

PATCH 'Ohana Network



PATCH - Supporting Hawaii's Child Care Needs

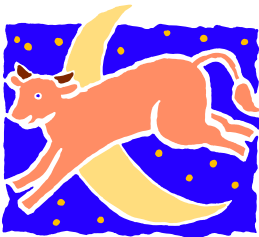
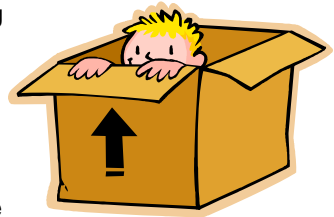
Supporting Your Child's Learning with the Classic Games

No matter what age, children learn best through play. Here are a few classics that will help put your child on a road to life long learning.

Infant Play: Peek-a-Boo! Infants and the adults in their lives, enjoy playing this classic game. Young infants (i.e. 4 month olds) delight in seeing the adult that they are playing with magically appear and disappear while older infants (i.e. 10 to 12 month olds) enjoy looking for their adult playmate who is hiding under a blanket or behind a piece of furniture. Besides being fun, peek-a-boo helps infants learn object permanence – that something, or in this case, someone, still exists even if it cannot be seen. The development of object permanence helps young children through separation anxiety: they know their parent, or other care provider, will return after an extended period of time (i.e. after running errands, going to work, etc.).



Toddler Play: Cardboard Boxes Toddlers love playing with simple toys. Cardboard boxes are one of the most simple and affordable toys available. This corrugated paper product has entertained generations of keiki, providing them with hours of creative, constructive play. A toddler, with minimal grown up help, can turn an ordinary cardboard box, into a house, a car, or space ship. When toddlers play with cardboard boxes they are using their creativity and imagination – important life skills.



Preschool Play: Nursery Rhymes Singing, reading, and reciting nursery rhymes help preschoolers to develop important reading readiness skills. Studies have shown that young children who have difficulty with rhyming words have a hard time learning to read. Nursery rhymes are a natural way to introduce/reinforce rhyming words. The rhythm that occur in nursery rhymes help keiki hear and identify the individual sounds that make up a word – a skill that young children use to become readers.

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Early Childhood Community Resources

Local

Arbor Child Care Connections is a federal subsidy program helping families pay for child care. Toll-Free Casework #: 1-866-972-7267.

The Parent Line: Oahu: 526-1222

Neighbor Islands: 1-800-816-1222.

`Ekolu `Eha `Ike Pono (EEIP) Early

Screening Program: FREE Vision, hearing and developmental screenings for 2-5 year olds, island-wide. FREE parent workshops for child health and development and school readiness. Contact the Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii at (Oahu) 696-5361.

Aloha United Way - 211: . Available Monday-Friday, 6am-9pm, it's fast, free and confidential. Call 211 now to GET or GIVE HELP. Or visit www.auw.org/211/.

Online News

Daily Parent: Visit www.childcareaware.org/dailyparent.

KidSource OnLine: www.kidsource.com

National

National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies

(NACCRRRA): Visit www.naccrra.org/parent/index.php.

Born Learning: Visit www.bornlearning.org.

Healthy Habits for Healthy Kids - A

Nutrition and Activity Guide for Parents: an interactive resource with activities, recipes, mealtime tips, guides and much more! Visit : www.wellpoint.com/healthy_parenting/index.html.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Date/s	Event	Island
July 21-23, 2010	"We Are Stronger Together" Conference Royal Lahaina Resort, 8:30am-1:30pm daily. MAUI Please see ad on page 5 for details.	All welcome
August 14, 2010	Compulsory training for Family Child Care Providers enrolled in USDA Food Program Neighborhood Place, Kona, from 9am.	West HI
August 14, 2010	Provider Gathering (Tentative, afternoon) Please call Kona Office for information.	West HI
August 28, 2010	Compulsory training for Family Child Care Providers enrolled in USDA Food Program Puueo Community Center, 9am-11:30am.	East HI
October 8-9, 2010	HAEYC Conference. See page 3.	Oahu

READ MORE about events and local news on your Island's News and Training Page on our website.

Classes for Parents: PATCH offers over 100 Free Child Care Workshops, many of which are great for parents! The training catalog is online at: www.PatchHawaii.org. Look in the Training Tracks Newsletter for classes with the parent symbol and register now for a class in your area.





ʻEkolu ʻEha ʻIke Pono (EEIP) *Early Screening Program*

The EEIP Early Screening program conducts *FREE* Vision, Hearing and Developmental screenings for children aged two to five, island-wide, on Oahu. The program is operated by Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii (LDAH) as part of its mission to support school readiness for young children. Previously limited to Waianae-Nanakuli district's 3 and 4 year olds, this program has been expanded to support more of our keiki and families.

The EEIP program also conducts ***FREE* Early Childhood Development Parent Workshops for child health and development, and to improve school readiness for children who are entering kindergarten.**

For more information, Please contact LDAH at (808) 696-5361.

2010 Leadership Symposium & HAEYC Early Childhood Conference ***Opening the World to Young Children***



Friday-Saturday, October 8-9, 2010, 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m.
Hawaii Convention Center, Honolulu

Join us for Hawaii's largest early childhood conference!

Connect with other early childhood and pre-K-to-grade-3 educators from across the State to network and discuss cutting-edge research and teaching strategies. Choose from over 100 workshops and seminars and explore our popular Exhibit Hall. Learn from various speakers while you renew your professional commitment to early childhood education.

The Conference has a tremendous variety of subjects to offer both seasoned professionals and future educators. Tracks: Policy and Advocacy, NAEYC Accreditation, Early Intervention, Special Education Preschool, Working with Families, Early Literacy, Transition, Higher Education, Professional Development, Cultural Competency, Quality Initiatives, Kindergarten, and MORE...

For information, contact HAEYC at 808-942-4708
www.hawaiiikeiki.org

PATCH, Hawaii's only statewide child care resource and referral agency, is a participant in several local and national campaigns:

A United Way campaign may be in progress at your workplace. If you wish, you may designate PATCH in your island's campaign.

For the **Aloha United Way** campaign, you may donate to PATCH by selecting Agency/Program Support and entering our donor choice number: 96420.



We participate in the **Combined Federal Campaign** (CFC)

which provides all Federal government employees including those in the military with opportunities to improve the quality of life for all through workplace giving. PATCH's CFC campaign number is 64544.



Please keep PATCH in mind for Foodland's **give aloha** campaign from September 1-30, 2010. Our five digit registration code is 77117. Contributions are tax-deductible so save your store receipt. MAHALO!



To make a direct donation to PATCH, send your tax-deductible donation to any of our offices, or donate online at our website:

www.patchhawaii.org with our secure Network For Good system.

Please pass this information on to anyone it may benefit.
Thank you very much for your interest in raising support for PATCH.
The agency greatly values your efforts.

Should you have questions about fundraising policies,
or require additional support or information,
please contact Virginia Lord at PATCH
at (808) 839-1789 ext. 221 (Oahu)
or via email: VLord@Patch-Hi.org.



HAWAII HEAD START

Hawaii Head Start and Early Head Start programs are available FREE to income eligible families. Comprehensive services are available in the areas of health, nutrition and special needs as well as cognitive and social emotional development. Meals are furnished FREE and programs offer both center based and home based options for your children age 0-5 years old. For additional information for a program in your area please call one of these numbers:

Kauai: Child and Family Service/Kauai Head Start 808-245-5914

Maui: Maui Economic Opportunity/Head Start and Infant Toddler Center
808-240-2988 (including Lanai and Molokai).

Maui Family Support Services/Early Head Start 808-242-0900

Oahu: HCAP Head Start 808-447-5415

PACT Head Start/Early Head Start 808-842-5996

Hawaii Island (Big Island): CDI Head Start 808-961-0570.

Family Support Hawaii Early Head Start 808-334-4179

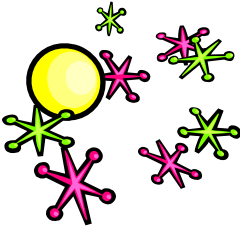
"We Are Stronger Together",
a Conference for child care providers,
teachers, and even parents,
will be held July 21st-July23rd from 8:30am-1:30pm
each day at the Royal Lahaina Resort, Maui.

The conference is sponsored by the California Alameda Family Child Care Association and is being chaired by Marva Lyons, NAFCC Regional 9 Representative. For more information, contact: happymarva57@yahoo.com or call 510.593.7505.

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Kindergarten Play: Jacks Playing with jacks allows keiki to practice their hand-eye coordination and use their fine and gross motor skills (i.e., picking up a jack with their fingers and using their entire arm to sweep up all the jacks at one time, all while bouncing and catching a ball) at the same time. While this classic, timeless game reinforces counting, it also introduces young children to a harder, more difficult math concept – division with remainders. When playing with ten jacks, and doing “ones”, young children discover that things come out “even in the end” - there are no leftovers. When doing “twos” they discover that again, there are no leftovers. However, when doing “threes” children discover that one jack is left and needs to be scooped up alone. This simple act of grabbing jacks in sets of threes, three times, and having one leftover introduces keiki to an abstract math concept in a safe, fun, non-threatening way.



While playing these classic games with your child provides you with an opportunity to interject learning moments, it more importantly creates moments that become memories that will last a lifetime.

by Celia Chang Takahashi
Oahu Coordinator, Good Beginnings Alliance

Child Care for Army & Marine Families



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referral services and subsidy information
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Q: What can be done to Reduce Aggressive Behavior in Young Children?



By Dr. Mae Kyono from *Healthy Child Care Hawaii*

A: Children are often aggressive because of their experiences and environment. Parents, media, and peer groups are the most influential sources that model aggression.

Strategies to reduce the aggressive behavior of children:

1. Avoid physical discomfort, such as spanking or hitting, as a method of discipline. Children will see your physical behavior as an acceptable response to anger and frustration. We are role models to our children.
2. Avoid yelling, swearing, and berating. Verbal aggression can have the same impact on aggressive behavior as physical aggression. Model responses that are calm, direct, and respectful.
3. Give your child time to calm down. Using verbal or physical confrontation will not help to calm your child down. Take this opportunity for you to settle down too.
4. Avoid reinforcing aggression. If a child evades a task, for example, sharing, by screaming or hitting, then the child learns that aggression works.
5. Reduce rough play. Some children with aggressive tendencies may not be able to calm down when rough play is over.
6. Turn off TV and video games. Your child can be unintentionally exposed to violence through TV, movies, and video games. Watching wrestling and boxing can expose your child to aggressive behavior. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends limiting media exposure to 2 hrs per day for children 2 years and older.
7. Supervise your child's play. You cannot supervise your child's play interactions always, but teaching your child the skills to avoid becoming a victim can be helpful. Teach your child to tell an adult, move away, and how to tell the aggressor to stop.

Children with severe aggression may require mental health intervention, this should be discussed with your child's primary health care provider.

RAISING A SCHOOL-READY CHILD

The University of Hawai'i at Manoa Center on the Family has a new publication for parents of young children, and the family care service providers and educators who work with them. "Raising A School-Ready Child: A Family Guide" provides useful tips to help parents prepare youngsters for school success. "Raising A School-Ready Child" describes the home-to-school learning continuum, with examples of everyday activities that parents can use to support their children's early learning, and to promote school readiness.

For more information or to request copies of "Raising A School-Ready Child", contact the UH Manoa Center on the Family at (808) 956-4132 or send an e-mail to cof@ctahr.hawaii.edu.

UH Center on the Family Website: <http://uhfamily.hawaii.edu/>.

PATCH Offices Statewide

Let PATCH assist you in finding licensed child care services across the state. Call one of our offices or visit our website for information on how to choose a quality child care provider, child care financial aid and much more!

In addition, PATCH can connect you to other early childhood resources that are available in your community.

PATCH—Oahu

650 Iwilei Road
Suite 205
Honolulu, HI 96817
Phone: 808-833-6866

PATCH—Kauai

4485 Pahe'e Street
Suite 124
Lihue, HI 96766
Phone: 808-246-0622

PATCH—West Hawaii

79-7393 Mamalahoa Hwy
Unit 4A
Kealahou, HI 96750
Phone: 808-322-3500

Preschool Open Doors

677 Queen Street
#400A
Honolulu, HI 96813
Phone: 808-587-5254
Toll-Free: 1-800-746-5620

PATCH—Maui County

95 Mahalani Street
Suite 28-2A
Wailuku, HI 96793
Phone: 808-242-9232
Lanai & Molokai: 1-800-498-4145

PATCH—East Hawaii

305 Wailuku Drive
Suite 4
Hilo, HI 96720
Phone: 808-961-3169

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Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division.



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- Early childhood development resources
- Child care subsidy information
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