

**EOEL Updates - for the Early Learning Board Meeting, July 14, 2022**  
(as of July 7, 2022)

**Legislative Updates**

- *Biennium Request Development Update*
  - We are currently working on developing budget and legislative requests in anticipation for the next Biennium. EOEL will provide a presentation to the board at the August ELB meeting for review and approval.
- *Bills Enacted*
  - H.B. 986 (relating to newborn hearing screening) was enacted on 6/16/22 as Act 036.
  - H.B. 987 (amends the hearing and vision program statute to increase the early identification of children with hearing or vision loss) was enacted on 6/16/22 as Act 037.
  - S.B. 3110 (renames the Preschool Grant Program Special Fund to Child Care Grant Program Special Fund and authorizes the special fund to be used to give grants to child care facilities) was enacted on 6/27/22 as Act 128.
  - H.B. 2000 (appropriates \$200 mil to the SFA to expand access to pre-k) was enacted on 7/7/22 as Act 257.

**EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program**

- Professional Learning
  - As part of our Professional Learning Support efforts and our professional development support for the workforce in both the public and private sectors, the EOEL Pre-K Team is once again part of the instructional team for the ECE Summer Institute in July.
    - ***Project Work as Learning Journeys: Situating Projects with Children and Families to Cultivate an Enduring Sense of Place and Purpose***, the MEd Early Childhood Education Summer Institute 2022 is a joint collaboration between the MEd Early Childhood Education Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and the Executive Office of Early Learning (EOEL).
    - A special Mahalo from the **Master in Early Childhood Education Program** at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa:  
*A special Mahalo to our community partners, the Executive Office of Early Learning, and to Nalani Mattox-Primacio & Kali Linder, and our guests from INPEACE and KOKA, who continually helps us to deepen our understanding of how to embody the College's commitment to nurturing a Hawaiian place of learning and to better serving Native Hawaiian children, practitioners and families.*
- Pre-K Expansion with DOE
  - Meetings taking place with DOE Principals who have applied their schools to participate in the EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program. There are currently 22 schools that have applied.
  - EOEL and DOE OCID will meet again later this month regarding expansion of classrooms and related updates.
- Application & Enrollment

- Enrollment for SY 21-22
  - Total number of students enrolled across the state as of Quarter 4: 344
  - Maximum enrollment: 405 seats across state
- Applications from Families for EOEL Public Pre-K Program for SY 22-23
  - Total number of applications received statewide: 444 applications
  - Total number of applications approved statewide: 353 applications
  - Total number of applications denied statewide: 44 applications
  - Notes:
    - Applications accepted throughout the school year.

Applications that are incomplete or under review are not identified as *approved* or *denied*.

### **Early Childhood Educator Stipend Program**

- The Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Hawai'i and the Executive Office on Early Learning has been executed and implementation has begun for SY 2022-2023.

### **Family-Child Interaction Learning Program for the Executive Office on Early Learning at Nānākuli Elementary School and Kailua Elementary School for SY 2022-2023**

- The contract between Keiki O Ka 'Āina Preschools and the Executive Office on Early Learning has been executed and implementation has begun for SY 2022-2023.

### **Early Childhood State Plan and Engagements**

- [Announcement of 2022 Preschool Development Renewal Grant Funding Opportunity](#)
  - More information has been shared via grants.gov regarding the forecasting of PDG B-5 Renewal Grant Funding Opportunity. We are still awaiting official announcement from The Administration for Children and Families which is expected to be made in September. The application will be due in November and the awards to be announced in December. Hawaii is eligible to apply and EOEL is monitoring this announcement and plans to play a coordinating role to apply on behalf of Hawaii, with the intention of first seeking essential feedback from government agencies and community partners for administration and implementation.
  - The PDG B-5 Renewal Grants seek to empower state governments to lead the way in leveraging federal, state, and local early care and education investments while developing and improving their comprehensive, statewide birth through five early childhood care and education system. These Renewal Grants seek to assist states in helping low-income and disadvantaged children enter kindergarten prepared and ready to succeed. In addition, these grants will help improve the transitions between early care and education settings and elementary schools. The overall responsibility of the PDG B-5 Renewal Grant is to assist states in the coordination of existing early childhood funding streams resulting in services being provided to more children birth through five in a mixed delivery system.
- *Hawai'i PDG TA Plan:*
  - Hawaii Ad-hoc team continues to attend a system visualization workshop series hosted by the PDG B-5 TA Center. This is a reminder that the next workshop

sessions are coming out soon and will take place from 6 AM-10AM PM HST on the following dates:

- **Workshop 3: Developing your Comprehensive ECCE System Visualization-** Thursday, July 21
- **Workshop 4: Communicating your ECCE System Using the Developed Visualization-** Thursday, September 22
- EOEL and related partners continue working towards the TA plans other goals related sustaining resources supported or created by the 2019 PDG B-5 Initial Grant.

### **Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO)**

- Two of the Head Start grantees extended their school year to include summer programming – one program ran a virtual program for the month of June, and the other is doing in-person programming at several sites through mid-July. Both summer programs targeted children transitioning on to Kindergarten.
- All Head Start (HS)/Early Head Start (EHS) grantees are actively recruiting children (B-5) for enrollment in the upcoming school year, with different start dates for services in the month of August. The federal Office of Head Start (OHS) will be monitoring grantees for full enrollment and in-person services this fall.
- The former OHS Director, Dr. Bernadine Futrell, has transitioned to another position within the Administration for Children and Youth. An announcement regarding her replacement is forthcoming.
- The HSSCO has received its Notice of Award (funding) for the new program year (2022-2023). The HSSCO Director is in the process of completing a mid-year report for January-June 2022.
- The Head Start Association of Hawaii (HSAH) will convene a quarterly Board meeting in mid-July. A rollout plan for the newly published *Early Head Start State Policy Agenda* will be vetted and hopefully approved for a coordinated and intentional approach to elevate issues and recommendations to support Hawaii's EHS programs, as well as infant/toddler programs in general.