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School Readiness Bill

The Task Force on School Readiness adopted a definition of readiness in January, 2002 that set Hawaii on a firm path toward the improvement of educational outcomes for young children. Governor Ben Cayetano at the beginning of April signed the School Readiness Bill that agreed on a definition of school readiness for the state. Since then, five working committees have been formed to work on addressing the different components of school readiness. These five committees are: 1) Infrastructure; 2) Assessment and Standards; 3) Transitions; 4) Family Readiness; and 5) Practitioner and Administrator Education. A final report will be presented to the legislature in December.

Hawaii’s Goal for Young Children: All children will enter school safe, healthy and ready to succeed.

Hawaii’s Definition of School Readiness: Young children are ready to have successful learning experiences in school when there is a positive interaction among the child’s developmental characteristics, school practices, and family and community support.



Left: Circle and Sharing Time with Parents and Children at Laupahoehoe

Right: PACT Time at Na’alehu

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About the Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium

The Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium was established in May 1999, by the State Superintendent of Education, to begin work on an Even Start Statewide Family Literacy Initiative to unify, strengthen and expand family literacy services in Hawaii. The task of this consortium is to develop indicators of program quality, to establish a system of support and resources for family literacy, and to build local capacity for the expansion of family literacy throughout the state. The consortium is composed of representatives of federal and state agencies, parents, educators, and private and non-profit organizations.

Visit the HFLC Web site at <http://literacynet.org/hflc>.

HFLC Meetings for May, June, and July

The Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium will be holding its monthly meeting on May 16th, 2002. The meeting begins at 9:00 am and will be held at the McKinley Community School for Adults, Room 219. June's meeting is cancelled due to the meetings that the Department of Education will be having for their Educational Officers. The next consortium meeting will be on July 18th, 2002, 9:00 am, at the McKinley Community School for Adults, Room 110.

May Agenda:

Updated information on Migrant Education and Parents As Teachers program
Special presentation by the Wheeler Family Literacy Program
Updated information on State and National Initiatives
Discussion on continuous support for consortium efforts
Committee Reports

June Agenda:

No meeting

July Agenda:

Special presentation by one of the Family Literacy sites
School Readiness Update
Hawaii's Efforts to address No Child Left Behind
Continue discussion of support for consortium efforts
Committee Reports

For more information about HFLC meetings, please call the HFLC office at 692-8210.

Blackwater Celebration

Congratulations to the Blackwater Community School in Coolidge, Arizona whose Family and Child Education (FACE) program was selected as the 2002 Outstanding Program by the Office of Indian Education Programs/Bureau of Indian Affairs. Principal Jacquelyn Power was selected as the 2002 Outstanding Elementary Principal by the Office of Indian Education Programs/Bureau of Indian Affairs too as well. Jacquelyn and her school will receive their award at the National Indian School Board Association Conference in St. Louis, Missouri in July.

The Blackwater Community School was the school that was visited by several members of the Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium back in February of this year. See the previous HFLC newsletter for more information on the Blackwater Community School for Adults.

Hawaii EFF Conference

On August 23rd-24th, 2002, the Community Schools for Adults will be hosting a Hawaii Equipped for the Future Conference. Dr. Sondra Stein, National Director for Equipped for the Future will be present at the conference along

Laupahoehoe and Na'alehu Even Start Programs

This issue's highlighted sites are two family literacy programs on the Big Island. These two programs are at Laupahoehoe Elementary and High School, and at Na'alehu Elementary and Intermediate School. Both schools are located in a rural area and the sites services students and their families in a preschool type program. Adult education help for the sites come from the Hilo Community School for Adults. For more information, please call the Laupahoehoe site at (808) 962-2200 or the Na'alehu program at (808) 939-2413.



1. Circle and Sharing Time with Parents and Children at Laupahoehoe
2. Early Childhood Time at Na'alehu
3. PACT Time Meal at Laupahoehoe
4. PACT Time at Na'alehu
5. Parent Education Time at Na'alehu

with Dr. Meta Potts who will be conducting two breakout sessions. There will be several breakout sessions to attend with 6 breakout sessions being devoted to Family Literacy. The Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium will be sponsoring 20-25 scholarships for the conference for consortium members and family literacy practitioners. For more information on the conference and scholarships, please call the HFLC office at 692-8210 and see the attached forms to this newsletter.

Hawai'i Reads

On April 18th, 2002, the Hawai'i Reads program was launched at the Governor's mansion. Hawai'i Reads is a program of the Native Hawaiian Library, ALU LIKE, Inc. and is sponsored in part by The Verizon Foundation and Verizon Reads. Hawai'i Reads is an intergenerational literacy initiative celebrating reading, books and literacy through innovative lifelong learning programs. Following the legacy of kupuna (elders) worldwide, the program inspires and nurtures one's imagination to create a better world for future generations through literacy. Hawai'i Reads connects Hawai'i's people to each other and to all of our relations, wherever they may dwell. For more information on Hawai'i Reads, please call the ALU LIKE office at (808) 535-6792.

Top Ten Reasons to Support Family Literacy

- #10 Family literacy is a comprehensive strategy designed to serve families in need by assisting parents to improve their literacy skills while helping their children succeed in school.
- #9 The parent's educational attainment is one of the best predictors of a child's academic success.
- #8 Family literacy does not require the creation of new government programs.
- #7 Family literacy breaks the cycle of low educational attainment and poverty.
- #6 Family literacy capitalizes on the parent-child relationship.
- #5 Family literacy helps children succeed in school.
- #4 Family literacy improves the literacy levels of parents and eliminates employment barriers.
- #3 Family literacy prepares workers for the new economy.
- #2 Family literacy fosters community engagement. Family literacy programs connect families isolated by poverty with community and peer support networks.
- #1 Family literacy supports parents in their roles as their child's first and most influential teachers.

List taken from the Family Literacy Alliance quarterly magazine, "Connecting The World of Family Literacy," Volume 1, Issue 4, April 2002.



Featured Speakers (left to right):
Lee Cataluna, Linda Coble,
and Kirk Matthews

Aloha! Join us on August 23 and 24, 2002 for the first Community Education Conference! The

Community Schools and the HCEA (Hawaii Community Education Association) are sponsoring a state conference for the purpose of providing training in Equipped for the Future (EFF), a standards-based system for use with adult learners. EFF is being incorporated into the programs of all eleven community schools across the state; therefore, everyone involved with promoting the education of adults is encouraged to participate. Enrollment is limited. We look forward to seeing you in August!



Equipped for the Future Community Education Conference

August 23–24, 2002
McKinley Community
School for Adults
634 Pensacola St
Honolulu, HI 96814

FEATURING

Ms. Lee Cataluna
Ms. Linda Coble and
Mr. Kirk Matthews
Dr. Sondra Stein,
National Director of EFF

School Community Leadership
EFF Community Education Conference
1270 Queen Emma Street, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96813

Equipped for the Future Community Education Conference

AUGUST 23-24, 2002 · MCKINLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Instructors and administrators who work with adult learners and family literacy.

\$20 Registration Fee Includes:

All keynote and workshop sessions
Friday evening reception
Saturday refreshments
Viewing of vendor displays and exhibits

Keynote Speakers:

Friday evening —
· Ms. Lee Cataluna

Saturday morning —

- Ms. Linda Coble
- Mr. Kirk Matthews
- Dr. Sondra Stein,
National Director of EFF

Preliminary Conference Sessions:

Conference sessions are categorized around the three EFF role groups: Worker, Family Member, Community Member.

- What is EFF and why should I get involved?
- Using goal-setting strategies
- EFF for administrators: the next steps
- EFF Teaching and Learning Cycle
- EFF and Links to CASAS
- EFF and Family Literacy
- EFF and workplace literacy
- EFF Assessment and the National Reporting System (NRS)
- What an EFF classroom looks like
- and MORE!

HOW TO REGISTER:

If paying by check:

Make your check payable to:
Hawaii Community Education Association

If paying by purchase order:

Make your purchase order out to:
Hawaii Community Education Association
637 18th Avenue #C204
Honolulu, HI 96816
Vendor #019755

Complete and mail your registration form and check or purchase order to:

Ms. Pat Holmes
1270 Queen Emma St., Rm. 409
Honolulu, HI 96813

Your check or purchase order must accompany the registration form.

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Additional Information:

Registration will be confirmed on a first-come basis. There will be no refunds for cancellations or "no-shows." No credit cards are accepted. We reserve the right to make changes to the program and speakers where necessary.

REGISTRATION FORM:

Deadline for registration is July 1, 2002
Limited space is available. Please type or print (one form per person, please) and return with your payment. **YOUR CHECK OR PURCHASE ORDER MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION.**

Fee:

- \$20 individual rate (payment secures a space).
- \$25 per individual if registering after July 1, 2002.

NAME _____

SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

ZIP _____

WORK PHONE _____

HOME PHONE _____

FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

Current Level of Understanding EFF

(check ones that apply):

- ___ Know little or nothing
- ___ Have attended one workshop
- ___ Know enough to begin implementing it in the classroom
- ___ Already beginning to use it with students
- ___ Feel confident about using it; however, could still learn more