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Biography:

Enedelia Schofield was born in 1958 in McAllen, Texas and moved to Oregon in 1962. When she was old enough, and when she was not taking care of her younger brother, Enedelia joined her parents and siblings in agricultural work. Her parents, Hortencia and Emilio Hernandez, were heavily involved in the efforts to establish and run Centro Cultural. Her parents also went out of their way to help migrant workers from Mexico. Emilio and Hortencia encouraged Enedelia to pursue her career and educational ambitions, and helped inspire her to enroll in and graduate from Pacific University to begin a career in education. Enedelia has gone on to be the principal at three schools. At the time of this interview she is the principal of Butternut Creek Elementary in Aloha.

Abstract:

Enedelia talks about the lessons instilled in her from the hard physical work that she and her family had to do during her early years in Oregon, and about the importance of the moral lessons and encouragement of her parents. She also explains becoming aware of the ways that racism and discrimination were working against her, and of the many and sometimes subtle ways that those prejudices operate. She speaks of the importance of the Spanish language and Mexican American culture to her own identity, and of the significant contributions her parents made to benefit the Spanish-speaking community in Washington County.

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