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Marilyn Partners List

Diane I attempted to edit and add to the partners list Colleen had emailed. The document has major formatting problems and you will probably find it easiest to start over. At any rate I hope my edits are helpful. I don't feel like I have captured 'everything'. I will also email you a portion of our grant application where we outline agencies we work with.
Marilyn

CAO 1998-1999 PARTNERS

CAO collaborates with **Lutheran Family Services, Domestic Violence Resource Center** and **Tualatin Valley Center** to operate “**Hope Spring**”, a comprehensive transitional housing and support services program for low income women and children.

CAO contract with **Oregon Food Bank Tualatin Valley Center** using FEMA funds to provide emergency food with emphasis on farmworker population.

CAO provides food box clearing house services for West County and South County food box programs, specifically **St. Vincent de Paul at St. Anthony’s Church in Forest Grove and Tigard.**

With the **Sheltering Homeless Coalition**, comprised of Beaverton Area Churches, CAO provides screening, selection and case management services to families residing in three transitional houses operating by the coalition.

CAO’s South County satellite office, Neighborshare, collaborates with the **Tualatin Valley Christian Ministries** coalition of churches to provide services and operate the Neighborshare Emergency Fund.

CAO operates a county-wide I&R services in conjunction with a wide variety of social service providers and public agencies. CAO is currently working with the **Employment Division, Adult and Family Services, Portland Community College, Vocational Rehabilitation Division, County Department of Housing Services and the County Corrections Department** to provide I&R services to people using the County’s employment and job training programs. CAO has received funding from **Washington County Office of Community Development** to update and enhance the county-wide I&R system with the assistance of the **Western Washington County Healthy Communities.**

CAO coordinates with the **Department of Housing Services, Interfaith Outreach Services** and the **Domestic Violence Resource Center** to operate in Low Income Rental Housing Funds (LIRHIF).

The **Hillsboro Sunrise Rotary Club** annually sponsors a golf tournament to raise funds for CAO’s shelter home

CAO provides space in our Neighborshare Office to **Community Partners for Affordable Housing**, a south county CDC.

In collaboration with **The Gaston School District**, CAO operates a child development center and Head Start program in a **facility** owned by the school district. The center provides the community’s only child care center, ~~and serves as as well as a operate as~~ a “lab” where High school students enrolled in a family life class observe and work with children.

Beaverton School District provides classrooms in ~~seven~~ **five** elementary schools, **Tigard School District** provides ~~four~~ **three** classrooms, and **Hillsboro School District** provides

Six classrooms in three schools ~~one~~ classroom for use by the CAO Head Start program.

~~Westview High School provides CAO with 2 Head Start classrooms, which also operate as the "lab" where high school students enrolled in a family life class observe and work with children. The also built a playground for us.~~

In collaboration with **West County Churches**, CAO operates the **Westco Emergency Fund**, which acts as clearinghouse for requests for emergency assistance in western and southern Washington County

CAO participates in the **housing advocacy Group (HAG)**, a coalition made up of housing providers from Washington County.

CAO collaborates with **Washington County Office of Community Development, Oregon Legal Services**, and **Metro-area Fair Housing Network** to provide fair housing services and bilingual tenant hotline.

Intel has named CAO a Strategic Partner, providing funds for computers as well as technical assistance. Each year, Intel volunteers collaborate with CAO to do a one-day weatherization blitz for area seniors and disabled individuals. In addition, helped to raise funds through raffles and sponsorship of CAO fundraising events.

CAO provides technical assistance to local CDC's **Tualatin Valley Housing Partners, Housing Development Corporation**, and **Community Partners for Affordable Housing**.

Washington County Education Service District (ESD) Early Intervention Program provides services to disabled preschoolers enrolled in Head Start, thus increasing our core capacity to serve children with disabilities. CAO provides space in Hillsboro and HS centers to the ESD. ESD has also made their meetings room available to CAO for all-staff events.

CAO collaborates with the **Oregon Services for Families and Children** to place foster children in Head Start classes.

NW Medical Teams and **Adventist Medical Center** locate their mobile vans in CAO's multi-service center parking several times each ~~for four weeks~~ a month and provides acute care to people without medical insurance.

~~CAO kitchen and classrooms space that would otherwise stand empty during the summer months are used by **Migrant Head Start** for their programs.~~

The Forest Grove New Times provides layout assistance for CAO's farmworker information cards and a CAO staff person assists in putting together the News-Times

monthly Spanish-language paper.

In collaboration with the Hillsboro School district, CAO employs a homeless education liaison who assists homeless children and their families achieve success in school.

CAO provides office space to **Cascade AIDS Project**, and **PCC Family Literacy Programs**. CAO also makes its conference rooms available to other organizations and community groups for meetings and events.

CAO parks its buses at lots provided by **Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue** and **Washington County**.

Beaverton, Tigard, Hillsboro, Sherwood and Gaston School districts provide transportation for Special Needs Head Start children.

~~United Methodist Churches in Cornelius and Sherwood lease space for Head Start centers.~~

City of Beaverton provides space for "Play it Again," as well as funds for Fair housing, Transitional Housing, I&R, childcare and The Learning Circle.

City of Beaverton, Hillsboro, Tigard, Sherwood and Cornelius and Washington county provides funds for Basic Needs and I&R.

~~ARC of Washington County leases space for office space.~~

CAO collaborates with **Care to Share**, local **Senior Centers**, **PCC's New Directions**, **The Beaverton Office of Disability Services** and the **Beaverton Family Resource Center** to provide energy assistance.

CAO collaborates with **Interfaith outreach Services**, **Domestic Violence Resource Center** and **Open Door Counseling** to provide sheltering services.

Foster Grandparents are placed in Head Start centers.

Beaverton and Hillsboro Kiwanis supports ~~Beaverton~~ Head Start with volunteers and funds.

Washington county Association for the Education of Young Children (WCAEYC) is a major resource for Head Start staff development. CAO prints the WCAEYC newsletter. And the group holds meetings and training events at the CAO building. ~~CAO also collaborates with them to hold forum on transitioning children into Kindergarten.~~

~~Even Start (PCC) provides literacy and basic education opportunities for Head Start Parents.~~

~~CAO provides opportunities for Community Corrections interns to do parenting education, counseling and support.~~

Jesuit Volunteers are annually placed in CAO programs.

Four Seasons Bowling and **Skateworld** provide free passes for children staying at the CAO Shelters Homes.

Pacific University's Humanitarian Center and CAO are collaborating to develop a student volunteer program.

CAO is a member of the **Coalition for a Livable Future**, a consortium of 40 area non-profit Organizations working on livability and social justice issues in the context of the Portland area regional growth plan.

CAO is active in the **Fair and Clean Coalition**, an energy consumers advocacy group made up of utilities, social service organization and other activists.

CAO collaborates with the **Community Development Block Grant** in home repair and rehabilitation of housing units occupied by low-income families.

CAO staff serves on the Loan Review Board of the **Washington County Office of Community Development**.

Forest Grove and Banks School Districts provide space for A Kid's Domain before and after school child care program in three schools at no charge.

The City of Forest Grove provides a community enhancement grant for scholarship Funds for a Kid's Domain Child Care program.

CAO is the Washington County partner and site for **Metro Child Care Resource and Referral**.

ADDED ITEMS BELOW

Northwest Regional Education Labs, Community Action Head Start and Tualatin Valley Centers are collaborating on Project SUCCEED, a three year research project to develop and evaluate a comprehensive curriculum assisting parents, teachers, and mental health professionals to work with children with challenging behaviors.

[I don't know the exact name of the group] The group planning a free weekly medical clinic includes the Head Start Health coordinator.

The Head Start Health Advisory Committee brings together people from the Health Department, private clinics, and the Virginia Garcia clinic to address health concerns of low income children.

Head Start Staff serve on the Washington County Corrections committee addressing Women's Issues in the corrections system.

Community Action Head Start, Tualatin Valley Centers, and Northwest Regional ESD are collaborating

to develop a Head Start program for preschoolers with serious emotional and behavioral problems. When completed, The Tualatin Valley Center in Tigard will house this program.

Hillsboro Soroptimists annually host a play and donate the proceeds to Head Start.

Oregon Child Development Coalition collaborates with Community Action Head Start to develop a shared enrollment system that links low income families with the appropriate Head Start program. The two programs also collaborate for training, facilities, buses, staff, and nursing services.

Linfield school of Nursing places student nurses with Community Action Head Start.

Pacific University places students in Head Start.

Portland State University speech pathology students assist with screening Head Start children.

Oregon Health and Sciences University provides teams of interns to screen Head Start children.

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Here is the other document I mentioned that might include some partnerships I did not mention on the other list.

Marilyn

Diane, here is the grant section on Head Start's collaborations. I am not sure Jerralynn would want all of these since they were written for the purpose of getting an Early Head Start Grant.

5. Third party agreements/Collaborations

a. Providers, agencies and organizations we collaborate with.

CAO Head Start is fortunate to have existing interagency agreements with several agencies that will form the basis for collaboration in the Early Head Start program. These agreements are included in appendix B and described below:

- Department of Human Resources, Adult and Family Services (TANF funds), which currently describes how child care funds will be paid to CAO and CAO will distribute those funds to the providers of child care for children enrolled in full-day, full-year Head Start for 3-5 year olds. The agreement will be modified to reflect payments to our program when we are the direct provider of the services. Currently there is a consortium in the Portland Metropolitan area that is working together to outline a common format for AFS contracts.
 - Northwest Regional Education Service District (Early Intervention). As described in Section C of this application, our existing agreement relates to our programs for 3-5 year old children, but the ESD serves children birth to five. We have a strong letter of commitment from the ESD in support of the Early Head Start program and indicating they will work with us to serve children with disabilities in Early Head Start.
 - Tualatin Valley Centers (Mental Health consultation). Our current agreement covers mental health consultation into our 3-5 year old program. In its letter of support the agency commits to increasing and modifying its agreement with us to accommodate Early Head Start. In addition, we are working with this agency to plan an inclusive preschool classroom in a new building they are constructing. This new project will combine Head Start and mental health staff to support children with serious mental health issues at a young age.
 - Deborah Welte (Nurse Practitioner). Deborah is skilled and experienced in working with infants and toddlers through the Migrant Head Start program and is fully prepared to work with us in Early Head Start.
 - The Foster Grandparent Program. We have a long-standing collaboration with the Foster Grandparent program, which currently provides 6 foster grandparents to work in Head Start classrooms. We work together to provide training and support to the grandparents and have placed workers in several different program models. Several of our foster grandparents have worked in the summer with the infants and toddlers in the Migrant Head Start program; we believe it will be easy to recruit grandparents to work with our youngest children.
- b. Collaborative relationships to be developed will maximize resources in four major areas: enhancing child care through association with Head Start, assistance with the cost of staffing the child care program, transportation, and social services for pregnant mothers.
- When the time comes to expand the Early Head Start program we will be intending to contract with local centers and family child care providers for the child care component of any additional children we serve beyond the original 40. Since we already contract for full-day child care for 3-5 year olds in some areas, we have created staff training programs that enroll a cross-section of people working in Early Childhood Care and Education. The Metro Child Care Resource & Referral program has built a strong network of family child care providers and centers who rely on CCRR to offer the training they are required to have to maintain licensing or certification. CCRR produce a newsletter that goes

to all providers in the county and is relied upon to inform providers of training opportunities. CCRR has joined with Head Start to produce a very popular and effective CDA training program that includes Head Start classroom staff, contracted Head Start child care providers, and community child care providers who work with infants and toddlers through school age children. CCRR offers "Super Saturdays," which include required training topics such as first aid, child abuse reporting, CPR, curriculum, and meal planning for USDA. Early Head Start staff will join with other early childhood staff from the community for much of the training they will need to provide quality infant and toddler care.

- Assistance with the cost of staffing the child care program will come from Adult and Family Services, the local agency responsible for administering TANF funds. We will continue to refine the contract and build the relationship in expectation of receiving a greater amount of TANF funds in the future.
- We are also working as a program on developing a means of billing the Oregon Department of Education for transportation services we provide for young children who have disabilities, are enrolled in Head Start, receive their Early Childhood Special Education Services at Head Start, and are transported by Head Start. This will help offset the cost of fuel and bus maintenance or staffing.
- The Opening Doors program is designed to reach out into the community and locate low-income pregnant women. Opening Doors staff have an established history of successfully locating such women and linking them with needed prenatal and postnatal services. Rather than duplicating this work, Early Head Start will build upon it by inviting Opening Doors staff to co-enroll pregnant mothers in Head Start. We will work closely with their staff to transition the mothers and their infants to Head Start in preparation for her return to the workplace. This will result in a continuous set of services for the mother and her child, and makes the most of the resources in the community.

c. Other linkages with community resources

There are many linkages that already exist for Head Start but will be enhanced or modified to work with Early Head Start. Examples are:

For health services, we will maintain our strong Health Advisory Committee which has local doctors and dentists, representatives from the Health Department, WIC, the Virginia Garcia clinic, and our contracted Nurse Practitioner.

- The Virginia Garcia clinic offers blocks of appointments for medical exams or dental exams when it is time for screenings.
- Several doctors and dentists in Washington County have experience working with our Health Coordinator to offer reduced rates to families we refer.
- The Health Coordinator will continue on local advocacy groups for reducing smoking, diabetes education and advocacy, and dental access.
- We will continue our good relationship with the nearby Health Department. Staff there set up free immunization days, work closely with our staff to get immunizations up to date for all children in Head Start, and respond very helpfully when we confront communicable disease.
- The local WIC staff will work with us on how to ensure that all eligible Head Start mothers and their children are receiving WIC services.

For mental health services, we will continue our partnership with Tualatin Valley Centers, which provides our mental health consultation.

- Add Early Head Start hours to the contract for consultation.
- Continue work already begun on development of a program for preschoolers with serious emotional and behavioral disorders. Tualatin Valley Centers is constructing a new building and one classroom is being designed to accommodate a Head Start classroom that would include both typical Head Start children and children referred because of their mental health needs. Staffing for the project would be collaborative, with Mental Health staff accessing Medicaid resources to cover their costs.

- Refer Spanish-Speaking families who desire mental health services to the new Community Outreach worker from Tualatin Valley Centers.
- Strengthen our ability to address substance abuse and domestic violence issues through staff in-service training provided by Tualatin Valley Centers.

For homeless children, we will continue our partnership with the two family shelters and the domestic violence shelter in Washington County:

- Currently, 3-5 year old children residing at any of these centers are picked up, along with Jesuit or other adult volunteer, and brought to a nearby Head Start center to enjoy preschool experiences while they reside in the Shelter.
- If the family settles in the County, prioritize the child for enrollment into a regular Head Start or Early Head Start slot.
- We will meet with staffs to discuss how we can work together around the needs of Infants and Toddlers.

For child welfare and foster care, we will continue to develop our working relationship with the State Office of Services to Children and Families, the local child protection agency.

- Continue to invite their staff to deliver training to our staff in identification and reporting of child abuse.
- Continue to contact case workers of children in foster care to establish cooperative communication upon enrollment, and to receive guidance on how they want the program to work with the foster parent.
- Continue to work with local law enforcement agency to provide staff training on safe home visit practices, identifying and dealing with substance abuse, and other topics of interest to staff.
- Assign extra points to the applications of children in foster care or referred by SOSCF.

For County and State-level planning around services for families with young children,

- Head Start Manager serves on State committee for the professional development registry.
- CAO Child and Family Manager serves on county and state child care planning groups (“essential elements” of quality child care).
- Head Start Education Coordinator serves on County chapter of NAEYC.
- Continue involvement of Disabilities Services Coordinator on local Early Intervention Advisory Council.

To build positive relationships with local early childhood education programs,

- Continue to collaborate with the Child Care Resource and Referral program to offer CDA classes to all who work in Early Childhood Care and Education.
- Continue to open Head Start training to local ECE staff.
- Send Head Start staff to training offered by Early Intervention for ECE teachers.
- Continue to work in partnership with libraries in support of family literacy.
- Contract with local ECE programs to provide full-day, full-year child care and education for Head Start children; when children are placed, work as a partner with the provider to assess the environment and the child’s needs and provide materials needed to help the child meet goals set on the Child’s Individual Education Plan.

To enhance quality of our services, expand knowledge, and extend additional opportunities to Head Start families, cultivate relationships with local colleges and universities:

- Nursing students from Linfield College, Oregon Health Sciences University, and develop health goals and track health indicators with staff and parents.
- Portland State University students conduct projects and volunteer in classrooms as part of their studies in Child and Family Studies, Psychology, and Social Work.
- Offer use of the CAO building to house courses taught by Portland Community

College and Portland State University (in 1999-2000, four courses were taught at Community Action and 26 Head Start staff were involved).

- Interns from local nursing and medical schools are invited to assist with child screenings in Head Start.
- Pacific University Optometry students advise on vision screening and families are referred to the clinic for services.