteer time. To see how much community support we enjoy, visit the Support Us page on our website and click on the "see a list of our donors" link.

If you know someone who is interested in making a donation to Community Action, who may not know how to facilitate the gift or options for giving to our organization, please feel free to refer them to our Development Team (Mary, Scott, and Leanna).



CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Nothing to report this month.

LOOKIN' FER WORK IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES

Job Openings may be viewed at:
Common/Agency Info/HR Resources/Job Postings

*NOTE: Please check this address weekly for current information and details. We have many jobs in development that will be posted before the next publication and we will take applications as each job is posted.



CHECKS & BALANCES

Fiscal – CAO Helpdesk Central

To access this site, please go to the Website listed:
<http://helpdesk.caowash.org/>

At this website you can:

1. IS Helpdesk – Place a Ticket where there are Computer related problems you are experiencing with either Software or Hardware.
2. Vendor Info – You can look up a Vendor to see if it is an approved vendor within the agency and if they accept Purchase Orders.
3. Facilities Helpdesk - Place a Ticket where there are Maintenance issues or repairs needed.
4. Wiki/Fiscal Helpdesk - Place a Ticket where there are Accounting questions, issues or reports needed. Fiscal staff will be happy to help you get started in using this tool. Login for this site is your network username and password.

Please check this site out and give them a try.

Petty Cash

Petty Cash has a new facilitator! The procedures have stayed the same, but please direct all requests and/or inquiries to Winnie.



HR - Ask Winnie



Sorry nothing to report this month.

July Events:

Tour de France
Cell Phone Courtesy Month
National Hot Dog Month
Anti-Boredom Month
National Culinary Arts Month
National Picnic Month

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	Years
Chris Kuran	5
Maria Villalobos	5
Ann Hering	5
Patricia Gamboa	4
Kathryn Gressett	4
Bridget Daniel	4
Samantha Dietzman	2
Angelica Molina-Alvarez	1
Laura Linda Negri-Pool	1
Beverly Sampson	1
Kelsie Dilley	1
Ana Alvarez	1

FAMILY & COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Electricity

90 percent of total electricity used by a standard incandescent lightbulb is wasted as heat.

By replacing one incandescent lightbulb with a compact fluorescent bulb 1000 pounds of carbon dioxide is not emitted into the atmosphere over the bulb's lifetime.

3 = the number of hours a television can be powered with the energy saved from a recycled aluminum can.

3 = the cubic yards of landfill space saved by one ton of recycled paper.

3 = the number of months worth of thrown-away aluminum that could be recycled to replace the entire U.S. commercial air fleet.

Lighting

Turn off lights when you are not using them. One 100-watt bulb left on all night costs about \$25 over twelve months.

Switch from incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent lamps.

With an incandescent bulb 90% of the energy used is wasted as heat-only 10% is converted to light. CFLs use about a fourth as much electricity and last ten times longer than incandescent bulbs, which can be especially useful in hard-to-reach fixtures, where you won't have to replace CFLs for about 5 years.

The EPA estimates that a typical household would save \$80 each year by switching to CFLs throughout the house.

Put compact fluorescent bulbs in hard-to-reach fixtures. You won't have to replace them for about 5 years! Replace halogen torchieres with energy star labeled compact fluorescent torchieres.

Keep bulbs clean. Dust can cut light output by as much as 25%.

Check sales. Especially during National Energy Month in October. Stores often have sale prices on fluorescent bulbs.