



Head Start Bulletin

May 17, 2010

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1. Today is the last day to vote for the OHSA State Representative candidate. The two candidates' statements are below. Please send your vote to Gail Boyle at gboyle@caowash.org

Erica Tafoya

My name is Erica Tafoya, Head Start Program Assistant. I have been working with this organization for almost 4 years. I started as a substitute teacher back in 2006 then a couple of months later a FS/Teacher position became available and I took that position, two years later I applied for the current position I am holding. My responsibilities as a Program Assistant are conducting Hearing and Speech and Language screenings to our Head Start children throughout the year, support the Content Area Coordinators, and assist the Policy Council and Executive Committee meetings.

During the last two years I have had the opportunity to attend two of the Oregon Head Start Association meetings with the State Representatives, the Family Service Coordinator and our Staff Representative. It was nice to meet parents from other HS programs, and learned about their stories in how Head Start has changed their lives. I learned and brought back very helpful tools from the workshops offered there, that have helped me to be more successful in my job and my personal life. I really enjoyed the experience and now I want to take the opportunity to say that I am interested in representing our Head Start Program at the Oregon Head Start Association (OHSA) meetings for the next school year 2010-2011. This would be a great opportunity for me to develop professional skills, leadership skills, and the most important to become a better advocate for you and our program.

I am very pleased to be working with all of you, and to have the opportunity to work with our HS parents at the Policy Council and Executive Committee meetings. Thank you for considering my nomination. Sincerely, Erica Tafoya

Tiffany Powers

Upon completion at Bob Jones University in December of 2008, I received my BS in Early Childhood Education. The following January I began working at Community Action as a Lead Teacher at the Metzger Center in the Part Day Program. During the summer I worked for Oregon Child Development Coalition at their Cornelius site as a Teacher in their Migrant Head Start program. Both experiences have allowed me to observe how differently each organization interprets the standards and guidelines received from the federal and state governments. In talking with my supervisor regarding the State Representative position and reading through OHSA (Oregon Head Start Association) bylaws and strategic directions, I am very interested in representing our program. By working in both the Migrant program and our program I feel I am already working toward one of the strategic directions; bridging the work with migrant, tribal and other Head Start programs. I appreciate the opportunity to run for this position and hope that I am elected to share the great work we are doing with other programs at the state level. I also relish the idea of bringing the information back to staff and continuing my work to improve not only my own classroom but the program as a whole.

2. If you are interested in a First Aid/CPR class, please contact Elaine Burrell. We would like to schedule a class before the end of May.
3. Congratulations to Chris Summers! She received her Early Education and Family Studies certificate from PCC.
4. The Early Childhood Education Specialists will collect the blue binders from the Part-Day Pre-K teachers during the week of May 24th and will return them to the Beaverton office. They will provide you with the Consultant Sign-In Sheets and take the binders. Please put the sign-in sheets for all children in your class who are on IFSPs in their individual blue file folders. These will be retained in their files as a record of services received. Many of the children are transitioning to kindergarten this year. Some are not eligible for continued school-age special education services due to your work. All of the children have participated in a truly inclusive environment with their peers. If you have questions about this process please contact Dolores at dmcnee@caowash.org



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5. **OHSA MAY STATE MEETING REPORT:**

Family Services Coordinator Gail Boyle and Part-Day Pre-K Teacher Mary Davila, along with parents Erica Burke, Orelia Pedroza and Rachel Tran Jimenez, had the opportunity to participate in the Oregon Head Start Association meeting on May 5 –7 in Umatilla-Morrow County. The meeting was hosted by the Umatilla-Morrow Head Start program, which serves seven counties in the eastern Oregon area. Program staff shared information about working in rural and frontier counties. Darcie Kilsdonk, MSW UMCHS Associate Director of Children and Families, presented information about Using Literacy to Connect the Classroom to Home. For more information, the following resources may be helpful.

My Parents My Teacher at <http://www.sonoma.edu/cihs/familyliteracy/mispadres.html>

Learning the Code at <http://www.sonoma.edu/cihs/familyliteracy/languagekey.html>

Parent/Teacher Stress Relief packet available in English and Spanish – contact Mary Davila

5. The Head Start Beaverton Office at 12350 SW 5th Street, Beaverton (across from the Library) will be closed all day Wednesday, May 19th, due to work scheduled by the city. The Content Coordinators will be in the field that day.



Head Start Scheduled Trainings

DATE	DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS	TIME	EHS or HS	COMMENTS
5/19	Overview Trainings	Beaverton Office	9:00-2:30	One EHS Home Base Teacher	All Component Coords See box below for schedule

Schedule of trainings on 5/19:

9:00— Civil Rights

10-11- Disabilities & Mental Health

11-12— Health/Nutrition

1-2:30— Education

If you feel you or any of your staff need this training or refresher, please contact Lori Balch to attend.