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Open Doors for Multicultural Families Joins Together Center

Beginning July 15, Open Doors for Multicultural Families began providing services at Together Center in Suite B-9 (off the courtyard in Building B).

The mission of Open Doors for Multicultural Families (Open Doors) is to ensure that diverse families who have family members with developmental disabilities and special health care needs have equal access to culturally and linguistically appropriate information, resources, and services. The agency promotes culturally competent services through community collaboration, training and partnerships.

At Together Center, Open Doors staff will support for new immigrant families who have family members with special needs. Families will receive help navigating social services and school systems using the languages of clients or with language interpretation, if needed. Open Doors will also provide Parent Support Groups that will be facilitated in clients' own spoken languages. Currently, monthly groups are conducted in Chinese, Korean and Somali at Open Doors Kent office.

Open Doors Board Member Vivien Koo noted, "We are very excited by the opportunity to expand our services to East King County, where there is such a high immigrant population and our programs are much needed. In addition, joining a campus of 20 health and human service agencies will help us quickly build partnerships and make a difference."

Services are by appointment. Call 253-216-4479 for appointments or to learn more.

Together Center CEO Pam Mauk said, "The addition of Open Doors to the campus was received with vigorous support by our many agencies. We are very aware of that the immigrant communities have the same array of service needs as others. Open Doors programs will augment other programs for immigrants and people with developmental or other special needs."

One of the first nonprofit multi-tenant centers in the nation, Together Center was designed first and foremost to lower barriers to finding help. Where East King County residents once needed to travel from Bothell to Renton or beyond to find help at individual locations, people from throughout the Eastside now find comprehensive assistance at one location in downtown Redmond.

Twenty agencies serve over 25,000 people at each year at Together Center. Major on-campus agencies include HealthPoint (medical and dental clinics), Sound Mental Health, Child Care Resources, Friends of Youth and many more. To learn more about Together Center, call 425-869-6699 or visit www.togethercenter.org.

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