



EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING
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Aloha,

Governor Abercrombie's New Day Plan is the roadmap that outlines the priorities and values for Hawai'i. The coordination and planning of implementing and documenting the early childhood objectives occurs within the Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL), established in statute in 2012.

During the past year, EOEL has established a series of workgroups known as the *Action Strategy*. The efforts of these workgroups are now complete and documented in the *Early Childhood Action Strategy* document, announced by the Governor and EOEL Executive Director in January 2013 and approved by the Early Learning Advisory Board on January 10, 2013.

As we advance the **EOEL Action Policy Agenda**, we will be moving into the next phase of implementation. In order to assist us in this effort, Dr. Kerrie Urosevich will be joining the EOEL staff as the **Action Strategy Coordinator**. Over the last 18 years, Kerrie's work has been rooted in local and international community mobilization and peace building. Kerrie co-founded Lead4Tomorrow, a violence-prevention leadership organization and Family Hui, an organization committed to ensuring children are safe, healthy and thriving.

We are also fortunate to be able to announce that JoAnn Farnsworth will be continuing in her role of supporting the workgroups and Kerrie as a content expert consultant. We will be updating our website regularly and sharing information on how you can be involved in the *Action Strategy* work.

Finally, we would like to thank the Omidyar 'Ohana Fund of the Hawai'i Community Foundation for their generous support in this effort as well as helping us establish a model of the private/public relationship in action!

Sincerely,

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