

## SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION *continued*  
Preschool Special Education

For more information about Special Education, visit the website noted below.

**Website:** [www.hawaiipublicschools.org/teachingandlearning/specializedprograms/specialeducation/pages/home.aspx](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/teachingandlearning/specializedprograms/specialeducation/pages/home.aspx)  
**O'ahu:** (808) 305-9806

### HAWAII STATE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – EARLY INTERVENTION SECTION (EIS)

Services are provided to infants and toddlers below three years of age who have a developmental delay or are at biological risk (for example: have a diagnosis or condition with a high probability of resulting in developmental delays) and their families. A child is evaluated to determine eligibility for services. Service providers support families through coaching and strategies to help their child in all areas of development within the child's daily routines and activities.

**Website:** [health.hawaii.gov/eis/](http://health.hawaii.gov/eis/)

**Email:** [doh.eis@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:doh.eis@doh.hawaii.gov)

**Main Office - O'ahu:** (808) 594-0000

**Early Intervention Referral Line - O'ahu:** (808) 594-0066 or toll-free: 1-800-235-5477

### POLI'S PLACE

Poli's Place (Keiki O Ka 'Āina) is specifically designed to meet the diverse needs of infants and toddlers with special needs. All keiki are welcome at Poli's Place. The unique environment provides opportunities and experiences for children to develop their social skills. Along with a daily routine, mākuā and keiki enjoy developmentally appropriate activities enriched in Hawaiian ideals and culture.

**Website:** [www.koka.org/](http://www.koka.org/)

**Email:** [contact@koka.org](mailto:contact@koka.org)

**O'ahu:** (808) 843-2502

### SCHOOL READINESS PROJECT

LDAH—Leadership in Disabilities & Achievement of Hawai'i School Readiness Project (SRP) provides services for families of two through five year old children on O'ahu. We provide developmental, social-emotional, hearing, vision and autism screenings. For children with a possible concern, we provide case management to help resolve that concern.

**Website:** [www.ldahawaii.org/programs-and-services/](http://www.ldahawaii.org/programs-and-services/)

**O'ahu:** (808) 536-9685 or (808) 696-5361

\*Kamehameha Schools' policy is to give preference to applicants of Hawaiian ancestry to the extent permitted by law.

This resource was developed in collaboration between the Executive Office on Early Learning and Kamehameha Schools.

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# Low to No-Cost Early Childhood Development and Learning Programs Resource List

Information on low to no-cost Pre-Kindergarten programs including those that charge a tuition of less than \$600 per month, and links to helpful resources.



## PARENT–PARTICIPATION PROGRAMS

### COME...WITH ME!

Come...With Me! (YMCA of Honolulu) is a demonstration pilot of the Y of USA's efforts to develop an early learning readiness program model that outreaches to pre-school age children who are cared for at home by a family, friend or neighbor caregiver.

**Website:** [www.ymcahonolulu.org/youth-programs/preschool/come-with-me](http://www.ymcahonolulu.org/youth-programs/preschool/come-with-me)

**Email:** [dtabangay@ymcahonolulu.org](mailto:dtabangay@ymcahonolulu.org)

**O'ahu:** (808) 541-5470

### KA PA'ALANA

The Ka Pa'alana Homeless Family Education Program (Partners in Development) serves homeless and at-risk families on the Leeward Coast of O'ahu and in Hilo.

**Website:** [www.pidf.org/programs/ka\\_paalana/about](http://www.pidf.org/programs/ka_paalana/about)

**Email:** [pid@pidfoundation.org](mailto:pid@pidfoundation.org)

**O'ahu:** (808) 596-8711

**Hilo:** (808) 934-8711

### KEIKI O KA 'ĀINA FAMILY LEARNING CENTERS

Keiki O Ka 'Āina Family Learning Centers help children prepare for success in school by supporting parents as their child's first teacher, providing educational experiences for parents and children as they play and learn together.

**Website:** [www.koka.org/parent-participation-programs/](http://www.koka.org/parent-participation-programs/)

**Email:** [contact@koka.org](mailto:contact@koka.org)

**O'ahu:** (808) 843-2502

### KEIKI STEPS

Keiki Steps is a FREE program focused on parent-child interactive learning experiences from birth through five years of age. Adult participation is required. We are located in communities with high concentrations of Native Hawaiians but are open to all families and children within those communities, regardless of ethnicity.

**Website:** [www.inpeace.org/early-childhood-education/keiki-steps/](http://www.inpeace.org/early-childhood-education/keiki-steps/)

**O'ahu:** (808) 620-9043

**Hilo:** (808) 933-2933

### KŪLIA I KA NU'U

Kūlia I Ka Nu'u (Keiki O Ka 'Āina) integrates Hawaiian culture, values and language and empowers parents to be their child's first and best teacher! Parents learn how to give their child an early start on literacy, math, art, social studies, science and more

**Website:** [www.koka.org/keiki-childrens-programs-kulia/](http://www.koka.org/keiki-childrens-programs-kulia/)

**Email:** [contact@koka.org](mailto:contact@koka.org)

**O'ahu:** (808) 843-2502

### NĀ PONO NO NĀ 'OHANA

Nā Pono No Nā 'Ohana (Partners in Development) is a comprehensive family education program. The program is located at Blanche Pope Elementary School in Waimānalo where the family comes to school to learn together.

**Website:** [www.pidf.org/programs/na\\_pono\\_no\\_na\\_ohana/about](http://www.pidf.org/programs/na_pono_no_na_ohana/about)

**O'ahu:** (808) 259-0243

### TINY TOTS EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

City and County of Honolulu

Playgroups for young children, age varies from 18 months to 5 years old. Parent and/or guardian must remain for the entire duration of the class.

**Website:** [parks.honolulu.gov/sdi/home.html](http://parks.honolulu.gov/sdi/home.html)

**Email:** [parks@honolulu.gov](mailto:parks@honolulu.gov)

**O'ahu:**

**Hawai'i Kai to McCully**—(808) 373-8013

**Makiki to 'Aiea**—(808) 522-7070

**Pearl City to Wai'anae and Wahiawa**—(808) 675-7130

**Wai'alua to Waimānalo**—(808) 233-7300

**Call local parks for more information.**

### TŪTŪ AND ME

Tūtū and Me (Partners in Development) aims to identify, recruit, and service this underserved segment of the Native Hawaiian population through an innovative traveling preschool program done in cooperation with churches and community organizations serving the Hawaiian and part-Hawaiian community.

**Website:** [www.pidf.org/programs/tutu\\_and\\_me/about](http://www.pidf.org/programs/tutu_and_me/about)

**Email:** [pid@pidfoundation.org](mailto:pid@pidfoundation.org)

**O'ahu:** (808) 524-7633

## HOME VISITING PROGRAMS

### EARLY HEAD START (EHS)/HEAD START (HS)

EHS and HS are federally-funded programs providing comprehensive health, education and family support and family engagement services and resources to income-eligible children, as well as children who are homeless or in the foster care system. EHS serves pregnant women, infants and toddlers and their families. HS serves preschool children and their families. Part-day programs are offered at no cost to families, and full-day programs are offered at affordable rates. Children with special needs are given priority in the Head Start/Early Head Start program.

**O'ahu:**

**Parents and Children Together (PACT)**

**Website:** [pacthawaii.org/our-work/early-headstart-programs/](http://pacthawaii.org/our-work/early-headstart-programs/)

**Email:** [hs-ehs@pacthawaii.org](mailto:hs-ehs@pacthawaii.org)

**Phone:** (808) 842-5996

**Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP)**

**Website:** [www.hcapweb.org/headstart/](http://www.hcapweb.org/headstart/)

**Email:** [hcap@hcapweb.org](mailto:hcap@hcapweb.org)

**Phone:** (808) 847-2400

**Maui:**

**Maui Family Support Services, Inc. (MFSS)**

**Website:** [mfss.org](http://mfss.org)

**Email:** [keikimatters@mfss.org](mailto:keikimatters@mfss.org)

**Phone:** (808) 242-0900

**Maui Economic Opportunity (MEO)**

**Website:** [www.meoinc.org](http://www.meoinc.org)

**Email:** [ecs@meoinc.org](mailto:ecs@meoinc.org)

**Phone:** (808) 249-2990

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### EARLY HEAD START (EHS)/HEAD START (HS) *continued*

**Kaua'i:**  
**Child & Family Service (CFS)**  
**Website:** [www.childandfamilyservice.org/kauai/](http://www.childandfamilyservice.org/kauai/)  
**Phone:** (808) 245-5914

**Hawai'i:**  
**Parents and Children Together (PACT)**  
**Website:** [pacthawaii.org/our-work/early-headstart-programs/](http://pacthawaii.org/our-work/early-headstart-programs/)  
**Phone:** (808) 961-0570

**Family Support Hawai'i (FSH)**  
**Website:** [familysupporthawaii.org](http://familysupporthawaii.org)  
**Email:** [info@familysupporthawaii.org](mailto:info@familysupporthawaii.org)  
**Phone:** (808) 334-4123 or (808) 334-4138

**HEALTHY FAMILIES AMERICA**  
Healthy Families America (HFA), formerly Healthy Start, provides comprehensive home visitation services to prenatal families or families with newborn infants for three full years, until baby turns 3 years old. Families must reside in the Wai'anae area on O'ahu, Lihu'e area on Kaua'i and on Lana'i.

**Child & Family Service (CFS)**  
**Website:** [www.childandfamilyservice.org/programs/healthyfamilies/](http://www.childandfamilyservice.org/programs/healthyfamilies/)  
**O'ahu:** (808) 681-1555  
**Kaua'i:** (808) 245-5914

**Maui Family Support Services, Inc. (MFSS)**  
**Website:** [mfss.org](http://mfss.org)  
**Email:** [keikimatters@mfss.org](mailto:keikimatters@mfss.org)  
**Maui:** (808) 242-0900

**YWCA**  
**Website:** [www.ywcahawaiiisland.org/what-we-do/healthy-start-program/](http://www.ywcahawaiiisland.org/what-we-do/healthy-start-program/)  
**Hilo:** (808) 961-3877 ext. 101

### HOME INSTRUCTION FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS

The Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) program (Keiki O Ka 'Āina) offers home based early childhood education for three, four and five year old children working with their parent(s) as their first teacher.

**Website:** [www.koka.org/hippy](http://www.koka.org/hippy)  
**Email:** [contact@koka.org](mailto:contact@koka.org)  
**O'ahu:** (808) 843-2502  
**Kona:** (808) 339-7979  
**Maui:** (808) 868-4143

**PARENTS AS TEACHERS**  
Parents as Teachers (PAT) empowers and supports pregnant women and families to become their child's first teacher. Parents meet with a certified PAT educator for FREE regular home visits to gain knowledge in healthy births, early childhood and brain development.  
**Website:** [www.inpeace.org/early-childhood-education/parent-as-teachers-pat-program/](http://www.inpeace.org/early-childhood-education/parent-as-teachers-pat-program/)  
**O'ahu:** (808) 620-9043  
**Moloka'i:** (808) 560-0335

## CENTER-BASED PROGRAMS

**EARLY HEAD START (EHS)/HEAD START (HS)**  
EHS and HS are federally-funded programs providing comprehensive health, education and family support and family engagement services and resources to income-eligible children, as well as children who are homeless or in the foster care system. EHS serves pregnant women, infants and toddlers and their families. HS serves preschool children and their families. Part-day programs are offered at no cost to families, and full-day programs are offered at affordable rates. Children with special needs are given priority in the Head Start/Early Head Start program.  
***Please see Early Headstart/Headstart in the Home Visiting Programs section for contact information.***

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING**  
The Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) offers Hawai'i's first state funded pre-kindergarten program at no-cost to families who meet eligibility requirements. The program provides high-quality early learning experiences for students in the year prior to kindergarten eligibility. In order to qualify, children who must be 4 years of age on or before July 31st of the school year. Priority is given to those who are considered "at-risk" or "underserved." Applications are accepted year-round. See website for the listing of all schools.  
**Website:** [earlylearning.hawaii.gov](http://earlylearning.hawaii.gov)  
**Email:** [EOEL\\_Info@notes.k12.hi.us](mailto:EOEL_Info@notes.k12.hi.us)  
**O'ahu:** (808) 784-5350

**HAWAII PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS**  
In 2014, the Hawai'i State Public Charter School Commission applied for the U.S. Department of Education Preschool Development Grant. Hawai'i was one of 18 states awarded this opportunity. This grant allows Hawai'i to continue to build on statewide efforts to support Hawai'i's early childhood system. Each participating school can serve 20 eligible pre-kindergarten students in each class. See website for the listing of all schools.  
**Website:** [www.hawaiicharterschools.org](http://www.hawaiicharterschools.org)  
**O'ahu:** (808) 380-6403

**KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS PRESCHOOLS\***  
Kamehameha Schools delivers high quality Hawaiian culture-based preschool education to over 1,600 3-5 year old keiki at 30 preschools statewide. The focus of the program is to promote each child's overall

well-being by addressing the child's physical, social, emotional, cognitive, language, cultural and spiritual development through learning experiences that are grounded in the cultural values of aloha, mālama and kuleana.  
**Website:** [blogs.ksbe.edu/preschool/](http://blogs.ksbe.edu/preschool/)  
**O'ahu:** (808) 534-8305 or Toll-Free 1-800-842-4682 ext. 48305

**KEIKI O KA 'ĀINA PRESCHOOLS**  
Keiki O Ka 'Āina Preschool is NAEYC and WINHEC accredited and offers a dual language environment rich in Hawaiian culture. Literacy-driven curriculum is firmly grounded in Hawaiian values, traditions, culture and language. Children attend monthly field trips that help reinforce our educational themes.  
**Preschool for ages 3-5**  
**Infant-Toddler Center for ages 6 months – 36 months**  
**Website:** [www.koka.org/preschool](http://www.koka.org/preschool)  
**Email:** [contact@koka.org](mailto:contact@koka.org)  
**O'ahu:** (808) 843-2502

**KEIKI STEPS TO KINDERGARTEN**  
Keiki Steps to Kindergarten is a FREE two or three week summer transition program for children entering kindergarten with little or no preschool experience. This summer transition program provides an academic and social orientation for children allowing them to ensure a smooth transition into kindergarten. Programs are offered at various DOE Elementary School locations.  
**Website:** [www.inpeace.org/early-childhood-education/keiki-steps-to-kindergarten/](http://www.inpeace.org/early-childhood-education/keiki-steps-to-kindergarten/)  
**O'ahu:** (808) 693-7222

## SCHOLARSHIPS, SUBSIDIES, AND RESOURCES

**PAUHI KEIKI SCHOLARS\* - SCHOLARSHIP**  
Pauhi Keiki Scholars (PKS) is a need-based scholarship for eligible keiki who are planning to attend a participating PKS preschool in Hawai'i.  
**Website:** [apps.ksbe.edu/financialaid/preschool/pks/](http://apps.ksbe.edu/financialaid/preschool/pks/)  
**O'ahu:** (808) 534-8080

**CHILD CARE CONNECTION HAWAII - SUBSIDY**  
The Child Care Connection Hawai'i (CCCH) subsidy program helps low-income families to sustain their employment, educational efforts and job training by paying a subsidy for their children who are in the care of DHS-approved child care providers. Unless child care is required for protective purposes, families must meet income and activity requirements to qualify for this subsidy program.  
**Website:** [humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/child-care-program/ccch-subsidies/](http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/child-care-program/ccch-subsidies/)  
**Email:** [dhs@dhs.hawaii.gov](mailto:dhs@dhs.hawaii.gov)  
**O'ahu:** (855) 643-1643

**MAUI FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, INC. (MFSS) - SUBSIDY**  
Quality Care for Hawaiian Keiki (QCHK)  
QCHK offers child care subsidy program services to Native Hawaiian families on Maui and Moloka'i.  
**Website:** [mfss.org/qchk](http://mfss.org/qchk)  
**Email:** [qchk@mfss.org](mailto:qchk@mfss.org)  
**Maui:** (808) 793-2816

**PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS - SUBSIDY**  
The Preschool Open Doors (POD) program is a separate subsidy program with limited funds that provides services state-wide to families sending their children to a licensed preschool during the school year prior to kindergarten entry. The goal of POD is to promote school readiness for children, and the program focuses on meeting the needs of the child. Parents are not required to have an eligible activity, unlike the CCCH Subsidy program, but they must meet income and other eligibility requirements. For POD, there is a time-limited application period established and published each year.  
**Website:** [humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/child-care-program/ccch-subsidies/](http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/child-care-program/ccch-subsidies/)  
**O'ahu:** (808) 791-2130 or Toll-Free 1-800-746-5620

**FAMILY HUI HAWAII - RESOURCE**  
The Hui Program coordinates parenting support groups that allow families and children to come together and learn about child development and mindful parenting strategies. Groups are led by a trained peer facilitator and meet once per week for 12 weeks in the community where they reside.  
**Website:** [familyhuihawaii.org](http://familyhuihawaii.org)  
**Email:** [info@familyhuihawaii.org](mailto:info@familyhuihawaii.org)  
**Phone:** (808) 230-7112

**HO'ĀLA - RESOURCE**  
Ho'āla, a program by INPEACE, is designed to connect families with children ages prenatal to 5 to provide valuable information and guidance about early childhood education programs, improve outcomes and prepare your child for future success in school.  
**Website:** [www.inpeace.org/early-childhood-education/hoala/](http://www.inpeace.org/early-childhood-education/hoala/)  
**O'ahu:** (808) 696-9300

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A child, ages 3 to 22, who is identified with a disability and demonstrates a need for specially designed instruction can receive special education. Special education is specially designed instruction and can include, but is not limited to, academic services, speech-language services, psychological services, physical and occupational therapy, counseling services, and parent education.

***Contact your child's home school, which is the neighborhood school that your child would attend, and request an evaluation.***

The request can be made by one of the following:

- Verbally, in person, or by phone
- In a written letter, faxed, or e-mailed; or
- On the "State of Hawai'i Request for Evaluation form" obtained from the school

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