National Association For OSCAR

Enriching Childhood

1987
Wellington Community Child Care Association established

1989
Report of the Out of School Care Working Party released

1990
Out of School Care Provision and Demand released by the Ministry of Education

1992
Out of School Care Network (Auckland) established

1993
OSCAR National Hui hosted by WCCCA at Tapu Te Ranga Marae in Wellington

1994
NAOSCAR Steering Committee established, co-ordinated by Sandy Thompson in Wellington

OSCAR Network in Christchurch is formally incorporated

1995

- NAOSCAR is formally incorporated
- Publication of School's Out! begins
- First OSCAR Development Assistance Project (DAP) initiated by Community Funding Agency

1996

- NAOSCAR initiated providing Holiday Programmes to corporate clients

1997

- National Survey on the OSCAR Sector- conducted by NAOSCAR
- An evaluation of the OSCAR DAP project by Cressa

1998

- Nelson OSCAR Network established
- New Zealand childcare survey conducted
- First National OSCAR Week held
- First National OSCAR Awards presentation at Parliament Buildings

1999

- Second OSCAR DAP initiated by Community Employment Group
- First Fieldworkers employed by NAOSCAR
- OSCAR subsidy introduced
- Report on The Accessibility of OSCAR to Children with Disabilities and Special Needs produced by NAOSCAR
- CYF Guidelines for OSCAR Approval introduced
- First National OSCAR conference in Rotorua

2000

2001

- OSCAR subsidy paid directly to providers and hours increased to 37 / week
- 2nd National OSCAR Conference held in Auckland
- NAOSCAR Maori Caucus formed
- NAOSCAR report on the cost of OSCAR programmes

2002

- NAOSCAR moves to Auckland from Wellington
- Northland OSCAR Network established

2003

- Hamilton OSCAR Network established
- OSCAR subsidy increased; childcare co-ordinators appointed by Work and Income NZ

2004

- Certificate in OSCAR launched by The Open Polytechnic of NZ
- NAOSCAR research on barriers to the OSCAR subsidy
- "Go Kids!" initiative launched in partnership with Coca-Cola
- NAOSCAR office moves into larger premises In Point Chevalier, Auckland
- 3rd National Conference held in Upper Hutt

2005

- OSCAR Development and Assistance funding introduced
- Fieldworkers employed to provide advice and support throughout the country
- NAOSCAR moves out of Sandy's home into its first separate office in St Lukes, Auckland
- Biggest NAOSCAR Conference held so far
- Murray Upton appointed as CEO
- OSCAR Assistance Funding increased
- Increased hours for regional OSCAR Advisors (formerly fieldworkers)
- New Standards for CYF OSCAR Approval introduced
- NAOSCAR office moves into larger premises in St Mary's Bay

1995 - 2005