



On behalf of the *Champions for Children* we would like to wish you a productive 2008 Legislative Session. We are proud to present you with the *2008 Champions for Children Directory*. This directory will provide you with valuable information on each partnering organization. We hope this information will be useful to you as you consider legislation affecting Hawaii's children.

Remember: *The true greatness of a state is measured by the future it provides its children.*

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☐ **Aloha United Way:** Coordinates *Born Learning*, a national public engagement campaign that offers local communities media tools and parent education materials as a communications platform for their early childhood initiatives. AUW also provides leadership, funding, and in-kind support to health and human services agencies; and offers the community 211, a 24/7 information and referral service, and www.volunteerhawaii.org, a volunteer matching database. AUW works with other organizations on the issues of financial stability and independence, homelessness, crime and drugs, and getting children ready for school.

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☐ **The Baby Hui:** A 25 year old non-profit organization that is made up of a multi-island network of community and high school-based, positive parenting support groups for parents with children from birth to three. The Baby Hui's mission is to Support, Encourage and Empower (SEE) parents through the challenges of raising young children with loving guidance, and by sharing parenting experiences, knowledge and community resources.

Contact: Larisa Majors; ph: 386-7271; executive_director@thebabyhui.org; www.thebabyhui.org

☐ **Catholic Charities Hawaii:** Provides services & outreach to the most needy & vulnerable people of Hawaii with over 30 programs that assist and serve expectant mothers, children, youth, elderly, immigrants and families faced with crisis & long term challenges of homelessness, domestic violence, poverty, and isolation. Their services and programs enable families & individuals to live in dignity in our community.

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Sr. Earnest Chung; ph: 527-4461; fax: 523-8773; srearnest@catholiccharitieshawaii.org

☐ **The Center on Disability Studies (CDS) at the University of Hawai'i:** Works to accomplish its mission to support the quality of life, community inclusion, and self-determination of all persons with disabilities and their families, through education, training, service, research, evaluation, and dissemination activities.

Contact: Jean L. Johnson; ph: 956-2653; jeanj@hawaii.edu

☐ **The Center on the Family:** Conducts research on family issues, develops educational materials, sponsors workshops, seminars and conferences, disseminates research-based information for a wide audience, and facilitates interdisciplinary collaboration among people who are interested in research, education, practice, or advocacy to promote the well-being of families. The Center is a unit within the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

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☐ **Child and Family Service (CFS):** Hawaii's oldest and largest private, nonprofit human services provider, founded in 1899. DFS' mission is strengthening families and fostering the healthy development of children, which is accomplished through 44 programs throughout the state that range from **prevention to early intervention to treatment** in core service areas. CFS works with Childhood Services (Baby S.A.F.E. and Head Start on Kauai, Healthy Start on Oahu and Kauai, Enhanced Healthy Start, Prenatal Services, Pre-Plus Preschool), **Children's Services** (Hale O'Ulu Alternative Education, Community Centers on Kauai, Comprehensive Counseling and Support on Oahu and Maui, Family Strengthening Services on Oahu, Hilo and Kauai, International



Adoptions, Post permanency Services on Oahu, Kauai and Maui, Independent Living Services on Kauai, Sex Abuse Treatment Services on Oahu, Hilo, Kona and Maui), **Adult and Family Services** (Domestic Violence, Elderly Services, Immigrant and Refugee Employment Services, Community Health Education in Kona), and **Behavioral Health Services** (Employee Assistance Programs, Therapeutic Foster and Group Homes, Autism Services, and Community-Based Residential Services, Counseling Services on Kauai, Intensive Learning Center, Crisis Mobile Outreach, Multisystemic Therapy).

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Tonja Snyder; ph: 543-8413; fax: 524-8383; tsnyder@cfs-hawaii.org

☐ **Childcare Business Coalition**: Established in 1997. Members include Calvary Episcopal Church Preschool, The Cole Academy, Hanalani Schools, KCAA Preschools of Hawai'i; Kama'aina Kids; Rainbow Schools, Saint Timothy's Children's Center, Seagull Schools, Waianae Coast Early Childhood Services, and Waikiki Community Center. Together, we serve over 3,000 children, ages six weeks to five years, in 35 different centers located state-wide. Approximately 20% of the families we serve receive tuition assistance from the Department of Human Services. CBC's mission is to promote quality center-based early education and care which is accessible to all families with children ages six weeks to five years and to promote public policies which support that effort.

Contact: Christina Cox; 941-9414; ccox@kcaapreschools.org

☐ **Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii**: The only independent organization in the islands whose sole mission is to reduce tobacco use through education, policy & advocacy. The Coalition is comprised of individuals & organizations working together to eliminate the negative impact tobacco has on the health of our community.

Contact: George Massengale; ph: 946-6851 x 204; fax: 946-6197; george@tobaccofreehawaii.org;

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☐ **The Cole Academy**: This group of Child Development Centers provides education for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years old, at three campuses throughout Oahu - with a fourth planned for opening in 2008. Our whole-child development curriculum focuses on preparation for success in kindergarten. The Cole Academy features very low student-teacher ratios, industry-leading salaries, high-technology resources and security systems, support of ongoing training and college or graduate-degree courses for employees, and an unwavering commitment to quality education and care for children and families.

Contact: Emily Awaya Leong; ph: 531-4500; emily@thecoleacademy.com; www.thecoleacademy.com

☐ **Early Intervention Section (EIS)** of the State Dept. of Health assists families and professionals in obtaining and providing services for infants and toddlers from birth to 3 years of age with special needs. Services assist children in five developmental areas: physical, cognitive, communication, social-emotional and adaptive skills.

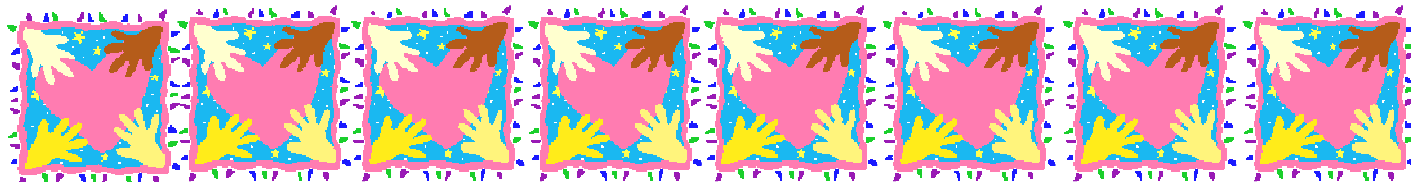
Contact: Sue Brown; ph: 594-0000; fax: 594-0066

☐ **Easter Seals Hawaii** has been providing services to infants, children and adults with disabilities and other special needs, and support to their families since 1946. Programs and services include: early intervention services, extended school day program, adult day health, home and community based services, assistive technology, camp, Sibshop, and Partnerships in Community Living (PICL).

Contact: Norman Kawakami; ph: 536-1015; fax: 536-3765; Norman@eastersealshawaii.org

☐ **Good Beginnings Alliance (GBA)**: A statewide community based organization committed to a sustainable, collaborative, and integrated early childhood system that gives the young children of Hawaii the best possible start in life. We maximize resources, mobilize action, and shape public will and public policy to ensure that all of Hawaii's children are safe, healthy, and ready to succeed.

Contact: Liz Chun; ph: 531-5502; fax: 531-5702; lchun@goodbeginnings.org



□ **Good Beginnings Community Councils:** As part of the statewide Good Beginnings Initiative, each council is a voluntary group of parents, early childhood providers, medical practitioners, business people, and others representing various community groups who are working together for quality integrated system of early childhood education and care for Hawaii's families with children from birth through five years.

Oahu Coordinator: Celia Chang-Takahashi; ph: 531-5502; fax: 808-531-5702; ctakahashi@goodbeginnings.org

Kauai Coordinator: Anna Peters; ph: 632-2114; apeters@goodbeginnings.org

Maui Project Specialist: Kaina Bonacorsi; ph: 270-5557; fax: 270-5556; kaina.bonacorsi@co.maui.hi.us

Hawaii County Coordinator: Angela Thomas; ph: 887-1228; fax: 885-4236; athomas@goodbeginnings.org

□ **Hale Kipa, Inc.:** Provides a wide variety of services for at-risk youth: emergency shelter, assessments, advocacy, independent living programs, youth outreach, and foster care.

Contact: Jaque Kelley-Uyeoka; ph: 589-1829, ext. 201; jaq@halekipa.org

□ **Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC):** HAEYC's mission is to promote, support, and expand quality and professionalism in early childhood programs and services for Hawaii's young children (0-8) and their families. HAEYC is a non-profit, voluntary professional membership organization composed of teachers, family providers, caregivers, directors, and others committed to quality early childhood education. HAEYC: Promoting Excellence in Early Childhood Education!

Contact: Kathy Murphy; ph: 942-4708; fax: 955-2739; kmurphy@hawaiihaeyc.org; www.hawaiihaeyc.org

□ **Hawaii Careers with Young Children:** Early Childhood agencies and higher education agencies working together to support quality outcomes for children through a well-trained workforce.

Contact: Melodie Vega; *Early Childhood Education and Management Consultant*; ph: 753-1951; fax: 254-2274; vegab001@hawaii.rr.com

□ **Hawaii Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP):** The *Chapter* and its members dedicate their efforts and resources to the mission of the Hawaii Chapter of the AAP: to attain optimal physical, mental and social health and well being for infants, children, adolescents and young adults. The *Chapter* will accomplish this mission by addressing the needs of children, their families and their communities, and by supporting *Chapter* members through advocacy, education, research, service and improving the systems through which they deliver pediatric care. The *Chapter* will work together with the national AAP, the Hawaii Medical Association, the County Medical Societies, State and County governmental agencies, health care facilities and organizations, and other organizations and individuals interested in the health and well being of Hawaii's children.

Contact: Kathryn Sthay; ph: 808-377-5738; fax: 808-377-3683; aaphawaii@hawaiiantel.net; ksthay@aap.net; www.hawaiiAAP.org

□ **Hawaii Children's Trust Fund (HCTF):** A public-private partnership whose mission is to ensure that children develop into healthy, productive and caring individuals by providing grants for community-based, family centered programs and services. We strive to ensure that children develop into healthy, productive and caring individuals by supporting community-based, family centered programs and services, which work to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Contact: Jennifer Murphy; ph: 733-9021; fax: 733-9078; jennifer.murphy@doh.hawaii.gov

□ **Hawai'i Coalition for Dads:** A group of individuals and organizations that shares information about services to fathers and promotes involved, nurturing, responsible fatherhood.

Contact: Greg Farstrup; ph: 841-2245; fax: 842-9604; HawaiiDads@pacthawaii.org



□ **Hawaii Kids Count:** Provides research-focused, data-driven information on Hawaii’s children and families. Based at the UH Center on the Family, the Kids Count goal is to increase public awareness and serve as a catalyst for positive actions on behalf of children.

Contact: Marika Ripke; ph: 956-6394; fax: 956-4147; marika@hawaii.edu

□ **Hawaii Parental Information and Resource Center Project (HPIRC):** Administered by Parents And Children Together (PACT) in collaboration with five Family Centers located on Kauai, Molokai, West Hawaii, and Oahu. We work with the Department of Education, individual schools, communities and families to improve parental involvement and academic outcomes of our children. HPIRC also provides funding for the HIPPY (Home Instruction of Parents of Preschool Youngsters) program on Oahu, Hawaii and Molokai.

Contact: Christina Shoemaker Simmons; ph: 841-6177; fax: 841-1779; fccsimmons@pachawaii.org

□ **Hawaii Youth Services Network:** A statewide coalition of more than 50 youth-serving organizations that promotes the well-being of youth and strengthening of families and communities by providing leadership, encouraging collaboration and creating partnerships statewide.

Contact: Judith Clark; ph: 531-2198; fax: 534-1199; info@hysn.org

□ **Head Start Association of Hawaii:** Representing the seven Early Head Start/Head Start programs in Hawaii, these programs serve nearly 3,200 prenatal to five year old children and their families on six of the islands. The Head Start Association provides professional development and growth for it’s leaders, staff and community members by providing a unified voice in speaking and acting on issues affecting young children, pregnant women, and families. The Association facilitates the sharing of information, ideas, philosophies, skills and strategies among members; identifies and acts on issues of common concern; promotes linkages with local, state, regional and national organizations concerning the well being of children and their families, including the promotion of comprehensive child development and family services for Hawaii’s young children.

Contact: Frank Ranger; ph: 240-2817; franger@cfs-hawaii.org

□ **Head Start- State Collaboration Office:** Facilitates multi-agency, state and public/private partnerships to effect school readiness and quality of life for low-income children enrolled in Head Start programs and their families state-wide. The Project works collaboratively with the Head Start Association of Hawaii and supports operations and program services of Hawaii’s seven Head Start grantee agencies. Federally funded and located in the Department of Human Services, Benefit, Employment & Support Services Division, the State Collaboration Office strategically plans activities that correspond to the Administration for Children and Families national key priorities.

Contact: Chris Jackson; ph: 586-5232

□ **Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition:** A statewide nonprofit organization bringing together public, private, & nonprofit agencies and individuals to work collaboratively supporting pregnant women, improving the health of Hawaii’s babies, addressing teen pregnancy prevention, supporting education services to parenting teens, and advocating for public policy reform that responds to community needs.

Contact: ph: 951-5805; fax: 941-4102

□ **Hui Ho’omalū:** This new statewide initiative encompasses the identification, recruitment, screening, training, ongoing support and retention of foster/resource families. Hui Ho`omalū, “a group to protect and shelter”, consists of a partnership between the Department of Human Services, Partners in Development Foundation (Administrative Branch, General Licensing Department, and the Kōkua ‘Ohana program), Catholic Charities Hawaii (Child Specific Licensing), and Foster Family Programs of Hawaii (ongoing training and support services). In addition, Hui Ho'omalū works together to further advance and enhance Hawaii’s foster care system by collaborating with a consortium of community providers, churches, and families. Hui Ho'omalū strives to



create innovative strategies to better meet the needs of Hawaii's keiki in foster care as well as the foster/resource families who care for them.

Contact: Carol Morimoto; ph: 441-1125; fax: 441-1122; cmorimoto@pidfoundation.org

□ **Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture (INPEACE)**: A non-profit agency committed to improving the quality of life for Native Hawaiians through community partnerships that provides educational opportunities and promote self-sufficiency. Through its direct service programs, Keiki Steps to Kindergarten (transitions program), Keiki Steps (parent-child interactive learning program) and Ka Lama Education Academy (teacher recruitment and retention), INPEACE works to ensure that there are quality services in early care and education for all Hawaiian children. In addition, INPEACE spearheads the SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids) Initiative, a community based effort for keiki funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Contact: Kanoë Naone; ph: 690-8097; fax: 690-8099; naonek@inpeace-hawaii.org

□ **KCAA Preschools of Hawaii**: Operates 7 nationally accredited preschools on Oahu for children ages eighteen months to five years. Fifty percent of the 900 children KCAA serves annually have incomes below the State Median Income and 40% of enrolled children receive some form of tuition assistance to enable them to attend preschool. KCAA's mission is *to build a solid foundation for Hawaii's children through excellent early education programs*.

Contact: Christina Cox; ph: 941-9414; www.kcaapreschools.org

□ **Keiki Funders Network**: The goal of the network is to increase dialogue among funders—both in Hawaii and nationally—and to expand information about the needs of Hawaii's children and useful strategies to address these needs. Facilitated by Good Beginnings Alliance and chaired by Al Castle, Samuel N. and Mary Castle Foundation, and Terry George, Harold K.L. Castle Foundation.

Contact: Liz Chun; ph: 531-5502; fax: 531-5702; lchun@goodbeginnings.org

□ **Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition/ SAFE KIDS Hawai'i (KIPC)**: A statewide coalition working to prevent injuries and deaths to children in Hawaii.

Contact: Su Yates; ph: 521-7730; kipc@hawaiiantel.net

□ **Keiki O Ka 'Āina Family Learning Centers (KOKA-FLC)**: Open since 1996, the agency serves families with children ages prenatal to 5 by providing free family based education programs that support parents as their child's first and best teacher. Our family strengthening programs prepare children to begin school with the attitudes and skills necessary for success. KOKA-FLC serves more than 2,000 parents and children each year at 40 different community sites on O'ahu and Maui.

Contact: Momi Akana; ph 843-2502 email; momi@keikiokaaina.org,

□ **Kia'i ka 'ike**: An organization of preschool/child care directors statewide. Their mission is to cultivate diversity and to enhance the quality of life for children, youth, and their families by providing support, education, and advocacy for the professionals who serve them.

Contact: Gwyn Toilolo; ph: 533-3088

□ **The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii**: The state's oldest private non-profit law firm specializing in providing free civil legal services and advocacy to Hawaii's low-income individuals and families. Legal Aid offers services specifically aimed at helping children who are at risk for abuse or neglect and/or whose families are experiencing some sort of dysfunction and require legal assistance to ensure safety, stability and economic self-sufficiency. Examples of services include adoption and guardianship assistance to help provide permanent, healthy homes to children in the Child Protective Services (CPS) foster care system, providing representation at court hearings as



Guardian ad Litem for children in suspected abuse or neglect cases and helping children who qualify for social security disability benefits with representation starting at the application process through the hearing stage.

Contact: Charles Greenfield; ph: 536-4302; fax: 527-8088; chgreen@lashaw.org

☐ **March of Dimes Hawaii Chapter:** The state chapter of the nation's leading non-profit organization for pregnancy and baby health. We are dedicated to improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality through funding scientific research and through funding and implementing community service projects, public and professional education programs and advocacy. For the latest resources and information on pregnancy and baby health visit marchofdimes.com or nacersano.org

Contact: Connie Brunn; ph: 973-2152; cbrunn@marchofdimes.com

☐ **Medical Home Works!** : Focuses on ensuring that all children particularly children with special needs have a “medical home” by promoting an interprofessional approach to health care where services are accessible, family-centered, continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, compassionate and culturally effective led by a well trained physician. This program is under the Community Pediatrics Institute, Department of Pediatrics, John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii at Manoa and works in partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter, Department of Health, Children With Special Needs Branch and WEBfish Pacific.

Contact: Sharon Taba; ph: 983-8387; cell 384-2902; fax: 945-1570; sharon@medicalhomeworks.net

☐ **Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD):** The mission of MADD is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime, and prevent underage drinking. MADD Hawaii engages high school students statewide in Youth in Action, an underage drinking prevention program designed to reduce the social and retail availability of alcohol and to increase the enforcement of Hawaii’s underage drinking laws.

Contact: Brandi Yasuoka; ph: 532-6757; brandi.yasuoka@madd.org

☐ **Neighborhood Place of Puna:** Located on the Big Island of Hawaii, Neighborhood Place of Puna works to empower families and communities by building strong foundations through home visiting, talk story counseling, information, referral and advocacy. The goal of Neighborhood Place is to prevent child abuse and neglect by helping families recognize their strengths.

Contact: Mary Hyslop; ph: 965-5550; mhyslop@hotmail.com; neighborhoodplaceofpuna.org

☐ **Neighborhood Place of Wai’anae - Ka Wahi Kaiulu:** Promotes safe children, healthy families and a caring community on the Wai’anae Coast. A community-based program striving to embrace Wai’anae Coast parents by giving support, assistance, and information to access resources, opportunities and encouragement to successfully raise their keiki. Keiki do well when their parents do well and parents do better when they live in communities that actively support families. Each and every one of us has a responsibility in assuring a safe and caring community for keiki; we each have a role. Our role is identify the multitude of challenges and to be a “resource hub” to Wai’anae Coast families and the general community alike, by coordinating community awareness activities, educational workshops, providing referral information and enlisting the Wai’anae Coast’s commitment and responsibilities to our community.

Contact: Barbie-Lei Burgess; ph: 696-4598; fax: 697-1502; wnp-bfc@wccmhc.org

☐ **PATCH- Supporting Hawaii's Child Care Needs:** Hawaii's only statewide child care resource and referral agency. PATCH is dedicated to supporting and improving the quality and availability of care for the Hawaii's young children through child care referrals, training of child care providers and advocating on behalf of children and child care providers in the community.

Contact: Katy Chen; ph: 839-1988; fax: 839-1799; Patch@Patch-hi.org



☐ **The Parent Line:** The Parent Line is a free statewide confidential telephone line, which offers support and information to parents and other caregivers. The phone line staff helps callers problem-solve parenting challenges, child and adolescent behavior and development issues. Community resources information and parenting handouts are available. Phone line hours are Weekdays 8 am to 6 pm and Saturday 9 am to 1 pm. *Contact: The Parent Line on Oahu at 526-1222 and Neighbor Islands call toll free at 1-800-816-1222; www.theparentline.org*

☐ **Parents And Children Together (PACT):** A multi-program, multi-site agency providing services that include community and economic development, early childhood education, child mental health treatment and family support, domestic violence prevention and treatment, and child abuse prevention and treatment. *Contact: Ruthann Quitiquit; ph: 847-3285; fax: 841-1485; adminrquitiquit@pacthawaii.org
Noelle Granato; adminngranato@pacthawaii.org*

☐ **Partners in Development Foundation (PIDF):** A statewide non-profit public foundation that has created many successful programs serving Native Hawaiian families and communities such as Tūtū and Me traveling preschool, Nā Pono No Nā 'Ohana (Family Education), Kokua 'Ohana (recruitment program for Native Hawaiian foster children) and Hui Ho'omalua (a master contract from the State of Hawai'i DHS to create and implement innovative strategies to better meet the needs of Hawai'i's children in foster care). PIDF inspires and equips families and communities for success and service using timeless Native Hawaiian values and traditions. *Contact: Keri Voss; ph: 595-4315; kvoss@pidfoundation.org; www.pidfoundation.org*

☐ **Project STEPS:** Coordinates district, island, and statewide activities to enhance communities' abilities to develop a seamless transition process for families and children, ages birth through eight, who use early intervention and school services. *Contact: Lynn Yamashita; ph: 988-4176; fax: 988-9273; georgia@hawaii.edu*

☐ **Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center:** A social service agency created to fulfill the mission of Queen Lili'uokalani. Our commitment is to the orphaned and destitute children in the State of Hawai'i, with preference given to those of Hawaiian ancestry. Together, with our partners on all islands we work toward the development of: healthy children whose needs are met by a consistent, nurturing caregiver so that children can reach their full potential, strong positive family attachment built on a cultural and spiritual foundation, a stable home environment, and caring communities that are concerned about the welfare of their children. *Contact: Patricia Urieff, Systems Facilitator; ph 851-7707; purieff@qlcc.org
Honolulu 847-1302; Windward `Oahu 293-8577; Ko`olaupoko 235-7613; Waimanalo 426-1300; Waianae Coast 668-2314; Hilo 704-3627; Kona 704-3628; Maui 242-8888; Hana 248-7218; Molokai 426-1617; Lanai cell #342-6274; Kauai # 704-3622*

☐ **The Sex Abuse Treatment Center:** The Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC) supports the emotional healing process of those sexually assaulted in Hawaii through crisis intervention and counseling. Through our education services, SATC increases community awareness about the needs of those who are sexually assaulted. And, ultimately, we hope to reduce the incidence of all forms of sexual assault. *Contact: Christine Trecker; ph: 535-7600; christinetr@kapiolani.org; www.satchawaii.com*