

# **FACT SHEET**

## **Umatilla Morrow Head Start Programs**

In order to develop a quality comprehensive child development program, we believe it is necessary to address a child's total learning environment to include health, social, emotional, cognitive and physical development, inclusive of children with differing abilities. We believe that parents are the primary educators of their children. Our program will make regular home visits to provide continual opportunities for parents to develop competence in parenting and child development. We believe the staff's effect upon children and their development are greatest when all staff are committed to the program's goals. We feel that the individual staff development is vital, and an atmosphere of teamwork, cooperation, communication and the feelings of trust, respect, and confidence in self and others will lead to the development of the "total child."

- 1) The Oregon Head Start Pre-Kindergarten program is funded through the Federal Office of Head Start branch of Health and Human Services and State of Oregon (Department of Education).
- 2) The Oregon Head Start Pre-Kindergarten program serves children 0 to 5 years of age from low income families. Head Start also serves children referred to the agency who are identified with special needs. Income guidelines are at 100% of poverty with the requirements for serving children with disabilities at 10% of the Head Start enrollment.
- 3) The Umatilla-Morrow Head Start, Inc. programs serve Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler, Sherman, Grant & Wallowa counties, a total of twenty centers, one family child care provider and thirty-one classrooms serving 506 children and their families. We currently have combination, center base, and full-day models.
- 4) **Eligibility Requirements:**
  - \*Your child turns three or four before September 1 or for the Early Head Start program we accept children ages six weeks through three years.
  - \*Your family income meets the federal guidelines.
- 5) Head Start provides services through: Administration, Education, Health, Nutrition, Family Development, Parent Involvement, Child Care and Transportation areas which are managed by Program Directors. Each area includes key personnel who provide caring, professional support and information through personal interaction with families. Head Start cooperates intra-agency, as well as with community agencies and organizations to ensure that families receive the best possible services available to them.