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PRESS RELEASE

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Parents of 3 and 4 Year Olds: Need Help Paying for Preschool Tuition for the 2010 -2011 School Year?

Statewide 4/15/2010: Parents! Was your child born in 2006? Or, do you have a child with special needs, born in '06 or '07? Then you should apply for Preschool Open Doors tuition assistance as soon as possible to make sure you can send your child to a licensed preschool this year!

The Preschool Open Doors project helps children go to preschool by helping parents pay preschool costs for one year. The project is aimed at low-income families, and eligibility is determined by family income.

Right now it is Open Enrollment period for the 2010-2011 Preschool year – enrollment will end on April 30th. Make sure to get your application in as soon as possible! This year, the Preschool Open Doors office has a Record Low of applications! We know there are parents in need out there, especially because of recent decreases to child care subsidies and the current economic situation.

Anyone can download an application from the PATCH website: www.patchhawaii.org (follow the Links, in Red, from our homepage), or call us at 808.587.5254 on Oahu or Toll-Free from Neighbor Islands at 1.800.746.5620.

Preschool Open Doors understands the importance of every child having the opportunity for a positive learning experience! Preschool prepares children for kindergarten, teaches social skills, recognition of shapes and letters, and allows children to explore and discover their world in a learning environment. PATCH operates the project on behalf of the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services. At PATCH, our mission is to support and improve the quality and availability of care for the young people of Hawaii. XXXXXXX