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PATCH will assist families who need child care due to teacher furlough days

Now, with the passing of teacher furloughs in Hawaii, PATCH recognizes that many parents will be struggling to find alternative child care on those days. PATCH, Hawaii's only statewide child care resource and referral agency, can help parents find the child care they need for teacher furlough days.

When choosing child care, it is important to find the right caregiver and, now more than ever, it's important to have affordable, quality child care. Whether you need care for a month or a day, PATCH has providers to meet your needs. Don't let finding regular child care or care for the teacher furlough days add to an already stressful life. Call PATCH today at 839-1988 or go to their website, www.PatchHawaii.org to obtain a free listing of qualified child care providers in your area.

PATCH assists parents in selecting licensed child care for their keiki. Unlicensed child care providers, whether they are teachers or otherwise, are permitted to watch a maximum of only two unrelated children at any one time at their homes. To watch more requires a license issued by the Department of Human Services. PATCH can help people become licensed.

PATCH also offers: enhanced referrals to military families; free child care training for parents and child care providers; recruitment, scholarships and professional development assistance for early childhood education professionals; and operates Quality Care and USDA Food Programs.

PATCH has been helping Hawaii's families balance work and family responsibilities since 1976. The mission of PATCH is to support and improve the quality and availability of care for the young people of Hawaii. To learn more, visit www.PatchHawaii.org.

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