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Message from the Director

Aloha!

As I begin my tenure as EOEL's new director, I am taking many steps toward continuing to build a comprehensive and integrated early childhood development and learning system across the State. The only way to develop this system is to connect the many services and policies that have been or are being implemented in the various departments and agencies that support children and families. In the next few weeks, I will be sharing more information on how we are building upon this foundation and moving to the next level of policy implementation.

Some of my first steps include:

- Finalizing the formation of the EOEL team.
- Building upon the work around the Action Strategy – the backbone of this office – that has occurred in the past year.
- Developing a plan to create awareness about the change in kindergarten entry age for the 2014-2015 school year and help affected families understand their options.
- Working with the Department of Human Services to support school readiness through the expansion of the Preschool Open Doors program.
- Meeting with our state legislators and other partners in government and in the community to cultivate our plans for the system.
- Participating in the two National Governors Association Policy Academies that Hawaii was fortunate to be awarded.

I look forward to working together as we support children in being healthy and ready to succeed in kindergarten and life.

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