

LOW- TO NO-COST

Early Childhood

Development and Learning Programs

A RESOURCE FOR
PARENTS & FAMILIES



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





LOW TO NO-COST Family Participation Programs



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. familyhuihawaii.org

EMAIL: info@familyhuihawaii.org
O'AHU: (808) 230-7112

KA PA'ALANA

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

EMAIL: kpadmin@pidfoundation.org
O'AHU: (808) 596-8711
HILO: (808) 934-8711

NĀ PONO NO NĀ 'OHANA

Nā Pono No Nā 'Ohana (Partners in Development Foundation) is a free comprehensive family education program in Waimānalo where the family comes to learn together. www.pidf.org/napono/

EMAIL: napono@pidfoundation.org
O'AHU: (808) 259-0243

TŪTŪ AND ME TRAVELING PRESCHOOL

Tūtū and Me Traveling Preschool (Partners in Development Foundation) partners with community organizations and churches to provide high quality, early learning experiences and caregiver support to families with keiki ages 0-5 years old. The program has mobile preschool locations throughout the State of Hawai'i. www.pidf.org/tutuandme/

EMAIL: ttm@pidfoundation.org
O'AHU: (808) 524-7633

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. www.koka.org/parent-participation-programs/

EMAIL: contact@koka.org
O'AHU: (808) 843-2502

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.

www.koka.org/keiki-childrens-programs-kulia/

EMAIL: contact@koka.org
O'AHU: (808) 843-2502

KEIKI STEPS

Keiki Steps (INPEACE) 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.

<https://inpeace.org/education/keiki-steps/>

O'AHU: (808) 693-7222
HILO: (808) 933-2933
KAUA'I: (808) 693-7222 Ext. 310

A virtual option is also available.





LOW TO NO-COST Home and Center-based Programs

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

EHS and HS are federally-funded programs that provide home-based services and offer home visits and group socialization activities for parents and their children.

O'AHU

PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER (PACT)

pacthawaii.org/our-work/early-headstart-programs/

EMAIL: hs-ehs@pacthawaii.org

PHONE: (808) 842-5996

HONOLULU COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (HCAP)

www.hcapweb.org/headstart/

EMAIL: hcap@hcapweb.org

PHONE: (808) 847-2400

MAUI

MAUI FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, INC. (MFSS)

mfss.org/services/

EMAIL: keikimatters@mfss.org

PHONE: (808) 242-0900

MAUI ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (MEO)

www.meoinc.org

EMAIL: ecs@meoinc.org

PHONE: (808) 249-2990

KAUAI

CHILD & FAMILY SERVICE (CFS)

www.childandfamilyservice.org/kauai/

PHONE: (808) 245-5914

HAWAI'I

PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER (PACT)

pacthawaii.org/our-work/early-headstart-programs/

PHONE: (808) 961-0570

FAMILY SUPPORT HAWAI'I (FSH)

<https://familysupporthawaii.org/early-head-start/>

EMAIL: info@familysupporthawaii.org

PHONE: (808) 334-4123 or (808) 334-4138

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 3 and 4 year olds two years prior to kindergarten entry. 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. earlylearninghawaii.gov

EMAIL: eoel.info@eoel.hawaii.gov

PHONE: (808) 784-5350

HAWAI'I PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

11 charter schools across the state provide free public prekindergarten programs to 3 and 4 year olds.

<https://www.chartercommission.hawaii.gov/early-learning-pre-k>

O'AHU: (808) 586-3775

PATCH

PATCH is the state-designated child care resource and referral agency that helps families find licensed child care options tailored to their specific needs. They can provide referrals to both center and home based providers. www.patchhawaii.org

EMAIL: patch@patch-hi.org

MAIN PHONE: (808) 839-1988

MAUI: (808) 242-9232

KAUAI: (808) 246-0622

HILO: (808) 961-3169

KONA: (808) 322-3500





LOW TO NO-COST Home Visiting Programs



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

EHS and HS are federally-funded programs that provide home-based services and offer home visits and group socialization activities for parents and their children.

Please see EHS/HS in the Home and Center-based programs section for contact info and to inquire on whether home visiting services are available.

STRONG FAMILIES HOME VISITING

Formerly Healthy Families America (HFA) or 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, Hilo area on Hawai'i Island and on Lāna'i.

CHILD & FAMILY SERVICE (CFS)

www.childandfamilyservice.org/programs/

O'AHU: (808) 681-1555
KAUA'I: (808) 245-5914
HILLO: (808) 935-2188

MAUI FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, INC. (MFSS)

mfss.org/services/

EMAIL: keikimatters@mfss.org
PHONE: (808) 242-0900

YWCA

www.ywcahawaiiisland.org/what-we-do/healthy-start-program/

HILLO: (808) 961-3877 ext. 101

HE LEI PIKO

He Lei Piko is a state and federally funded program offered by Keiki O Ka 'Āina Family Learning Centers. Eligible 'ohana receive weekly home visits through Parents as Teachers (PAT) program or Home Instructions for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) program where they have the opportunity to grow in positive parenting practices, learn about their child's development, and build a loving relationship between parent and child.

HOME INSTRUCTION FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS (HIPPY)

The HIPPY program with 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. www.koka.org/hippy

EMAIL: contact@koka.org
O'AHU: (808) 843-2502
KONA: (808) 339-7979
MAUI: (808) 868- 4143
KAUA'I: (808) 431- 4154

PARENTS AS TEACHERS (PAT)

Through PAT with Keiki O Ka 'Āina, 'ohana will partner with a Parent Educator, focused

on keiki's health and development. For 'ohana with children prenatal to 5 years old (must enter by age 2) will receive weekly home visits that support parent-child interactions, development centered parenting, and overall 'ohana well-being. Visits are personalized to fit each 'ohana needs, concerns, and hopes.

www.koka.org/parents-as-teachers-pat/

EMAIL: contact@koka.org
KONA: (808) 339-7979
MAUI: (808) 868- 4143

INPEACE HI'ILEI PROGRAM

Hi'ilei formerly, Parents as Teachers (PAT), an INPEACE program 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.

inpeace.org/education/hiilei/

O'AHU: (808) 693-7222
MOLOKA'I: (808) 560-0335

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HOME VISITING – YOUR 'OHANA

Your 'Ohana home visiting programs support families with health, resource connections, and support child development.

Services are located on O'ahu, Maui, Moloka'i, Lana'i, Hawaii Island, and Kaua'i. yourohana.org/enroll-today



LOW TO NO-COST 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. http://www.ksbe.edu/apply/financial_aid/preschool/pauahi_keiki_scholars/

EMAIL: ksrc@ksbe.edu

O'AHU: (808) 534-8080

NEIGHBOR ISLAND/U.S.:

1-808-842-IMUA (press 3)

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

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. humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/ccch-subsidies/

EMAIL: dhs@dhs.hawaii.gov

O'AHU: (855) 643-1643

MAUI FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, INC. (MFSS) – SUBSIDY

Quality Care for Hawaiian Keiki (QCHK) offers child care subsidy program services to Native Hawaiian families on Maui and Moloka'i. mfss.org/qchk

EMAIL: qchk@mfss.org

MAUI: (808) 793-2816

MFSS – THE EARLY CHILDHOOD

Resource Center connects Maui County families with subsidy programs they are eligible for, including Maui County Childcare Subsidy.

EMAIL: mauiecrc@gmail.com

MAUI: (808) 242-1608

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. humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/ccch-subsidies/ or patch.hawaii.org/programs/preschool-open-doors/

EMAIL: PODAdmin@patch-hi.org

O'AHU: (808) 791-2130 or Toll-Free 1-800-746-5620

HELP FOR CHILD CARE PROGRAM

HELP for Child Care Program is for qualified parents with monthly financial aid for child care costs for keiki ages 6 weeks to 12 years. Child care includes relative care in the child's home environment, infant / toddler care, group child care, pre-school, and before and after school care. The HELP Program is focused on serving Native Hawaiian, Native American Indian, and Alaska Native families who are working or attending school or in job training. www.koka.org/help-for-childcare/

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. <https://inpeace.org/education/hoala/>

O'AHU: (808) 693-7222





LOW TO NO-COST Services for Children with Special Needs



HAWAI'I 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 (diagnosis or condition with a high probability of resulting in developmental delay) 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.

health.hawaii.gov/eis/

EMAIL: 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

SCHOOL READINESS PROJECT

Leadership in Disabilities & Achievement of Hawai'i (LDAH) School Readiness

Project 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. www.ldahawaii.org.

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

HAWAI'I STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

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.

www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/SpecializedPrograms/SpecialEducation/Pages/home.aspx

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

O'AHU: (808) 305-9806

SPIN

The Special Parent Information Network (SPIN) is a parent to parent support organization in Hawaii that provides information support and referral to parents of children with disabilities and the professionals who service them. <https://spinhawaii.org/>

O'AHU: (808) 586-8126

