



Family Child Care Provider Newsletter

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Welcome New Provider

Felicitaciones Esmeralda!

Welcome to Esmeralda Rahimian, dba “*Here We Grow Bilingual*” in Kona. As her business name implies, Esmeralda will be offering a second language in her child care home. This will be especially beneficial for the Hispanic families in the community.

Challenging Behaviors Series

“He who prepares well, teaches well.” (Stan Toler)

This series helps caregivers gain in-depth knowledge and strategies for working with children (ages 2-8) who have challenging behaviors. The first class starts on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 6:00 pm in Kailua-Kona. Registration is required in advance so please call the office for details and to register.

PATCH-HIUW

It's a beautiful thing!

The Hawaii Island United Way serves and supports the people who live on this beautiful island. PATCH is partnering with HIUW in the endeavor to promote stability and independence in the community. We are raising funds to help providers on the island of Hawaii provide quality care in their family child care business. We are selling cookies and whatever else we can do to raise money for the “Cash for Caring Programs” fund. Please consider helping us by baking cookies and either selling them yourselves and collecting donations or we can sell them for you from the office. Our first cookie sale is on Thursday, 9/2. Log-on to www.hiuw.org and take the time to look at a 9 minute video to see the results of our efforts on the Big Island last year. You'll see how each and every dollar makes a difference for our island 'ohana!

What's the Question?

It was great to see so many providers at the USDA Food Program training. Playing the Jeopardy game was a good way to review the rules to help you stay compliant. Special thanks to Laura, Lorelei and Robin for joining Rochelle and Gail at Genki Sushi. It was fun to catch up and talk story!

Participating in the food program is one indicator that you offer quality child care. This can be an important factor for parents when choosing child care. When PATCH sends child care referrals to parents, we indicate on their referral list the providers who are enrolled in the food program. This also applies to providers enrolled in the Quality Care Program. By the way, QCP's packet on Positive Guidance for Sept. is excellent!

PATCH West Hawaii Team

Tami Kirk

Tami has been the Career Counselor since July 2008 assisting with the Childcare Registry as well as supporting practitioners' professional goals and she is the island contact for Preschool Open Doors. On Aug. 16, Tami assumed the role of Family Child Care Recruiter and will be assisting potential providers through the licensing process. She is well aware of how important quality care is for young children and the vital role of the caregiver in a child's life.

Give Aloha

Every September, Foodland & Sack n' Save stores across the state generously match the collections of their customers for various organizations and schools during their Give Aloha campaign. Please consider donating what you can to PATCH (#77117). These funds help us with the administration and management of all our services and programs.

Comments & contributions (news items) for this newsletter are welcome. Please contact Gail Judd at 322-3500 or gail@patch-hi.org.

At PATCH, our mission is to support the quality and availability of care for the young people of Hawaii.