



The Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) was established by Act 178 in 2012. The creation of EOEL provides government-wide authority to guide the development of a comprehensive and integrated statewide early childhood development and learning system.

MISSION: The mission of EOEL is to coordinate efforts to help ensure a solid foundation for Hawaii's young children, prenatal to age five, by working with partners, families, and communities, and connecting policies, programs, and funding in relation to health, safety, early childhood education, and school readiness and success.

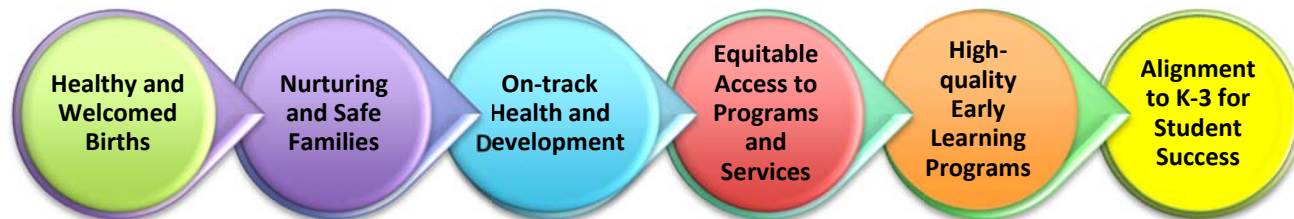
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

- Cross-state department collaboration
- Involvement of more than 80 community organizations from across the state
- Publicly and privately funded

ACTION STRATEGY: EOEL's action strategy is operationalized and measured based on how well we are supporting a child's development. If a child enters the world healthy and welcomed and is supported by a nurturing and safe family, the child has a much greater chance at achieving on-track health and development. When families need supports for their children, we want to ensure equitable access to programs and services and opportunities for high-quality early learning programs.

If we can accomplish these goals, the child will be ready to thrive when he or she enters kindergarten. Each project within our action strategy incorporates the following core factors: **cultural and linguistic responsiveness, family partnership, professional development, local and national research, and transition support.**

FOCUS AREAS



Accomplishments

- 1 of 4 states awarded the National Governor's Association Technical Assistance award to develop cross-sector collaborations to decrease pre-term births and infant mortality.
- 1 of 6 communities selected nationwide by ZERO TO THREE to form multidisciplinary peer learning and support, tasked with reviewing training modules to improve safety of young children birth to age three.
- Grant received from American Academy of Pediatrics to build bridges between health and early childhood systems.
- Program statutorily established, with a \$3 million appropriation for fiscal year 2013, within the Department of Health for hospital-based screening and home visiting services for newborns' families to improve the health and well-being of women, children, and families at risk for adverse health and safety concerns.
- Received \$9,114,174 in federal Affordable Care Act grant monies for the maternal and early childhood home visiting program.
- Family Partnership Guidelines and Indicators created and endorsed by EOEL's advisory board.
- Adoption of the Hawai'i Early Learning and Development Standards and local development of support materials through a competitive bidding process.
- 1 of 6 states selected to participate in the National Governor's Association Policy Academy Award to develop assessment policies for birth through grade 3.
- Public outreach effort launched to support families and providers about the change in kindergarten age.