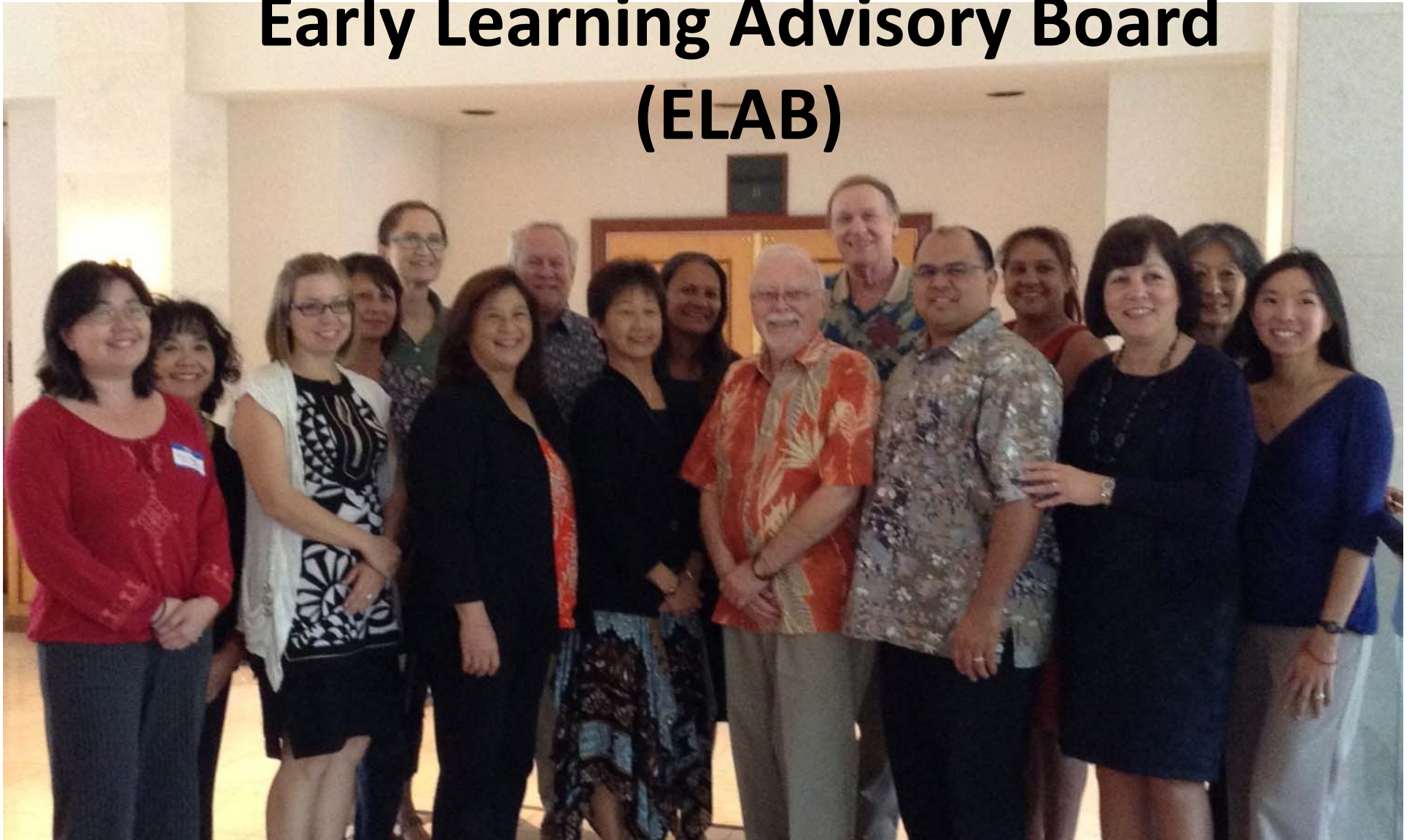# Early Learning Advisory Board (ELAB)

March 13, 2014

ELAB's Message

Quality early childhood education
is one of the most important
investments we can make, and
one that has clear data and
evidence that demonstrates
positive

outcomes for

children, families and

society.

About The Early Learning Advisory Board

Review of Act 178:

▸ Established the Executive Office on Early Learning to guide the development of an integrated and comprehensive statewide early childhood development and learning system.

▸ **Established the Early Learning Advisory Board** to replace the Early Learning Council

Early Learning Advisory Board's (ELAB) ROLES

▶ Be an **independent voice** for children's health, safety, development and learning

▶ **Advise** the **Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL)** on how best to meet the needs of children prenatal to Kindergarten through its **Action Strategy**

▶ **Promote collaboration** across agencies and stakeholders serving young children

▶ **Provide recommendations** to improve quality, access, and coordination of Early Childhood programs

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ELAB Organization

- **Public and private** voting members
  - *Represent state departments and agencies*
- Elected Chair and appointed Vice Chair

How ELAB Functions

- **Board meetings every other month**

- **Agenda Format:**
  - EOEL work
  - Early Childhood Strategic Actions
  - Information sharing
  - Member updates
  - Public comment

- **Endorsement of initiatives, etc. as requested by EOEL**

How ELAB Functions
continued

- **Review relevant legislation for support and/or testimony**

- **Review subcommittee reports for input/advice**

- **Support public information efforts promoting value of early learning investment (i.e. Be My Voice Campaign)**

ELAB Legislation Support

Legislation Supported by ELAB

➢ HB2276-SB2826: Implementation of Early Childhood Education Program, post Constitutional Amendment

➢ HB1676-SB2236: School Readiness Program: DOE Pre-K plan

➢ SB2975: Family Child Interaction Learning program

➢ HB1700: Budget for EOEL

SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM 2014

Three methods to increase capacity and provide access to children:

1. Preschool Open Doors funded through DHS to attend private preschools

2. DOE-EOEL partnership to create a 4-year-old program on DOE campuses

3. Family Child Interaction Learning programs to support families in preparing children

Family-child Interaction Learning Programs

- Parents, family members and caregivers attend the school readiness program with their child

- Families learn strategies for improving school readiness alongside their children

EOEL Budget Requests for Support Staff

ELAB supports the following additional staff:

- ✓ Policy Analyst, specializing in data
- ✓ Fiscal Manager, oversee EOEL budget
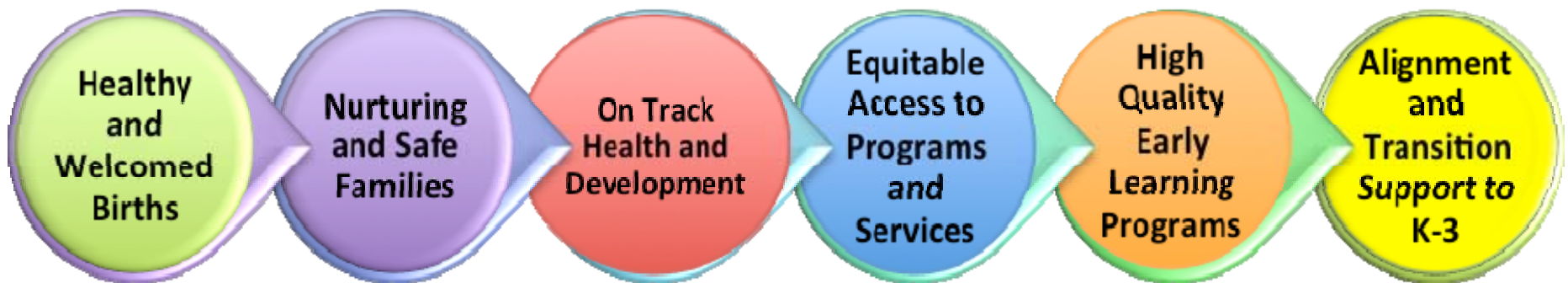- ✓ Program Manager, to oversee contracts

ELAB Support for EOEL's Action Strategy

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Action Strategy 2014-2018

Theory of Change

The Action Strategy or strategic plan is implemented and measured, following a child's development from prenatal to age 5 across the following six focus areas. Under each focus area, we have 4-5 projects to achieve our goals.

With over 100 participants from the following public and private organizations lending their time, knowledge and expertise:

Alu Like
Blueprint for Change
Center on the Family
Childcare Business Coalition
Child and Family Services
Collaborative Leaders Network
Domestic Violence Action Center
Educational Delivery Institute
Family Programs Hawaii
Farm to Keiki
Hawaii Academy of Pediatrics
Hawaii Appleseed
Hawaii Careers with Young Children
Hawaii Chapter National Association of Social Workers
Hawaii Department of Education
Hawaii Department of Health
Hawaii Department of Human Services

Hawaii Primary Care Association
Healthcare Association of Hawaii
Hawaii Department of Health
Hawaii Department of Human Services
Hawaii Primary Care Association
Healthcare Association of Hawaii
Hilopa`a Family to Family Health Information Center
Honolulu Community College
Hui for Excellence in Education Coalition
Imua Family Services
Early Learning Advisory Board
Easter Seals
Eleu Collaboration of Family-Child Interactive Learning Programs
Family Hui
Good Beginnings Alliance
Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies

Hawaii Careers for the Education of Young Children
Hawaii Head Start Association
Honolulu YMCA
Kamehameha Schools
Kaulanakilohana
Kia ika ike
Kamalapua o Ko`olau
Medical Home Works
Maui Community Colleges
Maui County
New Teacher Center
Parents and Children Together
PATCH
PHOCUSED
Read to Me International
The Learning Coalition
University of Hawai`i College of Education
University of Hawai`i: Hawai`i P-20 Partnerships for Education

For a young child to have the most optimal development, she must have:

Healthy nutrition

Safe environment

A loving family

Opportunities to learn with the adults who care for them

Access to quality services and programs

Everyone working together through the action strategy to ensure we supporting a child's health, safety and learning!

ELAB's Membership
Representing Hawai`i's Diverse Early Childhood Community

- Pankaj Bhanot, Department of Human Services, Oahu
- Ka`ina Bonacorsi, Hawaii Council of Mayors, Maui
- Lynn Cabato, Head Start Provider Agency, Oahu
- Alfred Castle, Philanthropic Organization, Oahu
- Christina Cox, Center-based Provider, Oahu
- Mike Fahey, Hawaii Early Intervention Coordination Council, Oahu
- Geri Ann Hong for Kathy Matayoshi, Superintendent, HIDOE, Oahu
- Christine Jackson, Head Start Collaboration Office, Oahu
- Lisa Kimura, Parent Representative, Oahu
- Ben Naki, Home Visiting Program Provider, Oahu
- Christopher Pating for CEO, Kamehameha Schools, Oahu
- Lora Perry, Family-child Interaction Learning Program Provider
- Anna Peters, Hawaii Council of Mayors, Kauai
- Robert Peters, Ed.D., Hawaii Association of Independent Schools, Oahu
- Namaka Rawlins, Hawaii Language Medium Early Learning Provider, Hawaii Island
- Malia Shimokawa, M.D., Hawaii Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics, Oahu
- Joanne Taira, for UH President, University of Hawaii
- Danette Tomiyasu for Director, Department of Health, Oahu

Committed to creating a bright future
for Hawaii's young
children and their families!