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NeighborImpact Child Care Resources Participant Receives National Accreditation

Bend, OR. - The Whole Kid and Kaboodle, a Registered Family Child Care participant in The Child Care Network of Bend (A project of NeighborImpact Child Care Resources) has received accreditation from the National Association for Family Child Care.

When asked why she decided to pursue accreditation, Kristine Sessions, owner of The Whole Kid and Kaboodle replied, "I really wanted to raise my standard of care and level of child care education. Having a child care business isn't just about "watching" the children all day; it's about setting the standards higher and making our days interesting, challenging and fun."

The National Association for Family Child Care (NSFCC) is the only nationally recognized accreditation system designed specifically for family child care providers. Meeting the standards designated by NAFCC assures providers are delivering child care that is high quality and healthy for developing children.

"Kristine is one of six family child care providers in the state of Oregon that have achieved NAFCC Accreditation," states Denise Hudson, Child Care Resources Project Coordinator. "This is a huge accomplishment and we are very excited about it. We hope other local providers will follow Kristine's lead and become NAFCC Accredited Providers."

The Whole Kid and Kaboodle is the first and only family child care business in Central Oregon to achieve Accreditation. They are also a participant in NeighborImpact's Child Care Resources' Child Care Provider Network of Bend. The Child Care Network of Bend is a group of experienced, professional family and center-based child care providers who are dedicated to promoting quality child care and meeting the needs of local families and employers.

About NeighborImpact: Since 1985, NeighborImpact has been a leader in developing solutions and bringing resources to Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes County. It offers a diversity of services meeting basic human needs for food and shelter, while enriching people's lives by providing access to increased education, skills, and hope for the future. NeighborImpact is a private nonprofit organization that receives federal, state and local funding; foundation grants; and donations from individuals and businesses in our community. To learn more about NeighborImpact please visit www.neighborimpact.org.

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