

MY VISION FOR THE YEAR

Good Beginnings Alliance Board of Directors

Jean Johnson, President

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Mission

To mobilize actions for Hawai`i's young children through collaboration with local communities to build partnerships statewide so our children are safe, healthy, and ready to succeed.

To accomplish this mission:

Work of GBA: Policy development, Public engagement, and Public and private investments in early childhood

Work of GBA Board: Strengthen, support, and sustain GBA as an organization to accomplish that mission

Agenda for the Year

- **Strong, active, fully engaged Board**
- **Adoption of a strategic plan**
- **Each meeting will provide opportunities for Board members to become better informed on early childhood issues**
- **Each meeting will inform Board members on the work of the organization as it accomplishes its mission.**

Today: Early Childhood

- Every \$1 invested in quality early learning, will offer \$4.20 in state, federal, and social benefits.
- Hawai`i is 1 of only 12 states that does not offer widely accessible, publicly funded early education.

The Economic Benefits of Investments in Early Education for Hawai`i (June 2008)

Today: Work of GBA

- **Descriptors: catalyst, strong intermediary, bridge-builder, convener**
- **Increase in strong public support for public funding of preschool education – up to 72%**
- **Increase participation in HSSRA – 100% by Administrators, 99% by kindergarten teachers**
- **Keiki focus e-mail blasts – very powerful!**
- ***"GBA fulfills a very unique purpose in the early childhood community....with a track record unmatched in advocacy and facilitation!"***

Responsibilities of Board Members

- **Understand the organization's mission**
- **Ensure effective organizational planning**
- **Ensure and monitor adequate resources**
- **Determine, monitor, and strengthen the organization's programs and services**
- **Enhance the organization's public standing**
- **Exercise fiduciary accountability**
- **Oversee and support the Executive Director**

Committee Structure

- **Governance Committee**
- **Development Committee**
- **Communities of Practice**

Governance Committee

Chair: Sharon Taba

Purpose: *Responsible for overseeing the governing of the organization, including:*

- Perform a Board self-assessment
- Develop a Code of Ethics for the Board
- Oversee the annual performance evaluation of the Executive Director
- Recruit, recommend, and orient new Board members

Development Committee

Chair: Gregg Yamanaka

Purpose: *Long-term planning for the effectiveness, health, and sustainability of the organization, including:*

- **Review the financial reports quarterly**
- **Meet with auditors to review the annual audit**
- **Assess opportunities growth through public and private grants**
- **Explore opportunities for enhanced financing of the organization**
- **Monitor the evaluation of the organization**
- **Review public awareness activities of the organization**

Communities of Practice

Chair: Terry Lock

Purpose: *Monitor early childhood activities in the counties, including:*

- **Work with the Executive Director to review involvement of various communities in the state**
- **Encourage utilization of research to direct the activities of the organization**
- **Assist in recruitment of consumers and community providers to participate in the work of the organization**
- **Make recommendations to enhance involvement of communities in GBA**
- **Suggest methods of optimal communication of what is happening in the communities**

Committee Policies

- **All meeting times and places are posted on the website.**
- **Any member of the Board or community is welcome to attend any committee meeting.**
- **The President is an ex-officio member of all committees.**
- **Transparency is the standard of practice.**

Early Learning Council

- **Governance**
- **Quality Assurance and Accountability**
- **Direct Services**
- **Qualified Professionals**
- **Funding**
- **Capital Infrastructure**

Tasks of Each Member

- **Prepare for committee and board meetings, review materials, come informed to participate**
- **Participate in a committee of the Early Learning Council**
- **Speak up in your circles regarding the importance of early childhood**

My Vision Summary

A year from now – GBA will be a stronger organization.

A year from now – GBA will have a strong, cohesive board.

A year from now – the early childhood system will be expanded and more responsive to the needs of children and families.

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