

Connections: Updates

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County Updates

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Maui County News Contact Kaina Bonacorsi, Maui County Coordinator at 808-242-1608 or at Kaina.Bonacorsi@co.maui.hi.us Visit [their website](#)

Oahu County News Contact Celia Chang Takahashi, Oahu Coordinator, at ctakahashi@goodbeginnings.org or at 808-531-5502.

Furlough Information

Department of Human Services – Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division (BESSD) furloughs will continue through June 30, 2011. For more information visit <http://puc.hawaii.gov/furlough> To download a calendar scroll to the bottom of the page and use the link or visit <http://puc.hawaii.gov/furlough>

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) has completed negotiations with the Hawaii Government Employees Association (HGEA) and will be implementing Furlough Days. HSPLS will be placed on unpaid furlough for 15 days in fiscal year 2010 (December 1, 2009-June 30, 2010) and 15 days in fiscal year 2011 (July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011). A schedule of these furlough days will be announced at a later date. A schedule of Library Furlough Days through May 2010 can be viewed at <http://www.librarieshawaii.org> A schedule for Furlough Days for FY 2010-2011 will be announced at a later date.

City and County of Honolulu will be implementing furloughs starting July 2, 2010 and continuing through June 30, 2011. For more information, including a furlough calendar, please visit <http://www.honolulu.gov/furloughcal/index.htm#scheduled>

County of Kauai will be implementing two day a month furloughs starting July 2010 and continuing through June 30, 2011. For more information visit <http://www.kauai.gov/Kamaaina/tabid/36/Default.aspx>

Maui County will furlough most of its employees 12 days starting July 2010 and continuing through June 2011. For more information, including a furlough calendar, please visit <http://www.mauicounty.gov/index.aspx?NID=1592>

Be Healthy, Stay Healthy

Free Flu Shots for Medicare Part B Subscribers available. For a complete list visit <http://hawaii.gov/health/family-child-health/immunization/flu-shot-schedule.pdf> For more information call the Department of Health at 808-586-8332 or 211.

Flu.gov has a link for the state of Hawaii. Use the *Flu Shot Locator* to find place, date and time for H1N1 and seasonal flu shots. Information for citizens and professionals are also provided. Visit <http://www.flu.gov/professional/states/hawaii.html> for more information.

Flu.hawaii.gov has valuable information for Hawaii residents regarding H1N1 (swine flu) including a list of where you can get the H1N1 flu shot, links to the CDC, links to other websites and resources. Visit <http://flu.hawaii.gov/index.html>

Stop Flu at School The School-based Vaccination Program is an innovative partnership between the State of Hawaii Departments of Health and Education, the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools and Hawaii Catholic Schools. It aims to improve the health of Hawaii keiki, families and kupuna by preventing the spread of harmful influenza viruses. Through the program, all children attending Hawaii elementary and middle schools will be offered FREE seasonal flu vaccine at school, during the school day. Teachers and school staff can also receive the free vaccine. The program is voluntary for schools and students. Vaccinations will begin in October 2009. For more information about this important and valuable program visit <http://www.stopfluatschool.com> or call 211

Updates from GBA

Good Beginnings Alliance (GBA) now has **two** new Facebook pages:

1. **GBA Staff** – this is where you'll find what GBA is doing for the EC system. Type in *GBA Staff* in the search bar, check out the page and become a "friend."
2. **Good Beginnings Alliance** (new page) – here you'll find the latest EC news across Hawaii and the Nation. Type in *Good Beginnings Alliance* in the search bar, peruse through the information and click "like."

Not on Facebook? Sign up by visiting www.facebook.com GBA's Facebook pages are the premiere methods of keeping your finger on the pulse of what's happening in the early childhood field locally and nationally.

One Voice Meeting

Thursday, August 12, 2010

9 a.m. – 12 Noon

Central Union Church – Mauka Room

Open seating – first come, first seated, then standing room only

No RSVP required

One Voice for Children is a collaborative advocating body comprised of individuals interested in developing a common platform supporting Hawaii's young children and families. Members are concerned about the depth of cuts to services for children and are interested in coming together to advocate through a common agenda. The group intends to develop a common document which all the advocates could support. At this meeting Sergio Bendixen, the political strategist and mastermind behind Miami-Dade County's successful campaign to raise *dedicated funds for children* in 2002 will speak. This initiative was *passed by Miami-Dade voters* with a 2-1 margin and created a dedicated

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source of funding for children (called The Children's Trust) for five years. In August 2008, 86 percent of Miami-Dade voters chose to reauthorize The Children's Trust in perpetuity. *Since 2008, the Trust's annual funds have averaged \$128 million.* To learn more about Mr. Bendixen visit <http://www.bendixenandassociates.com> For more information or to get involved in One Voice for Children, visit www.goodbeginnings.org and click on the *One Voice* tab at the top of the home page.

Points of Interest

Registration for Kindergarten for children born in 2005 for the Department of Education 2010-2011 school year began in February. For more information on what is required to register http://www.waialuael.k12.hi.us/groups/office/weblog/11382/Kindergarten_Registration.html For tips on how to have a smooth transition into Kindergarten visit http://www.goodbeginnings.org/images/uploads/Transitions_Tips_Brochure.pdf

Voter Registration

Deadline for Primary Election: August 19, 2010

Deadline for General Election: October 4, 2010

Our keiki cannot vote – but you can! If you are a citizen of the United States of America; a legal resident of Hawaii; and at least 18 years of age by election day, you may vote in this year's elections. For more information, visit <http://hawaii.gov/elections/voters/registration.htm>

News for Early Childhood Professionals

2010 Annual Leadership Symposium & Hawaii Early Childhood Education Conference

Opening the World to Young Children

Friday & Saturday, October 8 – 9, 2010

Hawaii Convention Center

Call for Proposals Due: September 7, 2010

Each year the Conference & Leadership Symposium offers over 100 workshops that provides both seasoned professionals and future educators with opportunities to connect with other early childhood and pre-K-to-grade-3 educators from across the State to network, discuss cutting-edge research and teaching strategies that help them open the world to the young children they work with. To be considered as a presenter for this year's event, download and complete a Call for Proposal by the September 7th deadline. For a form, please visit www.hawaiiikeiki.org and click on the menu Professional Development tab or call the HAEYC State Office at 942-4708 toll free at 1-888-224-2392.

Back to School Drives

Central Pacific Bank/Helping Hands Hawaii

***Ready To Learn* Back to School Drive**

Now through July 31, 2010

Central Pacific Bank will collect school supplies and monetary donations at its 35 branches statewide as part of the *Ready to Learn* program starting Thursday, July 1 until Saturday, July 31. Administered by Helping Hands Hawaii, *Ready to Learn* provides more than 10,000 low-income Hawaii students with new classroom supplies at the start of the school year. Collected supplies and monetary donations from the branches will remain on their respective islands. For more information, call (808) 544-0500 or 1-800-342-8422 from outside the island of Oahu or go to www.centralpacificbank.com. To donate online, visit www.helpinghandshawaii.org

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Upcoming Events, Meetings, Conferences, Trainings For Early Childhood Professionals (dated items first, then alpha order)

Fall 2010 Hawaii Community College PACE

Cost: \$18 each workshop or capstone

ED 140 Child Guidance
University of Nations Preschool
75-5851 Kuakini Hwy
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
Wednesdays, 6:00-9:00pm
Begins August 25, 2010

**ED 105 Early Childhood Education: A
Professional Overview**
Hawai'i Community College
Manono Campus, Bldg. 3393, Rm. 119
Wednesdays, 5:30-8:30pm
Begins August 25, 2010

Enrollment is limited. For more information visit <http://hawaii.hawaii.edu/ece/PACE.htm> or email maiw@hawaii.edu or call 933-0571. To register for any of the workshops, please call Hawaii Community College Office of Continuing Education and Training at 974-7531.

Fall 2010 Honolulu Community College PACE

Cost: \$18 each workshop or capstone

ED 110 Dev. Appropriate Practice
Aiea Hongwanji Mission Preschool
Hall Classroom
99-186 Puakala Street
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon
Begins August 21

ED 110 Dev. Appropriate Practice
Star of the Sea Early Learning Center*
4470 Aliioka Street, Suite 100
Thursday, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Begins August 19

*This is a contracted course. For more information contact Lynn at 734-3840

ED 105 Intro. To Early Childhood Ed.
Seagull School Early Education Center
1130 Alapai Street
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon
Begins August 14

Ed 131 Early Childhood Dev.: Birth to Age 8
Kamehameha Preschool – Hoaliku Drake
87-115 Waiolu Street
Thursdays, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Begins August 17

Enrollment is limited. For more information visit <http://tech.honolulu.hawaii.edu/pace/index.html> or email pace@hcc.hawaii.edu or call 845-9496.

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For Families with Young Children (dated items first, then alpha order)

A Day in the Life of a Native Hawaiian Youth in Foster Care & Their Cultural Needs

This workshop, presented statewide by Family Programs Hawaii, will be with Dr. Kimo Alameda who will present on how resource care givers raising children of Hawaiian heritage can provide an environment that is conducive to the formation of a positive ethnic and cultural heritage. There will be a discussion on how to increase positive learning opportunities, support healing and reduce any further trauma and cultural displacement for the children in foster care. Open to all resource, guardianship, adoptive and kinship parents, as well as individuals working with these families. Childcare provided for children ages 3-12. Meal provided. Space limited.

Community	Date & Time	Registration Information
Hilo	Tuesday, July 27, 2010	Register by calling 1-866-545-0882 or 545-1130 one week prior to the workshop you are interested in attending. When registering leave name, contact number(s) and ages of children needing care.
Kauai	Saturday, August 7, 2010	
Waianae	Wednesday, August 18, 2010	
Kona	Monday, August 23, 2010	
Central Oahu	Tuesday, August 31, 2010	
Maui	Tuesday, September 28, 2010	

Upcoming Activities for Families with Young Children (dated items first, then alpha order)

Dinosaurs!

Pearlridge's 13th Annual Summer Education Presentation

Now through August 15, 2010

Mondays – Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sundays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Pearlridge Center Courts, Uptown and Downtown, will be filled with animatronic dinosaurs and other hands-on, fun-filled dinosaur activities. Uptown Center Court will also feature the Safari Train, taking youngsters on a reptile adventure amidst oversized flora, creepy fauna and huge boulders for a nominal fee. For more information visit <http://www.pearlridgeonline.com/pearlridge2>

Regal Entertainment Group's Summer Film Festival for Families

Dole Theatres

Tuesday & Wednesday, July 27 – 28, 2010

10 a.m.

Free, first come, first served

Feature: *Doogal and Night at the Museum II*

Families are once again invited to Regal Entertainment Group's free summer film festival at the Dole Cannery Stadium & IMAX theaters in Iwilei. The films are rated either G or PG, and screenings are matinees that start at 10 a.m. each Tuesday and Wednesday. Regal will screen two films each day simultaneously. Seating is first-come, first-served, and tickets are available at the theater box office the morning of each screening. The festival has been a summer tradition since 1991.

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Keiki Tuesday
Pearlridge Center, Uptown, 98-1005 Moanalua Road,
Tuesday, July 27, 2010
10:30 a.m.-noon
Free

Kid-friendly entertainers delight the whole family at free celebrations each Tuesday. Bring the keiki for crafts, balloons, storytelling, face-painting, silly songs and more! For more information call 488-0981.

Story Time in the Garden
Foster Botanical Garden
50 Noth Vineyard Blvd.
Thursday, July 29, 2010
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Free

This activity, for ages 3 to 5, will include reading stories, a nature craft, singing and visiting a tree in the garden with instructor Brandy Rea. Reservations required. For more information or to make a reservation call 522-7064.

Twilight Summer Concert Series
Foster Botanical Garden
50 North Vineyard Blvd.
Thursday, July 29, 2010
4:30 p.m to 7:00 p.m.
Free Admission

Take a stroll through Foster Botanical Garden in the late afternoon, enjoy children's activities and catch a concert at 5:00 p.m.

Preschool Nature Hour
Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden
45-680 Luluku Road in Kaneohe
Tuesday, August 17, 2010 (Frogs and Toads)
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Free

Activities designed for children 3 -5 years old include reading a story, nature craft and a garden walk. Participants are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch for after the program. Come prepared for rain, mud and mosquitoes – covered shoes recommended. Reservations required. For more information or to make a reservation call 233-7323.

Home Depot's First Saturday Kids Workshop
Saturday, August 7, 2010
Activity: School Bus Pencil Organizer
9 a.m. – 12 Noon
Local Home Depot Stores Statewide

This an award-winning program that has been offered at The Home Depot stores since 1997. The workshops are free, how-to clinics designed for children ages 5-12, available on the first Saturday of each month between 9 a.m. and 12 noon at all The Home Depot stores. Children, accompanied by an adult, use their skills to create objects that can be used in and around their homes or communities. The workshops teach children do-it-yourself skills and tool safety, while at the same time helping to instill in them a sense of accomplishment and to build self-esteem. Additionally, the program allows for invaluable one-on-one time between adults and children. For more information contact your local Home Depot, or type *Home Depot Kids Workshop* in the search bar of your favorite search engine.

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The Contemporary Museum's First Saturday of the Month's *Expression Sessions*

Saturday, August 7, 2010

10:30 a.m. – 12 noon

2411 Makiki Heights Drive in Honolulu

For children ages 5-12, this fun first Saturday program involves children (and their parents) in creating art projects in a variety of media. Teaching artists conduct workshops inspired by the current exhibitions on view. All art supplies included. Come ready to use your imagination and have a creative experience. The visiting artist will lead you on a fun-filled art adventure. For more information visit

http://www.tcmhi.org/cal_public.htm

Resources for Families

Kahuku Library Bookmobile

Monday, July 26 – Route #2

Internet access and a printer is available. Requests for materials may be placed and items picked up from the Bookmobile. Shelves are stocked with books, CDs, audio books and large type books. For more information call Fran at 293-8935.

Route #1

Key Project Kahaluu from 9:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Haula Civic Center from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

BYU HC Family Housing from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Route #2

Sunset Beach Christian from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Kuilima Estates 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Route #3

Pond's at Punaluu from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Hanohano Apartments from 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Kahana Orientation Center from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Kaaawa Elementary School from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Kaiser Permanente's Keiki Passenger Safety (KPS) Program car and booster seat inspections.

Participants do not need to be Kaiser Permanente (KP) members. Appointments available between 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. on the days and at the locations listed below. Call the KP Health Education Department at 432-2260 to make an appointment. Questions may be directed to 432-8938 or geila.r.fukumitsu@kp.org.

Kaiser Mapunapuna Clinic

The Old "Ceridian" Building

2828 Paa St.

Honolulu, HI 96819

August 13, 2010

Kaiser Waipio Clinic

94-1480 Moaniani St.

Waipahu, HI 96797

July 30, 2010

August 27, 2010

Kamehameha Schools One-Stop-Shop Services provides assistance in completing KS forms and application for various KS programs. Assistance will be provided at the following places at the following times on the island of O'ahu. Please note that dates and times are subject to change, without notice:

KS Community Learning Center at Nānākuli

89-101 Farrington Highway

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Wai'anae Health Academy

86-088 Farrington Highway (Nānākuli)

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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August 5, 19, 2010	July 22, 2010 August 12, 26, 2010
Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center Windward Unit 53-516 516 Kamehameha Highway (Hau'ula) 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. July 28, 2010 August 11, 25, 2010	St. George Church 41-1323 Kalaniana'ole Highway (Waimanalo) 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. August 4, 18, 2010
Windward Mall Shopping Center 46-056 Kamehameha Highway (Kaneohe) 2nd Floor near Sears 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. <u>2010</u> July 27, 29, 30 August 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 31	

For more information call the Oahu Regional Resource Center at 808-534-3994 or 808-534-3994 or visit www.orrcc@ksbe.edu

Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition (KIPC) On January 1, 2007 a law went into effect requiring children between the ages of four through seven to ride in a booster seat whenever traveling in a motor vehicle. The only exemptions are if the child is over 4'9" or if the vehicle has lap-only seat belts in the rear seat. The driver is held responsible for compliance with the law. Violators of Hawaii's Child Passenger Restraint Law are required to attend a 4-hour class and may be assessed a fine between \$100-\$500, depending upon the number of offenses. A Hawaii State tax credit of \$25 per year applies to the purchase of a booster or child safety seat. For more information and basic guidelines on the proper use of booster seats visit <http://www.kipchawaii.org/SafetyFacts/TrafficSafety/keikisafety.aspx> KIPC also conducts Child Safety Seat Checkups. Certified and trained technicians will check to make sure that your car or booster seat is installed properly and that you know how to buckle your keiki into his/her safety seat correctly. Below is a list of upcoming dates and locations.

Date & Time	Location	Contact	Sponsor
Oahu Saturday August 14, 2010 9 a.m. -11:30 a.m.	Seagull Schools/Early Education Center parking lot	Cora Speck 537-7059	Queen's Medical Center/KIPC

For the most current information or for other dates and locations, please visit <http://www.kipchawaii.org/EventCalendar/eventcalendar.aspx>

**YWCA Clothing Sale for Dress for Success® Honolulu
Last Tuesday – Friday of every month, July 27 - 30, 2010
Laniakea YWCA (1040 Richards Street) in Downtown Honolulu
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Save money and discover new and pre-owned women's business, casual and evening attire in all sizes. 100% of the proceeds from the sale will be used to support Dress for Success® Honolulu which provides free interview outfits to help women re-enter the workforce with confidence and style. For more information on the Dress for Success® Honolulu program, including volunteer opportunities, call 695-2603 or visit <http://www.ywca.org/site/pp.asp?c=9fLGJSOyHpE&b=2818573>

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