

RACE TO THE TOP!

IS YOUR CHILD 4 YEARS OLD OR SPECIAL NEEDS 3 YEAR OLD? PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS WELCOMES YOU TO APPLY FOR PRESCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE!



Preschool funding assistance is available to qualified children through a special partnership by the Governor and the Hawaii State Department of Education to support Hawaii's "Race to the Top" plan. Assistance will be available from date of eligibility, through July 31, 2012, in a program administered by PATCH Preschool Open Doors.

Eligibility is based on monthly gross income limits in accordance with Department of Human Services (DHS) Hawaii Administrative Rules.

Besides income criteria, eligible families must reside in one of Hawaii's "Zones of School Innovation" which are Nanakuli/Waianae District on Oahu, and Kau/Keaau/Pahoa District on the island of Hawaii. However, they may enroll their children in preschools outside of these zones.

Qualified families may receive subsidy up to the DHS maximum of:

- \$710.00 per month for an accredited preschool; *or*
- \$675.00 per month for DHS licensed preschool or group child care home type of care. DHS maximum child care rates are for full time care (97+ monthly hours).

A one-time Registration and/or Activity Fee up to \$125 may also be issued.

Pre and post- assessments of children receiving RTTT grants will be conducted by the program staff (not by the preschool).



'Monthly' Gross Income limits

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Gross Income Limits</u>
2	\$ 3,179
3	\$ 3,927
4	\$ 4,675
5	\$ 5,423
6	\$ 6,171
7	\$ 6,312
8	\$ 6,452

An exciting opportunity for children to attend preschool and to be better prepared at Kindergarten and have a successful start in life!

If you have questions or require further information about the "Race To The Top" program, please call Preschool Open Doors Program at 791-2130 (Oahu) or toll free at 1-800-746-5620 (Neighbor Islands).

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