



Keiki Focus

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Good Beginnings Alliance

Good Beginnings Alliance (GBA) is Hawai`i's leading champion for children.

On behalf of young children, GBA works across the state so that communities are involved; efforts are connected; and decision-makers are empowered to ensure all Hawai`i's keiki are safe, healthy and ready to succeed.

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Hawai`i P-3 Update

Demonstration Project Announcement & Application

What is P-3? P-3 is an approach to literacy and school success that begins with provisions for Early Learning and reaches through 3rd grade and beyond. The goal of a P-3 approach is for every student to read at grade level by the 3rd grade. Hawai`i has a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for P-3 as a part of the Hawai`i P-20 Partnerships for Education.

What is P-20? The goal of Hawai`i P-20 Partnerships for Education is for 55 percent of Hawai`i's working age adults to have a two- or four-year college degree by 2025. Furthermore, 100 percent of working age adults should be career and college ready. Achieving these goals requires improvements throughout the educational pipeline.

WHAT'S NEW WITH P-3?

P-3 Demonstration Project Announcement

June 1, 2009

Children's early years provide critical opportunities to learn and to establish a strong foundation for education. Recognizing the importance of early education, Hawaii P-20 announces an exciting opportunity for communities to demonstrate a P-3 model that creates a continuum of seamless early learning experiences for young children from early childhood programs through elementary school. **The goal is for every child to read at grade level by the third grade** as measured by the Hawaii State Assessment (HSA).

Hawaii P-20 seeks communities to be P-3 demonstration projects. Hawaii P-20 will collaborate with these demonstration sites for five years (July/August 2009 - June 2014).

Opportunity

As a P-3 demonstration project, community partnerships of early childhood programs and elementary schools in complex will:

- Align quality educational experiences for young children from early childhood programs through third grade;
- Improve quality teaching particularly in literacy, and

- Increase families' access to comprehensive services that promote children's well-being.

Hawai'i P-20, with the support of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and other partners, will invest up to \$1 million of resources to support each demonstration project.

Eligibility

To be selected as a demonstration project, early childhood programs and elementary schools must agree to partner and commit to P-3 demonstration project outcomes. Demonstration project partners should include all elementary schools whose students feed into the same middle school and at least three early childhood programs representing two early childhood settings (i.e., center-based program, family-child interaction program, home visiting, and/or family child care). Priority will be given to demonstration project applicants serving vulnerable children (e.g. Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, low-income, low-performing).

Application

Applications to become a P-3 demonstration project are available on the Hawai'i P-20 website: <http://www.p20hawaii.org/>. Community partnerships pursuing selection as a demonstration project must submit as their application: P-3 Demonstration Project Memorandum of Agreement identifying partners in the effort and documenting partners' commitments to the project's outcomes; application describing the partnership and motivation for becoming a demonstration project, and assessment of the community's status relative to the project outcomes. To receive the application in a word format (.doc), please contact Mandy Westfall-Senda (information below).

Applications must be received by Hawai'i P-20 by **July 15, 2009**. All applicants will be notified by July 25, 2009. Applications may be submitted in hard copy (to Hawai'i P-20, 2425 Campus Road, Sinclair Library Rm. 504, Honolulu, HI 96822), email (mandy.westfall@hawaii.edu) or fax (808-956-2431). For applicants seeking an "early decision": completed applications must be received by June 17, 2009. "Early decision" applicants will be notified of their status by June 25, 2009.

Questions: Mandy Westfall-Senda, P-3 Operations Manager, Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education via phone at (808)956-2560 or by e-mail at mandy.westfall@hawaii.edu.

Good Beginnings Alliance is a nonprofit organization working in partnership with families, communities, policy makers, early childhood providers and advocates to shape community will and public policy, mobilize action and maximize resources for Hawai'i's children. Good Beginnings Alliance is a member of [Voices for America's Children](#)

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