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.ymcanohkolo.youth-programs/preschool/corne-with-me](http://www.ymcanohkolo.youth-programs/preschool/corne-with-me)

Email: dahangary@ymcanohkolo.org

O’ahu: (808) 341-5470

**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.pidfoundation.org/programs/ka_paalana/about](http://www.pidfoundation.org/programs/ka_paalana/about)

Email: pid@pidfoundation.org

O’ahu: (808) 396-8711

Hilo: (808) 954-8711

**KEIKI O KA ‘ĀINA FAMILY LEARNING CENTERS**
Keiki O Ka’Aina 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

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](http://www.inpeace.org)

**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.pidfoundation.org/programs/na_pono_no_na_ohana/about](http://www.pidfoundation.org/programs/na_pono_no_na_ohana/about)

O’ahu: (808) 239-0243

**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.

**SCHOOL READINESS PROJECT**
LDAR (Leadership in Disabilities & Achievement of Hawai‘i)’s 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) 336-9685 or (808) 896-5361

**TUTU AND ME**
Tutu and Me (Partners in Development) aims to identify, recruit, and serve 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.pidfoundation.org/programs/tutu_and_me/about](http://www.pidfoundation.org/programs/tutu_and_me/about)

Email: pid@pidfoundation.org

O’ahu: (808) 324-7633

**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.

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

Email: 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

Phone: (808) 847-2400

**MAUI FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, INC. (MFSS)**
Website: [www.mfss.org](http://www.mfss.org)

Email: keikamatters@mfss.org

Phone: (808) 242-0900

**MAUI ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (MEO)**
Website: [www.meoinc.org](http://www.meoinc.org)

Phone: (808) 249-2990

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PARENTS AS TEACHERS
Parents as Teachers (PAT) empowers and supports pregnant women and families to become their child’s first teacher. Parents meet in groups 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/parents-as-teachers/pat-program/
O’ahu: (808) 620-9045
Molokaʻi: (808) 560-6335.

CENTER-BASED PROGRAMS

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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
Email: 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
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 traditions of aloha, malama and kuleana.
Website: blogs.lbeve.hawaii.edu/keekie/
O’ahu: (808) 534-8305 or Toll-Free 1-800-842-4862 ext. 48305

KEIKI O KA’AINA PRESCHOOLS
Keiki O Ka’aina Preschools is NAETC and WINHELIC 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
Email: contact@koka.org
O’ahu: (808) 843-2802

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/
O’ahu: (808) 693-7222

SCHOLARSHIPS, SUBSIDIES, AND RESOURCES
PAUAHI KEIKI SCHOLARS* - SCHOLARSHIP
Pauahi 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.koho.edu/financialaid/preschool/pks/
O’ahu: (808) 534-8080

CHILD CARE CONNECTION HAWAI‘I - 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: humanervices.hawaii.gov/bessd/child-care-program/ccch-subsidies/
Email: dhs@bess.hawaii.gov
O’ahu: (808) 693-4443

MAUI FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, INC. (MFSS) - SUBSIDY
Quality Care for Hawaiian Keiki (QCHK) program offers early childhood 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 traditions of aloha, malama and kuleana.
Website: blogs.lbeve.hawaii.edu/keekie/
Email: qchk@mfss.org
Maui: (808) 979-2130 or Toll-Free 1-800-746-5620

FAMILY HUI HAWAI‘I - RESOURCE
The Hui Program coordinates parent support groups that allow families and children to come together and learn about child development, and mindful parenting strategies. Includes叶 a trained peer facilitator and meet once per week for 12 weeks in the community where they reside.
Website: hui.hawaii.edu
Email: info@familyhuihawaii.org
Phone: (808) 230-7112

HO'ALOA - RESOURCE
Ho’ala, 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/
O’ahu: (808) 696-9300

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
HAWAI‘I STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Preschool Special Education
A child, ages 3 to 5, 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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