



Aloha everyone!

February is such a great month to celebrate love, kindness, friendship and more! This can be a great time to praise your little ones when you see them sharing, taking turns or picking up after themselves. Remember every moment is a “teachable moment”.

Entering into February also means that tax season is upon us. If you’re new at this, here is a link from Tom Copeland FAQ’s website to help prepare and guide you:

<http://www.tomcopelandblog.com/2012/01/questions-your-tax-preparer-must-answer-correctly.html>

### **Save the Dates:**

**February 17<sup>th</sup>**- PATCH Krispy Kremes Provider Appreciation Day Fundraiser We will be accepting pre-orders. Please call the Hilo PATCH office at 961-3169

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**- Just can’t get enough of those Krispy Kremes, PATCH is offering a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of those yummy doughnuts.

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** - HAEYC Conference at the Keaau Community Center. (More Information to follow)

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** - Celebrate the Family at Sanga hall 9am-1pm. \*This is a free event

**April 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** - The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii Island Early Childhood Conference at the Waikoloa Beach Marriott. (Registration forms attached) or visit [www.babystepshawaii.org](http://www.babystepshawaii.org)

\*License Providers are eligible for discounted registrations!

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** - Provider Appreciation day!





## Professional Development

**PATCH is offering a brand new series:** Infant and Toddler Social Emotional starting on February 27, 2012. This series examines social emotional development of 0-3 year old children and providing individualized support for those with challenging behaviors. It also meets the Infant/Toddler licensing requirements. This is a 10 week course starting at 6pm- 9pm on each scheduled day. If you are interested, please sign up as soon as possible because space will be limited.

**Refundable Registration Deposit Fee:** Beginning October 1, 2011, PATCH classes in our Training Calendar require a \$5.00 check to secure enrollment. After attending the class, your check will be returned. Call PATCH at 961-3169 for more information

### Tips for Advertising and Marketing your Family Child Care Business:

**-Hold an Open House, or Family Child Care Tour.** This gives parents an opportunity to meet you in a more social setting and check out your home.

**-Develop colorful flyers** to leave in doctor offices, and business related to children; post on community bulletin boards, college bulletin boards, community parties and events.

**-Keep your provider file updated** by calling our Referral Specialist Paula

at the Hilo PATCH office (961-3169)

For more tips visit [www.childcarelinks.org](http://www.childcarelinks.org)



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*"Only where children gather is there any real chance of fun."*

- Mignon McLaughlin, journalist and author

Mahalo for what you do!

Meshell Martinez

**PATCH FCC Recruiter/Food Program Monitor**

