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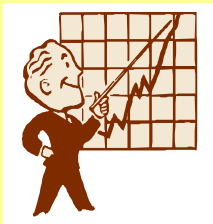
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August Family Literacy Training

The Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium, in partnership with the Community Education Section sponsored a two-week training on Equipped for the Future (EFF) and Integrating Technology into Teaching and Learning. Through this joint effort, we were able to bring in Dr. Sondra Stein, Director of Equipped for the Future; Joani Allen, Certified trainer; Dr. Meta Potts, Certified trainer for EFF and also a certified national trainer for family literacy; and Paul Heavenridge, Director of the Western/Pacific Literacy Network. The training was held on August 13-24, 2001 at McKinley Community School for Adults, Hilo Community School for Adults, and Kapolei High School. The type of training varied each day depending on the audience that was present.

Dr. Stein presented the overview of EFF to all the practitioners and interested audiences and she also met with key policy makers to share her knowledge. Joani Allen spent two days working with the Community School practitioners on how to incorporate EFF into their lessons. Dr. Potts conducted a three-day training both on Oahu and the Big Island for those practitioners who work in a family literacy program. Dr. Potts showed the group how EFF and the Hawaii State Performance Indicators for family literacy all work together in a comprehensive family literacy program. Paul Heavenridge's workshop was also on Oahu and the Big Island and he focused in on utilizing the Internet and the resources from the National Institute for Literacy to supplement the curriculum.

Much was gained from these experts' knowledge and all who attended agreed that it was well worth the time and money that was spent. Follow up training will be forth coming throughout the school year.

Family Literacy Sites in Hawaii

For school year 2001-2002, Hawaii has 7 family literacy sites operating in seven public schools across the state. All of these sites are receiving funding from the Even Start program. The sites are located at the following schools and on the following islands:

Blanche Pope Elementary School (Oahu)	Likelike Elementary School (Oahu)
Waialua Elementary School (Oahu)	Wheeler Elementary School (Oahu)
Lihikai Elementary School (Maui)	Na'alehu Elementary School (Hawaii)
Laupahoehoe High and Elementary School (Hawaii)	



National Family Literacy Day

November 1, 2001 has been declared National Family Literacy Day across the nation. Last year, Governor Cayetano proclaimed this day as Hawaii Family Literacy Day in the State of Hawaii as part of the national efforts to showcase family literacy programs and the important relationship between parents and children.

The National Center for Family Literacy has come out with a Family Literacy Activity Calendar for the month of November. The calendar provides an activity for parents and children to do together for each day of the month. These activities are fun for the children and also provides an opportunity for parents and children to play and learn together. For a copy of the calendar, please go to the NCFL web site at www.familit.org or call the Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium office at 692-8210.

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improve and support
Family Literacy in
Hawaii*



Next HFLC Consortium Meeting

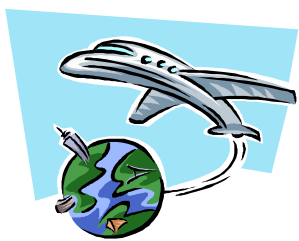
The next Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2001, at 9:00 am, at McKinley Community School for Adults, Room 219. The following topics will be covered at this month's meeting:

- I. Committee Reports
- II. Update of EFF/Technology Training
- III. Presentation by Workforce Development
- IV. Presentation by Honolulu Advertiser and Community Partnership
- V. Reflection of accomplishments of HFLC

Consortium meetings are open to all who would like to attend. October's consortium meeting will be held on October 11, 2001 at 9:00 am, at McKinley Community School for Adults, Room 219.

National Even Start Association

The National Even Start Association is having their 7th Annual Conference on October 20-24, 2001 in San Diego, California. The theme of the conference is: Even Start: Impacting Literacy – Opportunities, Challenges and Directions. The conference will provide for participants an opportunity to hear from presenters regarding issues pertaining to Even Start. Guest speakers include Congressman William Goodling, the author of Even Start legislation and Joseph Johnson, Director of Title I, U.S. Department of Education. In addition, presenters on the subjects of early childhood, ESL, Adult education, evaluations are just some of the breakout sessions. For more information about the conference, go to www.eventart.org.



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HFLC Web Site Update

Check out the Hawaii Family Literacy Web Site at <http://literacynet.org/hflc>. Added to the web site is a summary of the Hawaii Family Literacy Performance Indicators. Shortly, the HFLC library list of materials and resources will be on line for individuals or organizations to view and borrow from our HFLC office. We also hope to update the site with pictures and information about our current family literacy sites across the State of Hawaii.

What's Ahead for HFLC?

For 2002, the Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium will continue its efforts to unify, strengthen and expand family literacy services in Hawaii by: gathering baseline data on indicators of performance; continuing its efforts to establish a system of support and resources for family literacy; and continue to work with agencies to build local capacity for expansion of family literacy across the State of Hawaii.

It is important that the HFLC continue to look for additional funding to maintain its efforts once the monies from the Statewide Family Literacy Initiative grant has been used up. The six committees of the consortium will need to continue their efforts to provide support and resources for the seven family literacy programs in the state. These committees are: Performance Indicators, Transition, Governance, Communication, Professional Development, and Parent Involvement.

If you would like to be a part of the committees or a participant in the Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium, please call the HFLC office at (808) 692-8210.



HFLC Communication Committee: (left to right) Cynthia Nakamura, Solomon Kaulukukui, Maria Espinosa, Carol Sullivan. Missing: Wendie McClain and Paul Pladera

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.