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Crosby Appointed to Board of Trustees for Miami Valley Child Development Centers, Inc.

Leadership Role for Head Start and Early Head Start Program

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Catherine H. Crosby

Miami Valley Child Development Centers, Inc. has appointed Catherine H. Crosby to its board of trustees. Crosby will serve as part of the agency's 13-member leadership body that provides governance and policy oversight to the nonprofit organization. Trustees are appointed for two year terms and may serve three terms. In its 48th year, MVCDC administers Head Start and Early Head Start programs in Clark, Madison, and Montgomery counties.

"Every day I work to eliminate barriers to opportunities whether it relates to entrepreneurship, housing or employment. Education is a critical milestone for success and it is imperative that we start early with our children. I am honored to be part of MVCDC's board where I can help to eliminate barriers to opportunities", said Crosby.

Crosby serves as assistant director for the Human Relations Council, City of Dayton. She has an extensive background in community outreach and development in the Miami Valley area. Catherine holds a Master of Public Administration from Wright State University and a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Wilberforce University.

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ABOUT Miami Valley Child Development Centers, Inc.

Miami Valley Child Development Centers, Inc. was incorporated in 1964 as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation. The agency began providing comprehensive Head Start services to low income children ages three to five years in 1965. Today, Miami Valley Child Development Centers, Inc. is funded to serve 2,421 children ages 3-5 years and 388 children ages 0-3 in Clark, Madison, and Montgomery Counties, Ohio. Funding is provided through the US Department of Health and Human Services; Administration for Children and Families; and the Ohio Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood Education. The agency manages 50 center locations and employs 450 employees.

MVCDC's program outcomes focus on school readiness for children ages birth to five. Each child is assessed at the beginning of the school year and periodically throughout the year. Results are

regularly reviewed and tabulated to determine each child's progress and what is required for continued development. Most services benefit families of low income.

A primary focus at MVCDC is to promote successful families by teaching parenting and life skills, and to ensure children are ready to learn in kindergarten. A holistic and balanced approach is taken to work with each child and their family in the areas of parent engagement, health, nutrition, social competency, literacy, and numeracy development.

ABOUT Head Start

Created in 1965, Head Start is the most successful, longest-running, national school readiness program in the United States. It provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services to low-income children and their families. More than 22 million preschool aged children have benefited from Head Start.

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