

CCC, OIT team up at Harmony School

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An agreement with Oregon Institute of Technology, CCC, North Clackamas School District and Clackamas County has resulted in a joint housing of OIT and CCC at the former Harmony grade school at 7616 S.E. Harmony Rd. Milwaukie.

The extension of CCC will be composed of four business programs. Employment Management Division (EMD), the Business Center, the Targeted Learning Center, and the Office Speciality Program will be relocated to the new Harmony facility. Currently the Business Center is located in Oregon City and the Office Speciality is located in the Hollyfarm Mall.

Marcia Coker, assistant dean, explained why these sections of the college will be relocated. "These departments



photo by Lisa Graham

Harmony elementary school is scheduled as a new site for the business departments of CCC. Oregon Institute of Technology will also be housed at Harmony.

do serve the business and industry. So it made some sense for those departments to be closer to the highest population area of the county as far as industry or business is

concerned."

OIT's main campus is in Klamath Falls. Through PSU, OIT has operated in the metro area in loaned or rented buildings. OIT will be relocating

to Harmony but they will not be staying. OIT will be moving in three years to what is now Ickes Junior High.

The team up between CCC and OIT was for two reasons,

said Coker. "In both cases it was a chance for getting our programs closer to a higher population area. And it's mutually beneficial to be housed in a single building because we can split the cost, it's much more financially feasible."

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In addition to housing business programs in a more convenient location, the new facility will also serve the public in the Clackamas area better and may eventually lead to a gearing of vocational programs at CCC toward transfer into OIT. At this point in the planning nothing is set. Coker said "All industry technology, for example machine technology, could at some point down the line possibly be thinking of, and let's put it in these if-fy terms, be thinking of a joint 2+2 program." The 2+2 program, Coker explained, is a direct transfer of the freshman and sophomore years to another college.

Program offers survival education

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A migrant worker program unique to Oregon starts here at CCC June 6. The program provides basic reading and writing skills in English for men and women ages 14-21.

The program is free of charge, but the participants must have a Migrant Status, or "Green" card. Classes are five days a week for seven weeks.

The program is a "Co-Op" with the Clackamas County Educational Service District. The ESD wrote the grant with Carol Evans and Cindy Andrews who are the principle instructors involved here. The funding comes directly from the Migrant Education Fund in Washington D.C.

"The incredible thing about this," said Andrews, "is that

these people have been working in the fields since dawn. And yet they show so much enthusiasm for learning that it's a tremendously moving experience."

The service provides transportation to and from the migrant workers' camps. The workers then go to a local school where they are treated to a shower and a hot meal.

When the students arrive at CCC they receive two hours of instruction in what Andrews calls "survival English." This type of English allows the workers to be able to call a doctor in a time of emergency, or just to be able to use the phone.

All of the instructors are bilingual, speaking both Spanish and English. There is a bilingual bus driver and also a bilingual aide to help the students register for classes and to act as a counselor.

Group fights for children's rights ACES strives for equality

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"It's not a man and woman issue, it's the children," Cindy Borders, co-founder of the Oregon chapter of ACES (Association for Children for Enforcement of Support), said when she talked about what happens when child support payments are denied by the father."

One out of four children in America live below the poverty level and this has a lot to do with the fact that when parents get divorced 90 percent of the mothers retain custody of the children. Women's incomes also drop by 70 percent and 85 to 90 percent of those women have difficulty receiving child support from their ex-husbands.

The main reason for ACES is to ensure that all children of divorced parents receive their child support payments. To accomplish this they offer educational programs to the community which provide information about legal rights and cures for problems with child support enforcement and visitation problems. They have "advocacy programs to ensure that child-support laws and visitation laws are justly, strictly and expeditiously enforced." Other programs which they offer are outreach programs to educate the community about the plight of the children caught in the problems of neglected child support and visitation problems, there are counseling programs for families with such problems and training sessions for volunteers.

If the father is over 30 days behind in payments there are wage garnishments from his pay checks to ensure that the children are still receiving payments. The payments can also come out of the father's federal income tax returns and the state returns if the father lives in the same state that the children do.

"I'm on my third time," Borders said. She also said that every time an ex-husband moves to another state the mother has to re-initiate the petition for payment if the father does not continue payments.

Women can file to get child support payments from their ex-husbands when the husbands are

more than 30 days behind on the payments. They can go to a support enforcement agency, Adult Family Services or the district attorney if they are non-AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children.) The service is free and it is interstate. As of last October it became mandatory for all states to comply. After the petition is initiated it can take anywhere between 60 days to one year before the payments start again.

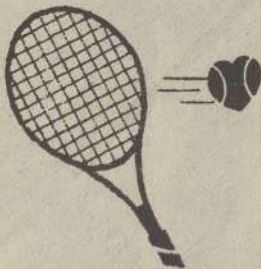
ACES has regular meetings, the next one is on Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. on 15012 SE Carol in Milwaukie. For more information contact Cindy Borders at 655-6655 or Brenda Breames at 668-8781.



Cindy Borders is one of the co-founders of ACES—Association for Children for Equal Support. The ACES is a community education program for equal child support.

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