

In partnership with the community, Community Action assists low-income people to achieve self-determination.

1. **Nurturing Habits of Heart and Mind : Opal School Summer Symposium 2010**

Terri Smith, BCDC Toddler Teacher, attended the 2010 Opal School Summer Symposium, where the teachers at Opal School shared their insight and wisdom about how children learn through inquiry, investigation, and a sense of wonder. The teachers shared their strategies for fostering a sense of community and children's lifelong love of learning. They revealed that children have hopes and dreams and are eager to learn. Terri had the following comments:

"I learned that children believe everything is possible, interesting, and worth pursuing.

There was a sense of new ideas and enthusiasm to bring back to our classrooms, and I was reminded of an important component of teaching, which is to bring my heart into my teaching by respecting children's wonder and awe, meeting them where they are, and listening to them with empathy.

We visited how important it is for teachers to communicate with each other, debrief and search for strategies to support the children in their learning process. To reflect on what my image of a child is, what I can learn from them, and how collaboration with co- teachers can help me grow as a teacher. When we respect each other's ideas and teaching styles it enhances the spirit of community in the classroom."

2. Way to go, Elizabeth McLeod and Josefina Moran! Both ladies graduated on June 11<sup>th</sup> from PCC with Associate Degrees in Early Education and Family Studies!

3. Beaverton CDC had a project on collaboration at last Friday's center meeting. Each team had to build the tallest tower possible using items in paper bags. The groups could have collaborated, but were more competitive than that. The winner was almost 6 feet tall!



4. **Jamberry Breakfast:** Coffee Creek's Early Head Start center celebrated the men in our children's lives with our annual "Jamberry Breakfast." Michelle, our orderly, prepared our favorite and very yummy whole wheat banana pancakes, fresh strawberries and milk. Besides being entertained by the children, moms and teachers danced to the music of Professor Banjo, Paul Silveria. The Wilsonville librarians who visit us twice a month brought the Professor to play his fun music for us. A great time was had by all!

