



August 2011

- Monday, August 1
EOC New Hire Orientation
EOC Take Action! Program Begins (8-weeks)
- Thursday, August 4
County-Wide Staff Preservice—Day 1
EOC Pension Committee Meeting
- Friday, August 5
County-Wide Staff Preservice—Day 2
- Wednesday, August 10
EOC CAST Session I
- Monday, August 15
EOC New Hire Orientation
Center Base Phase-In Day 1
- Tuesday, August 16
Center Base Phase-In Day 2
- Wednesday, August 17
EOC Executive Committee Meeting
Center Base First Day Of Class
EOC CAST Session II
- Thursday, August 18
EOC Management Training
- Wednesday, August 24
EOC CAST Session III
- Thursday, August 25
CD's/TD's Meeting
- Friday, August 26
Site Office Day
- Monday, August 29
EOC New Hire Orientation
- Wednesday, August 31
EOC Employee Appreciation—"Happy Birthday EOC"

Welcome Back!



Head Start & Early Head Start employees gather and get reacquainted on August 4th Preservice held at the Golden Palace.

Help Create FCEOC's Strategic Plan

Fresno County EOC is starting the strategic planning process. Strategic planning determines where an organization is going over the next few years and how it's going to get there. Over the next seven months or so, we will be gathering information both internally and externally to develop that plan.

We will be using several methods to gather the information we need:

- Focus groups: small, informal groups to discuss issues in the community.
- Stakeholder interviews: working with our Board of Commissioners to reach out to community and business leaders for their perspective of Fresno County EOC and the work we do.
- Surveys: used to gather data on specific issues from clients, partners and the community.
- Alignment symposiums: coordinating major players in the fields of health, economy and family to discuss how we all serve the community.

This is an Agency and community-wide effort. We are creating committees to work on each of these tasks and we would like representation from all parts of the Agency. If you would like to serve on a committee, please respond to Lynne Jones at lynne.jones@fresnoeoc.org. The time commitment will vary, but you can expect two meetings per month as we get things started.

Lynne V. Jones
Agency and Community Relations Director



EOC News: Business, Entertainment, Sports, & Food

Corps Members Take on Leadership



LCC Corps members stepped up to the plate and displayed their leadership skills to a group of young mentees. The mentees were 12–18 year olds participating in Habitat for Humanity Fresno county and United One Productions, Growing Hope Community Garden Project at the Mary Ella Brown Community Center (Ivy) in west Fresno.

The four week partnership gave youth with the garden project a chance to see what steps their older peers are taking to rebuild their lives while giving Corps members an opportunity to experience, firsthand, the benefits of mentoring. Once a week, Growing Hope participants came to our Neighborhood Youth Center for summer life skills sessions which included team-building activities that were developed and facilitated by LCC Corps members in collaboration with staff. Corps members also led a group tour and shared with the younger students the challenges they've had to face while working to change their lives in more positive ways.

As part of their service and leadership commitment to the community of the successful Growing Hope summer mentoring program, LCC Corps members organized and implemented a youth carnival at the Mary Ella Brown Community Center.

Feedback from the Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Revitalization Coordinator Sabrina Kelley was very positive as she commented. "[This] is truly how innovation begins when people are willing to work outside of the box to find a new solution to the old problem of preparing youth to be productive, active and responsible citizens!"

Congratulations Corps members for setting such a great example and teaching your youth that change does happen?

Head Start Pre-Service Gossip Column



Above—Delnita McCormick, RN with her Oscar.

Thursday, August 4, was a big day in the Head Start Community. As you have probably already heard, Delnita McCormick, RN was presented an Oscar at the Head Start Preservice. She received it for being the Best Script Writer; Best Producer/Director; and Best Costume Designer for the Blood-borne Pathogens series.

As you know, there has been eight Blood-borne Pathogens Productions. Fans felt this last one was by far the best of the eight. Fans are buzzing, will there be anymore? After the pageant, Delnita declined to comment.

The fans flocked to the Golden Palace to see Becky Bacteria, L. Ecoli, Sally Salmonella and Victoria Secret Virus, and they were not disappointed. Yet again, however, Ms. Bandage, Beulah Bleach, Gloria Gloves, Sarah Soap, and Wanda Waters flushed them from the pageant and the palace.

Nancy Nurse was victorious and was crowned "Ms. Universal Precautions." She would like you to join with her to keep germs out of the Head Start Community. Stay tuned!

Special Native American Blessing

Members of the Yaqui Pascual, Mono (Table Mountain Rancheria Band of Indians), Apache, Chiricahua Apache, and Cree Tribes paid us a visit and imparted a special blessing upon our Agency.

Yaqui Pascual Tribe member Gregoria Molina conducted the blessing which began with the acknowledgement of the four corners of the world and asked for the health and wellbeing of Executive Director Brian Angus, Assistant Executive Director Naomi Quiring-Mizumoto, Chief Operations Officer Bill Simon and Business Liaison Frank Franco.



Above—Gregoria Molina blessing the Agency and members of the Executive staff.

We thanked each Tribe member for taking the time to get to know our Agency and look forward to building a strong relationship.



If you would like to contribute articles to Head Start HeadsUp, contact Mike Garcia in the Head Start Human Resources Office 263-1224 , 263-1287 fax, mike.garcia@fresnoeoc.org