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Performance Indicators

The performance indicators for the Hawaii Statewide Family Literacy Initiative has been completed. Due to the many folks who gave us feedback on the indicators along with the hard work and time that was put in by the Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium's Indicators Committee and the two consultants, Dr. Meta Potts and Dr. Andy Hayes, we now have a product that we can all be proud of. We will be providing training in August on the utilization of the indicators. During the coming school year, the family literacy sites will be drawing baseline data to use with the indicators for their programs.

For a summary of the performance indicators, please check out the Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium's web site at: <http://literacynet.org/hflc> Copies of the indicators will be sent out upon request. Please call the HFLC office to make that request.

August Family Literacy Training

The Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium along with the Community School for Adults will be sponsoring a joint training session on "Equipped for the Future Content Standards" and "The Use of Technology for the Adult Learner and Family Literacy Programs". The training will be held on August 13-24, 2001 with each day devoted to a particular group or audience. An overview session on Equipped for the Future (EFF) will be conducted on August 14, 2001, from 8:30 – 3:30, at the McKinley Community School for Adults, Room 110. Sondra Stein who is the National Director for Equipped for the Future will facilitate this training. Subsequent follow up training during the week will be facilitated by Joani Allen and Meta Potts, who are both nationally certified EFF trainers. EFF was developed to answer the complex question of: "What do adults need to know and be able to do in order to carry out their roles and responsibilities as workers, parents and family members, and citizens and community members?" A set of 16 standards were developed to address this question.

Paul Heavenridge is the director of the Western/Pacific Literacy Network, which manages the Western/Pacific LINC'S. The Western/Pacific LINC'S is one of five regional technology hubs that is funded by the National Institute for Literacy. Western/Pacific LINC'S provides free e-mail, listservs, web hosting and development, and technical training to literacy programs throughout the western United States and the Pacific Islands. (cont. pg. 3)



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Family Literacy in
Hawaii*

HFLC Meetings

The next Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium meeting will be held on July 19, 2001, at 9:00 am, at the McKinley Community School for Adults. The agenda will cover updates on what is happening with Family Literacy locally and nationally, report from committees, and a follow up to the Read To Me Conference. Meetings are open to all who would like to attend. There will be no August consortium meeting that will be scheduled due to the professional development training sessions that HFLC is sponsoring.

The highlight of June's HFLC meeting was a presentation by Frank Haas, Vice President, in charge of marketing for the Ohana Foundation. Frank shared with the group simple tips on how to market HFLC as well as your own organization. The fundamentals of marketing is to start with a plan, focus, and don't underestimate your need to market. He also shared the two key marketing principles which are: 1) It's all about customers/stakeholders and 2) Marketing isn't complete unless it deals with the 4 P's which are product, price, promotion, and place.

Hawaii Community Foundation Grant

Recently, the Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium in partnership with the Hawaii Community Education Association was awarded a grant from the Hawaii Community Foundation. The purpose of this grant is to get more parent involvement in our consortium meetings in particular parents who are in a family literacy program. The grant will also be used to pay for parents to attend a statewide conference to gather information that they can share with their family and with the sites that they represent. The Hawaii Community Foundation is an active member in the community who supports the on going efforts of family literacy in the state.

Read To Me Conference

Read To Me International held their first statewide conference titled "Feed Me a Story", on June 21-22, 2001, at the Hawaii Convention Center. Over 600 participants came each day to hear the virtues of reading aloud to your children. The focus of the conference was on reading to children from birth to middle school years and there were breakout sessions for both educators and parents. The Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium was able to sponsor 11 parents from our various family literacy sites across the state to attend this conference. Parents and practitioners were excited about what they learned from the conference and could not wait to get back to their sites to share the information they learned with the others. One of the breakout sessions featured the Blackwater Community School from Coolidge, Arizona who share how they promote family literacy with the Native American Indians.





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Family Literacy Poem

At Even Start we come to school. Checking in is what we do.
We wash our hands and take a seat. Pretty soon it's time to eat.
When breakfast is over we push in our chairs. We go and read books like Aloha Bear.
It's clean-up time, we hear the bell. "It's circle-time", the children yell.
We sing and count, that's what we do. Aunty Lora says "It's good for you!"
Now we choose a place to go. There's painting blocks, and blue playdough.
It's time to kiss our mummies goodbye. We're very good children, we never cry.
It's clean-up time and once again. We wash up, snack time's about to begin.
Leader of the day, go to the door. We're going outside to play some more.
Running and laughing, under the sun. Being on the playground is so much fun.
Our mom's are back from computer class. Watching us run and play makes them laugh.
Time to go in, outside play is done. We all wash our hands, one by one.
Our lunch is here and first we sign. To give thanks to God for the food he brings.
We've done so much, the day was long. But before we go, we sing our goodbye song.
Give Aunty Lora a big hug and kiss. Every day we do all this.
Aunty Myrna, Aunty Nina, and Aunty Paula too. We love them for the things they do.
When we grow up we'll all have in our hearts. The memory of our beginning at Even Start!

Written by Chrissy Skeen, parent, Blanche Pope Even Start in Waimanalo, 2001

August Family Literacy Training (cont.)

Western/Pacific LINCS also provides an online interactive structure for communication, educational materials, and sharing of information about adult literacy. Paul Heavenridge's training will be held on August 20-22, 2001, from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, with each day devoted to a particular group or audience. He will utilize the LINCS sites and materials to show how technology can assist the adult learner and enhance a family literacy program.

For more information about the training sessions, a calendar of training sessions, or to register for the training of EFF and technology, please call the HFLC office at 692-8210.

About Our Organization...

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.