



Family Child Care Provider Newsletter

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PATCH History Tidbit

It's been about 35 years since a group of home-based providers and people interested in child care came together to bring public awareness of the need for quality care for young children. In response to parents looking for quality caregivers for their children, PATCH was formed as a private non-profit organization in 1976 and it now has offices on every island (2 on Hawaii island) and has a staff of over 60 employees (including trainers). PATCH is Hawaii's only statewide free child care resource and referral agency and its mission is "to support and improve the quality and availability of care for the young people of Hawaii." Logon to www.PatchHawaii.org for more about the history, vision, and mission of PATCH.

PATCH Kona Team

Rochelle Hall

Rochelle has many facets to her role as the Program Representative in the Kona office. She conducts quarterly updates to provider files and performs monitoring visits to participants of the Food Program. As a referral specialist, Rochelle assists families in finding child care and other resource information and conducts follow-up calls to determine their satisfaction with the child care referral process. Rochelle also registers participants for training classes and supports trainers by ensuring that upcoming classes have the necessary handouts and materials.

Each month's newsletter will feature a different staff member of PATCH in West Hawaii.

Welcome New Provider

Welcome Brittany Farmer, newly licensed provider in Holualoa, DBA "Stepping Stones Home School" offering a part-time school schedule to families in the area. Welcome aboard Brittany! We look forward to partnering with you in providing quality care in Holualoa.

FCC Provider Gathering

All providers are invited to a gathering on Saturday, Aug. 14 at Genki Sushi at 11:30 a.m. where we will "Dutch treat" (share bill/pay your own). Please call us for more information. Looking forward to seeing you there!

USDA Food Program

In its effort to promote quality care, PATCH offers nutrition education to providers and parents through the USDA Child Care Food Program where providers are reimbursed for meals and snacks. Enrolled CCFP providers will be attending an annual training being conducted on Sat. Aug. 14 at 9:00 a.m. at the Neighborhood Place of Kona. Please call Rochelle at 322-3500 for more information.

Quality Care Program

The July Hallmark of Quality Care was: "Provide a Safe Environment" and had excellent guidelines for fire drills in family child care homes. An extra mailing was sent later from Zero to Three which providers are encouraged to share with the families they serve.

Professional Development

Great classes available in West Hawaii. Call us for more information or check the PATCH website.

At PATCH, our mission is to support the quality and availability of care for the young people of Hawaii.
Comments and suggestions about this newsletter are welcome. Please contact Gail Judd at 322-3500 or gail@patch-hi.org.