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**Marion County Board of Commissioners appoint Dr. Cheryl Roberts to
The Children & Families Commission**

Dr. Cheryl Roberts, President of Chemeketa Community College, has been appointed to the Marion County Children & Families Commission. Her term runs through June 30, 2011.

"I am honored to serve on this commission," Dr. Roberts said at a recent Marion County Board of Commissioners meeting. "I am looking forward to working with the Commission to help children and families in our community. I am ready to springboard from the firm foundations already in place in our community and am eager to look for new opportunities to make a difference," she said.

Dr. Roberts has a doctorate in educational leadership from Seattle University, a master's degree from Ohio State University and bachelor's degree from Seattle University. She has spent the past 24 years in career development and organizational management. She serves as Chemeketa's ninth president, succeeding Gretchen Schuette who was president from July 2001 to June 2006.

"We are excited to have Dr. Roberts as a member of the Commission," said Tamra Goettsch, acting director of the Children and Families Commission. "Chemeketa has been a long time asset to our community and they are a key partner in helping the Commission bring its strategies into action. When we address a continuum of supports for children and their families, we all win."

The Marion County Children & Families Commission is mandated to engage citizens, communities, organizations and agencies in a planning and decision making process around the issues, supports and services for children and families. The Commission meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at the Willamette Education Service District.

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The Marion County Children & Families Commission, which mobilizes the community to support children and families, is primarily funded by the Oregon Legislature. The commission is advisory to the Marion County Board of Commissioners.

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