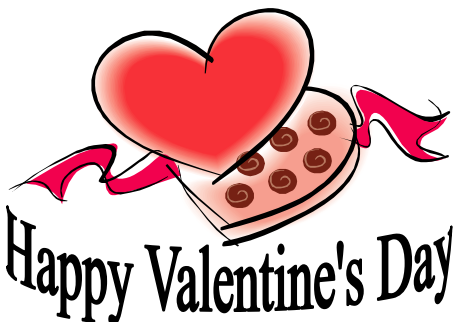




CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2007

- Wednesday, February 7
County-Wide Executive Board Meeting
- Thursday, February 8
EOC Management Training Session
- Friday, February 9
EOC Service Recognition Luncheon
- Monday, February 12
EOC Holiday
Lincoln's Birthday
- Tuesday, February 13
EOC New Hire Orientation
- Wednesday, February 14
Valentine's Day
- Thursday, February 15
Senior Leadership Training Session
- Monday, February 19
EOC Holiday
President's Day
- Wednesday, February 21
County-Wide Policy Council Meeting
- Thursday, February 22
TD/CD Meeting
- Monday, February 26
EOC New Hire Orientation



EOC Service Recognition



L to R: 35-year recognition recipients: Rosa Rosas, Manuel Ramirez, Victor Lopez, Wyoma Lewis, Hope Duran and Sarah Chavira

EOC's 2007 Annual Service Recognition Luncheon Held at Pardini's

Over 200 employees were invited to attend the 6th Annual Service Recognition Luncheon honoring EOC employees who hit the milestones of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of service with the Agency. This year's theme was the Academy Awards. Oscar winning movie music played overhead while the diners savored Pardini's tasty lunch. Our employees were given the "star" treatment as they received their service awards and the Community Action All Stars received their trophies. After lunch, employees could have their pictures taken with Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe holding the Oscar. Everyone had a great time.

Below left is Marisela Carrillo, Head Start Special Education Liaison, pictured holding her Community Action All Star trophy and the Oscar. Below right is Diane Gauss-Alvarado, Center Director, Diane Blickenstaff, ECE Specialist and Corrine Callahan, Center Director enjoying lunch and the program.

Congratulations to all the recipients and a heartfelt "Thank You" for all your years of service and your special dedication to the values and principles of the Agency.



Welcome New Employees

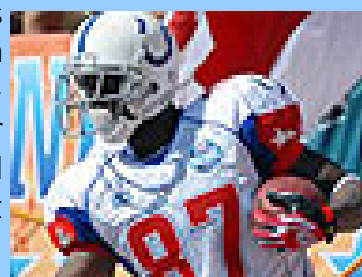
Anna Alicia Arambula, Teacher/Caregiver—Early Head Start
Sara Elorza, Teacher/Caregiver Assistant—Early Head Start
Stephanie Fritzsching, Child Development Coordinator—Early Head Start
Stephanie Joy Lacy, Maternal/Child Health & Disabilities Specialist—Early Head Start
Clara Marie Lascano, Teacher/Caregiver Assistant—Early Head Start
Maria Isabel Marmolejo, Teacher Director III—Head Start
Francisco Ivan Ortega, Teacher Assistant I—Head Start
Kristine Velasquez, Staff Development Clerk—Head Start
Alice Moya, Food Services Assistant II—Head Start
Isabel M. Saldate, Food Services Assistant II—Head Start
Daisy Mae Royal, Teacher/Caregiver Assistant—Early Head Start
Marisa Rios, Teacher Director, School Age Child Care
Ily Rossbet Figueroa, Family Assistant I—Head Start
Anna Mercedes Fritz, Family Assistant I—Head Start
Jessica Upshaw, Family Assistant I—Head Start

Please take a moment from your busy schedules to welcome these new employees to the Head Start/Early Head Start family.



Shirley Wayne, EOC's Payroll Manager Featured In Television/Newspaper

Our own Shirley Wayne has been making a lot of press time lately, primarily, due to her famous Super Bowl Champion nephew, Reggie Wayne #87, who plays for the Indianapolis Colts. Shirley attended 6 games this year, but was most thrilled to be invited to attend the NFL's Pro Bowl in Hawaii. Reggie Wayne, himself was invited by the NFL to represent the AFC as a wide receiver. Reggie really got things started for the AFC by catching a 72-yard touchdown early in the game, which led to the AFC beating the NFC 31 to 28. Although he didn't get the MVP (most valuable player) award for the game, Reggie will always be MVP to his aunt Shirley. Good luck next year and watch for the Colts (and Reggie's) biggest fan, Shirley Wayne cheering on her team.



Staying Safe during the Rainy Season

The rainy season is upon us once again. While we appreciate the rain and what it can do for the valley, precautions should be taken to ensure safety for you and your co-workers. Below, you will find safety tips on *Staying Safe during the Rainy Season*:

Slips & Falls

- Wear appropriate footwear with solid support and slip resistant soles.
- Don't be in a hurry; avoid slipping on wet sidewalks or walkways by taking slow, short steps.
- Avoid walking through puddles no matter how shallow they appear.
- Avoid using wet stairs; use the elevator during the rainy season.
- If you do use stairs, never walk with your hands in your pockets, and always use the handrails.
- Be alert to water that may be tracked in around doorways; be a leader by cleaning up wet hazards.
- Make sure that there are entry mats in the doorways so workers can dry their feet before entering.

While Driving

- Give yourself more time for heavy traffic due to rain.
- Obey the speed limit and drive slower in the rain; the roads are very slick when wet!
- Maintain an extra distance between you and the vehicle in front of you.
- Make sure that the windshield wipers are in proper working order; change the wiper blades before the rainy season arrives.
- Make sure the defroster is in proper working order; keep the dash clear do not block the defroster.
- Turn on your headlights while driving during rainy weather.
- Do not drive around road barricades; the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Avoid driving into flooded areas; if your vehicle stalls in rapidly rising floodwaters, abandon it immediately and climb to higher ground.

When we share the responsibility for safety in the workplace, everyone wins!



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