

Mission

To promote an effective exchange of information between Family Child Care and other Childhood Care and Education System partners in order to enhance the quality of care for the children in Oregon.



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Dear Oregon Family Child Care Providers,

Thank you to all of you who were interested in coming to our 2nd bi-annual Leadership Training that was to be hosted by OAEYC and OFCCN. Unfortunately, we needed to postpone the event and are expected to be back on schedule for August of 2009. We recently had a meeting and talked more about some great ideas to benefit you, the providers, (and your families!). Please keep a lookout in future newsletters for early bird-registration discounts and special events that will be taking place!! It is going to be

VERY exciting!!

Some other changes that have taken place during the last OFCCN meeting is the new Chairperson. As of August 2008, Jeannie Suihkonen has stepped down to the 1st Vice to assist and help grow (me) our new leader, Renee Andersen.

A little about me... I am a full-time family child care provider, a bit of a computer geek, a home for lost or unwanted pets, and first and foremost a Mom and Wife to a wonderful family.

I grew up as a single child in a somewhat well rounded family who loved to camp, compete in motorcycle events, hang out with my "youth group" friends, and roller skate every

chance I could get. I went to college at Chemeketa Community College and have a degree in "Visual Communications" (computer graphics and the printing industry). I met my husband while working at Lazerquick Printing. Neither of us work there anymore, but we both still love to use our "skills" to help others.

I have chosen to volunteer my time with my local association (Salem Home Child Care Association - SHCCA) by doing their monthly newsletter, and that is how I started with OFCCN as their newsletter person. Now that I have a couple of years under my belt here, I have decided to take on the Chairperson position. But I can't do this alone!!! We are going to need more help from providers like you. No major skills are required!!! Just enthusiasm to help Oregon Family Child Care Network get information to the providers in their homes. If you are someone who has some excitement about receiving and getting news, updates, and information to others... we need you! Please see inside article on how to become involved!!

Renee Andersen
OFCCN -Chairperson
(503) 393-8936



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~ Position Open *~*

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www.oregonfamilychildcarenetwork.org

A great big **thank you** goes out to:

- Michelle Feagin of Care Courses
- The Oregonaeyc website
- www.OregonChildCare.org
- OCCD and.....www.centerline.pdx.edu
- Debbie Moore.....NAFCC
- Jane Kitson and the Explorations Early Learning Newsletter
- The Curry County Reporter, and also...
- www.nafcc.org

... without you this newsletter would not have been possible!

If anybody would like to have an article printed in the next newsletter, either watch for the email request from us or send them directly to ofccn1@gmail.com, and we'll see what we can do for you!





Linking Family Child Care with Information & Resources

Our Mission:

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VOLUNTEER FORM

Please Print

Date filled out: _____ Date received: _____

1. Personal Information

NAME

MAILING ADDRESS: STREET / P.O. BOX NUMBER

CITY/ STATE/ ZIP CODE

COUNTY

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TELEPHONE

BEST TIME TO CALL

E-MAIL

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PERSON TO CONTACT

CONTACT'S TELEPHONE

Please check all that apply: I am a Registered Certified, Accredited In-Home Family Child Care Provider in Oregon

2. Interests and Experiences: *Please check those areas that you have experience with and circle those you are additionally interested in.*

- Working directly with CCR&R's
- Working directly with DHS
- Help Organizing a Conference
- Accounting / Bookkeeping skills
- Secretary of a Club or Group
- Making travel arrangements for others
- P.R. Correspondent
- Marketing
- Speaker / Trainer
- Conference Calls (making/arranging)

Computer Skills

- Newsletters
- Working w/ Nwsltr. Contributors for Deadlines
- Creating Misc. Forms
- Bookkeeping
- Typing up an Outline from notes
- Instant Messaging
- Emailing Large Groups
- Website Creating/Updating
- Mailing

After filling out the above, just tear out this page, or make a copy and mail to:

**Oregon Family Child Care Network
PO Box 12752
Salem, OR 97309-0752**

And we will be in contact with you!! :)



New Care Courses, a short survey, and a chance to win

In 1986 when Clairece Feagin wrote her first course for early childhood professionals little did we know how rewarding and long-lived this journey would be. On a constant mission to improve our work and our courses, we have created the survey below to help us stay focused and connected to your training needs.

We'd be so grateful if you'd take just a few minutes to complete this (short) survey. Of those who complete the survey, four lucky (randomly selected) folks will receive gift cards as indicated in this link:

www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=PWiNSJoQJgKqqO5QDw_2bINw_3d_3d

Thank you again for your support and your time, and we look forward to sending the gift cards to four lucky winners!

Check our homepage for several new courses:

1. *Early Childhood Stress: Serious Stress in Children's Lives* (5 clock hours/\$26.00)
 2. *Understanding Each Other: Communicating with Families, Staff and Your Community* (9 hrs/\$40.00)
 3. *A Joyful Life of Caregiving* (0.5 hrs/\$6.00)
 4. *Imagination at Play* (6 hrs/\$28.00)
- ... and available in the coming week:
5. *Witnesses to Violence: Helping Children Cope in a Violent World* (6 hrs, \$28.00)

And coming soon: A *Green* course for school-age children (about 8 hours), a *Positive Guidance* course (about 4 hours), a *Family Diversity* course (3 or 4 hours), and a course on *Inclusive Classrooms*. If you have any course subjects you'd like us to offer, please let us know.

Best wishes and a big Thank You,

Michelle Feagin Newberry, Director
Clairece Feagin, Executive Author

1-800-685-7610
www.carecourses.com



www.carecourses.com

Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children



www.oregonaeyc.org/calendar.htm

December 10, 2008 Wednesday	Story Workshop 2008: Infusing the Arts into Oral & Written Language Development	Opal School, Portland, OR	503-471-9917 www.portlandcm.org
January 24, 2009 Saturday	Linn-Benton Chapter Networking Breakfast	LBCC Albany, OR	Barb 541-753-2228 x213
Feb. 13-14, 2009 Fri Eve & Saturday	Brain Science Meets Early Childhood Development with Kathy Babula, Ph.D.	PCC - Rock Creek Portland, OR	pending
February 28, 2009 Saturday	PCPO Conference with Dr. Randy Hitz	TBD Portland, OR	503-293-6161 www.oregonpreschools.org
February 28, 2009 Saturday	Jackson Chapter of OAEYC Winter Conference	Ashland, OR	pending
March 11-13, 2009 Wed - Friday	OACCD Spring Conference	Agate Beach Inn Newport, OR	Grace 503-538-8266 www.oaccd.com
March 14, 2009 Saturday	Provider Resource Organization Conference with Jane Kitson	Rolling Hills Church Tualatin, OR	Jan 503-639-5007 www.providerresource.org
April 18-26, 2009 Saturday -Sunday	Week of the Young Child	Nationally	NAEYC 1-800-424-2460 www.naeyc.org
April 23, 2009 Thursday	Inquiry into the Social & Emotional Development of Children	Opal School Portland, OR	503-471-9917 www.portlandcm.org
April 24-25, 2009 Friday & Saturday	OAEYC Professional Development Institute & Conference	Lane Community College Eugene, OR	OAEYC 503-233-0190 1-800-452-3610 www.oregonaeyc.org



Counties, Quantity of Family Child Cares, and your local CCR&R Network

	Certified family homes	Registered family child care homes	Local CCR&R contact numbers
Baker County	3	26	541-523-7838
Benton County	5	50	541-917-4899
Clackamas County	17	274	503-675-4100
Clatsop County	1	9	503-325-1053
Columbia County	4	41	503-325-1053
Coos County	6	40	541-888-7957
Crook County	3	23	541-548-2380 x113
Curry County	3	6	541-888-7957
Deschutes County	22	132	541-548-2380 x113
Douglas County	3	101	541-672-7955
Gilliam County	1	3	541-565-3434
Grant County	1	3	541-575-0210
Harney County	0	8	541-573-6676
Hood River County	5	20	1-800-755-1143
Jackson County	16	196	541-776-5100
Jefferson County	1	26	541-548-2380 x113
Josephine County	5	38	541-776-5100
Klamath County	0	27	541-882-2308
Lake County	0	4	541-882-2308
Lane County	30	294	541-463-3954
Lincoln County	6	23	541-265-2558
Linn County	2	107	541-917-4899
Marion County	33	211	503-585-2491
Malheur County	4	18	541-889-7864
Morrow County	0	3	541-564-6878
Multnomah County	66	657	503-548-4400
Polk County	5	43	503-585-2491
Sherman County	1	0	541-565-3434
Tillamook County	1	13	503-325-1053
Umatilla County	5	40	541-564-6878
Union County	2	52	541-963-7942
Wallowa County	1	12	541-963-7942
Wasco County	0	29	1-800-755-1143
Washington County	66	416	971-223-6100
Wheeler County	0	0	541-565-3434
Yamhill	14	54	503-585-2491



www.oregonchildcare.org

New Handwashing and Diapering Posters Available: Three new and extremely useful posters are available absolutely free to anyone involved in the care of young children. One illustrating best practices for sanitary diapering, a second illustrating best practices for handwashing for infants and toddlers, and a third illustrating best practices for handwashing for young children. All three posters were produced by the Child Care Health Consultation Project. Each poster is 8 1/2 x 11, in full color, and is available in English and Spanish. To download any or all of the posters, go to www.oregonchildcare.org, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the link that says... "New Handwashing and Diapering Posters Available" and follow the step by step directions to print your very own!!



Oregon Statewide Scholarship Program

The John & Betty Gray Early Childhood Initiative of the Oregon Community Foundation can help YOU!

The Oregon Statewide Scholarship Program supports the continued growth of quality child care in the state of Oregon. The Scholarship Program provides financial support for training and education for providers working in family child care, center child care, Head Start, and before/after school programs through the John & Betty Gray Early Childhood Initiative of the Oregon Community Foundation.

If YOU are:

- A Registered Family Child Care Provider
- Staff at a Certified Child Care Center, After-School Program (Elementary/Middle School ages), Certified Family Child Care Home, or an Exempt Child Care Center

Scholarships MAY help to pay YOUR costs for:

Oregon Registry Trainer Program Approved Set Two and Set Three training offered through child care resource and referral programs and/or co-sponsored by the following professional organizations:

- Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children (OAEYC)
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- Provider Resource Organization (PRO)
- Oregon Association of Child Care Directors (OACCD)
- Oregon School Age Coalition (OSAC)
- National After School Alliance (NAA)
- National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)

Professional **Conference fees** offered through the above listed organizations, with the following **conditions**:

- Only the amount of the Member Early Registration fee will be funded.
- Application must be received by OCCD 10 business days prior to conference date

Community College costs that meet the following criteria:

- Tuition for coursework that enables practitioners taking one class at a time to take classes, until eligible for other financial aid or scholarship funds
- Up to 4 credits in the field of childhood care and education per term may be funded--proof of registration prior to award of scholarship support
- CDA and Oregon Registry Step 7 Community College credit transcription fees

Professional Certification, Credentialing, Accreditation

- CDA related fees (assessment, observation, and renewal)
- Accreditation Fees - NAEYC, NAA, NAFCC
- Oregon Registry Application fees

Out of Country Degree Evaluation and/or Translation fees

GED Coursework and Fees

For additional information, or any questions regarding the status of an existing application, award or commitment, please contact:

Scholarship staff: Toll Free: (877) 725-8535 • (503) 725-8535 • Fax: (503) 725-5430
Email: occdscholarship@pdx.edu

PreK in Family Child Care

- Share Your Experience

Article by:
Debbie Moore
NAFCC Director
of Public Policy

In December 2007 the National Women's Law Center (NWLC) released a report titled **A Center Piece of the PreK Puzzle: Providing State Prekindergarten in Child Care Centers**, highlighting the opportunities and challenges for child care centers providing state-funded prekindergarten programs and offering strategies for ensuring that centers are able to participate fully in state prekindergarten initiatives. This report was based on interviews Helen Blank and her NWLC colleagues conducted with child care center directors operating prekindergarten programs in fourteen states.

NAFCC is very interested in gathering similar information about the experiences of family child care providers who have found ways to participate in state prekindergarten programs. Using Ms. Blank's interview questions from the center study, I prepared similar questions that would gather information from family child care providers about their experiences with state prekindergarten programs.

We would like to find out what opportunities and challenges family child care providers face when they have four year old children in their programs that are eligible for state prekindergarten programs.

- ***Can the children remain in the family child care program and enroll in prekindergarten, and how and where is the prekindergarten program delivered?***
- ***What qualifications must the provider meet to participate in the program, and what are the prekindergarten curriculum requirements?***
- ***Can a family child care provider receive funding from the state prekindergarten program, or if she provides only wrap around care, can she continue to receive the full subsidy rate?***
- ***How does the school district provide support to family child care providers participating in the prekindergarten program?***
- ***What impact has the prekindergarten program had on family child care enrollment and parents' attitudes about family child care?***

At the 2008 NAFCC conference Ms. Blank and Danielle Ewen from the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) used the family child care questions to begin looking at family child care providers' experiences with state prekindergarten programs. We are continuing to interview more providers by phone or email. If you have had experiences with your state prekindergarten program that you can share with us, please **contact Debbie Moore at dmoore@nafcc.org**. If you know of other providers who have made efforts to participate in a state prekindergarten program and would be willing to share these experiences with us, please share this request with them and ask them to contact her.

Your Profession:

NAFCC is dedicated to strengthening the profession of family child care by promoting high quality, professional early care and education and strengthening communities where providers live and work.

Our Commitment:

NAFCC is dedicated to advocating for the family child care profession by collaborating with other local, state, and national organizations who contribute to the family child care field to increase awareness about and improve the quality of family child care.



www.oregonchildcare.org

Article by:
Jane Kitson
found in:
*Explorations Early
Learning Newsletter*

Five Important B's for every child - Every Day



As a national early childhood educational consultant and published author, I have been in the field for over 25 years. I am also the parent of two children who are now 16 and 21. I have visited with children in classrooms from Florida to Alaska, from Minnesota to Texas and observed children who are eager, pleasant, inquisitive and quite simply...fun to be around. I have met with early childhood professionals in 46 states and Canada. We have discussed children from top to bottom. We have laughed and cried over the stories shared.

What makes a well rounded child? There is no simple soup that we can feed them each day. It takes planning, consistency and a bit of time to turn out a child who is ready to greet the world. By the time your child enters Kindergarten, most teachers can tell which children have had the proper preparation. They can tell which children have had parents or caregivers who have encouraged the child to meet its potential. Then what is it that children need to get them going in the right direction. Here are 5 simple B's that every child needs but so few receive. If each child had someone who would share these B's, then they would have a better day! Perhaps you can share these B's with the children you know!

BATH... personal hygiene is a life long skill and children rest well when they are clean and relaxed!

BRUSH... your teeth are useful every day and children need to be shown how to take care of them. Other children and adults pick up on BAD BREATH and they do not want to be near those who have it!

BOOK... reading is the foundation of ALL learning. If your children see you reading, they will know that reading is important to you too!
If you are watching TV each night, then that is what children see as important!

BED... our bodies need rest... we are not able to function properly when we are tired and cranky. Make sure your child is getting enough sleep.... 11 hours is recommended for young children!

BREAKFAST.... just like cars need fuel, our bodies need breakfast!
Even a banana or peanut butter toast will do!

Jane Kitson is a national early childhood educational consultant and published author of over 350 songs and fingerplays. She works with over 5000 children each school year in the metro Atlanta area. She speaks at over 24 educational venues per year sharing enthusiastic presentations that enhance the language to literacy connection in young children. She is available for Keynote, Breakouts and full day make and takes that are packed with user friendly ideas that work right away!

www.janekitson.com
678-428-4745



Miscellaneous Notes and Emails you might be interested in

Gathered by:
Renee Andersen
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There was an informal meeting on October 22nd regarding accreditation. The National Association for Family Child Care sent Barb Sawyer to find out what our state is doing to promote accreditation. Attending the meeting, were a group of Early Childhood educators from Washington county and PSU. Each person at the meeting told what they are doing to promote accreditation and to make it possible for Oregon to be put on the map as having excellence in child care. PSU is willing to fund providers through the John and Betty Gray Scholarship program. For more information see: www.centerline.pdx.edu/scholarship. The accreditation rate currently is \$495 but is increasing with some changes on the 1st of Jan. A group of child care providers in Washington County will be starting the 1st of Jan going through the accreditation process together. This is such exciting news!! Things are moving forward for National Accreditation, and the process is going to really motivate excellence in early childhood programs.

If anyone is interested in learning more, check out the NAFCC website (www.nafcc.org). There is a class on the web coming up to tell providers about the new process. It is \$15.00 to take the web class and would be a great introduction to accreditation if you don't know anything about it. PSU (Bev and Patsy) are also doing a class for anyone interested. They can do a 3,4 or 5 hour format. We look forward to the increased professionalism in child care in Oregon!

*email from,
Lisa Smith Uhl
of Tigard, Oregon*



CCPT Action Center

Back By Popular Demand!
AFSCME Is Adding More Sessions for
Family Child Care Providers:

Special "Webinars" (Online Classes)

- **Coming to Terms: Establishing a Business Relationship with Parents**
November 20, 2008
at 9:00 p.m. (EST/6:00 p.m. PST)

This live workshops are free to AFSCME members and will be hosted in the Online Leadership Academy. Visit the AFSCME Leadership Academy for more information or to enroll.

Sign Up!

To enroll in free classes, visit www.afscme.org/providerprograms. You will find a link to the Leadership Academy where you sign in with any email address. The menu will list the classes and you can enroll. An email will be sent to you once you enroll letting you know the website address and the phone number to call to be placed into the webinar (online class).

Logging On to the Free Class

You will use the enrollment email to link to the website address and call the phone number to hear the presentation. You will need Internet access and a phone to call the 800 number (note that they will be used simultaneously).

More Workshops

In addition to the live webinars, AFSCME will be rolling out another type of online class that you can take at any time. These programs are made with providers in mind and can be found at www.afscme.org/providerprograms in November 2008.

*email from,
Child Care Providers Together*

ANNOUNCING!!! A New NAFCC Membership Benefit **Conference Registration and Hotel Layaway Plan**

To help members plan ahead to participate in our annual conference, the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) has designed a Conference Layaway Plan.

Plan to attend 2009 Annual Conference:

"Defining New Horizons: Charting a Course to Quality Early Learning"

Print out the Application and send it to NAFCC today!!!

(www.nafcc.org)

*email from,
Tracy Halverson
Affiliate Membership Specialist*

Smith introduces legislation to increase child care funding

Article by:
**The Curry
County Reporter**
Published:
October 15, 2008

www.currycountyreporter.com

Washington, DC – U. S. Senators Gordon H. Smith (R-OR) and Blanche Lincoln (D-AR) introduced legislation last week that will help ensure America's working families have access to affordable and safe child care. The Child Care Investment Act of 2008 will boost funding for the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG), which helps low-income families across the nation afford quality child care.

"With American families under increasing strain in these difficult economic times, now more than ever we must do more to ensure that children are placed in safe child care settings that will encourage their development," said Smith. "By increasing funding and encouraging states to improve the quality of child care they provide, we will be able to help many more children and provide their hard-working parents with a sense of relief."

CCDBG funding has remained at the same level since 2002, significantly decreasing the number of families able to utilize the program. Current CCDBG funds are only able to assist with child care costs for about one out of every seven eligible children. By most estimates, more than 200,000 children in our nation will lose child care assistance by 2009 due to the increasing cost of care.

Smith and Lincoln's legislation would raise CCDBG mandatory funding from its current level of \$2.9 billion to \$4 billion. The bill encourages states to invest in child care improvement initiatives by requiring states to comply with two or more of the following to receive the full increase in funding:

- Develop and implement or maintain a Quality Rating and Improvement System for child care centers and family child care homes that leads to nationally recognized high standards, and provide assistance for education, training and compensation initiatives to assist child care providers.
- Create or support a statewide network of infant and toddler specialists.
- Require at least 40 hours of appropriate health, safety and child development training prior to employment with or operation as a provider.
- Ensure that licensed and registered center and family child care providers are visited by monitoring staff at least twice per year, once on an unannounced basis.
- Pay reimbursement rates for providers serving children in the subsidy system at market rates that meet or exceed the 75th percentile of a current market rate survey.

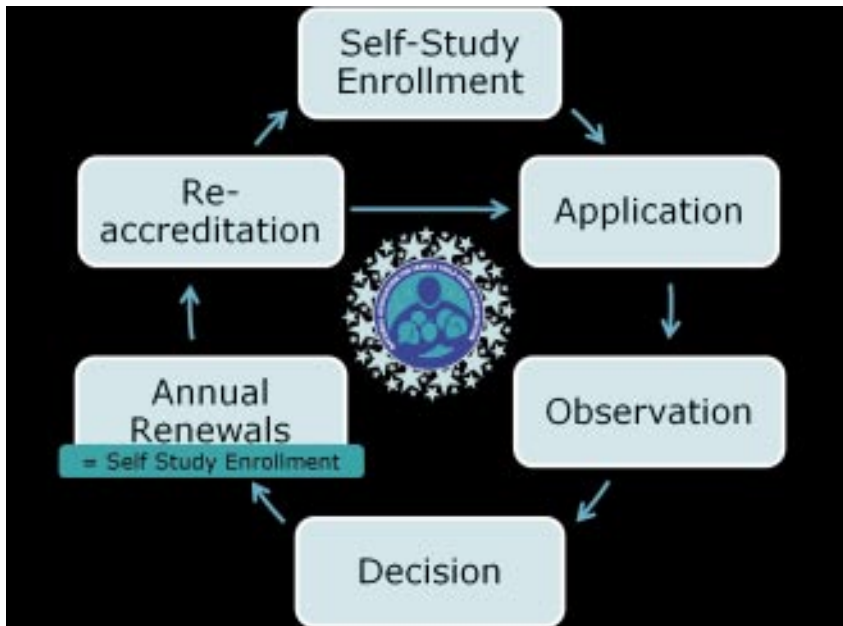
OFCCN Plea for Email Addresses!

The Oregon Family Child Care Network (OFCCN) needs your help!!! We are starting up a new email system and are requesting YOU to send us your email address and receive your newsletter (and any other updates) electronically! If you are interested in helping us... just give Renee Andersen ("The Link" newsletter editor) an email at ofccn1@gmail.com and we will add you to the mailing list! **Please let us know your Full Name, City, and County** - Thank You



NAFCC's Restructured Accreditation Process (Beginning 1/1/09)

NAFCC's Restructured Accreditation is designed to be a continuum of professional development and quality improvement.



Self-Study Enrollment

During self-study, providers evaluate themselves and their programs using the Quality Standards for NAFCC Accreditation, make quality improvements, and gather required documentation for the application step.

Application

When candidates believe they have reached their professional development goals and have made the necessary quality improvements in their programs, they commit to completing accreditation by submitting an accreditation application. At this time, NAFCC assesses candidate eligibility.

Observation

NAFCC trained observers conduct observations of candidates and their programs. The observer gathers information based on the Quality Standards and objectively documents what is seen and heard.

Decision

NAFCC reviews documentation from the observer and the candidate, as well as data from the parent surveys, and uses that information to determine the candidate's accreditation status.

Annual Renewals

Annual renewals offer a way for accredited providers to update NAFCC about their programs during the accreditation period. As part of annual renewals, providers will regularly assess themselves and their programs to ensure continuous compliance with the Quality Standards for NAFCC Accreditation. They will also verify that they continue to meet all eligibility requirements. In addition, providers will share their professional development activities and quality improvements they have completed during the year.

Annual Renewals are the equivalent of self-study enrollment *when accredited providers apply for re-accreditation before accreditation expires.*

Re-accreditation

If an accredited provider has successfully completed both annual renewals, the accreditation process begins at the application step. The re-accreditation process begins at self-study enrollment, if annual renewals were not completed, if accreditation has expired, or if the provider chooses to enroll in self-study.

OFCCN is a communication link between family child care providers and agencies throughout the state of Oregon.

OFCCN gathers the provider's voice through the use of surveys, personal conversations, and provider participation at community meetings, conferences, and retreats.

OFCCN works with local communities, organizations, agencies,

legislators, and other childhood care and education partners.

Please help **OFCCN** spread the voice of family child care providers. Our voices together will advance our profession and the quality of family child care in Oregon.

OFCCN invites you to share your concerns, thoughts, and ideas with us, so that we can help your voice be heard!

*"gathering voices...
working with
communities...
spreading the voice
of family child care
providers"*

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