

PATCH 'Ohana Network



PATCH - Supporting Hawaii's Child Care Needs

Every Day Science:



Walk Around the Block

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Living in Hawaii allows us to do outdoor activities with our children on a daily basis. Taking a walk with your child can provide you and your child with a physical and mental workout!

Here are some tips on how you can work math and science into your walk around the block:

Infant: Having a walking dialogue with your infant is a great way to introduce him to math and science. Say, "Look at that big truck. What color is it?" Wait a few seconds, then continue by saying, "You're right. The truck is red. It has two doors. Let's count them. One, two." Even though your baby cannot answer your question, this one-sided conversation teaches conversational patterns (i.e. people take turns when talking), it introduces mathematical/scientific vocabulary and concepts (such as size, number, color, etc.), and shows that making observations is an important part of gathering data (i.e. noticing the characteristics of the truck).

Toddler: On your next walk have your child collect things in a nature box made from a re-used fruit/vegetable box, or something similar. As your child puts something in her box say, "What a pretty yellow flower. Why did you select that flower to put in your box?" Continue to have similar conversations about the other items she collects. When you get home have her sort her treasures. Some conversation starters can center on how the items in each set are similar; how many are in each set, and which set has most items, and which has the least. This simple sorting activity is a great way for children to discover that objects can have multiple characteristics (i.e. size, color, shape, texture) and can be placed in multiple groups.

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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.

Mikiala Early Screening Program: FREE Vision, hearing and developmental screenings for 3-4 year olds in the Kalihi-Palama area. Helping children prepare for school. Contact Parents And Children Together (PACT) at (Oahu) 841-2245 or email hl@pacthawaii.org.

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

(NACCRRA): 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.

Special Announcement:

PATCH Awarded DHS Contracts!

We are pleased to announce that, effective July 1, 2011, PATCH has been awarded 5 year contracts for continuation of our programs by the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services. Along with our other services, we are proud and happy to be able to continue to provide the following programs:

- Child Care Resource & Referrals
- Hawaii Careers with Young Children Registry
- Early Childhood Education Training and Infant/Toddler Training
- Early Childhood Education Scholarships
- Family Child Care Provider Recruitment Program

Attention: Air Force families of children with special needs - RESPITE CARE



PATCH now offers respite care services and resources for Air Force families with children with special needs.

Contact Lani Julian at 791-2121 on Oahu
Or call your local PATCH office today!

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 pledge a donation to PATCH by select Agency/Program Support and entering our donor choice number: 96420.



You may also designate PATCH in **Kauai United Way** and **Hawaii Island United Way** campaigns.

We participate in the **Combined Federal Campaign** (CFC) which provides 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 who 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) 791-2121 (Oahu) or via email: VLord@Patch-Hi.org.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Date/s	Event	Island
July 23, 2011	Convoy of Hope, Aloha Stadium, Aiea Community Outreach to help those in need	OAHU
October 7-8, 2011	HAEYC Conference, Honolulu	OAHU
October 8-9, 2011	Oh Baby! Family Expo, Honolulu Neil Blaisdell Exhibition Hall.	OAHU

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Preschooler: The seven dwarves may have whistled while they worked, but you and your child can listen while you walk! On your next stroll around the neighborhood listen and talk about the different sounds you hear. For example, listen to the different motor vehicles in your neighborhood. Do they sound the same? How do they sound different? Can you and your child identify a motor vehicle (i.e. car, motorcycle, bus, truck, etc.) that you can't see by its sound? Say, "Do you hear that loud sound? I wonder if it is a car or a truck. What do you think it is?" Talk about your child's guess. This listening helps your child discover that scientists use multiple senses to collect and interpret data.

Kindergartener: A jaunt through the neighborhood is a great way to introduce your child to data collection through the use of tallies and a simple chart/grid. Fold a piece of paper in half; write the word "dogs" on one side and "cats" on the other. Every time you see a dog, have your child make a tally mark (i.e. mark a / for each dog)



on the dog side of the paper, and do the same for cats on the cat side. When you get home, count the tallies (so *////* = 4 dogs seen) to determine how many of each animal you saw. Turn this data into a bar graph by creating a chart for your child to fill in. See the example above.

Ask your child to use the tally marks to determine how many dogs he saw. Next ask him to color in that many squares. Have your child do the same for the cats. Using the chart to guide them, ask your child which animal you saw more of. Charts and grids are a great visual tool to help children develop their understanding of the concept of more than/less than.

Enjoy your walk around the block!

Attention: MAUI Parents

***PATCH is taking referral services one step further!
To assist you with your child care needs, we now
offer Enhanced Referral Services for Maui families.***



We take the guesswork out of looking for child care.
PATCH Staff will not only give you a list of referrals, we will also
find the vacancies for you. Give us a call!

Telephone PATCH Maui at (808) 242-9232

Email: patchmaui@patch-hi.org

Attention: Parents *Looking for a Parent Workshop?*
ONLINE Training is Now Available!

Visit www.PatchHawaii.org to learn about the great online training classes for parents. **Some great classes on offer are:**

★ **Practical Strategies to Guide Children's Behaviors, 3 hours:** *\$45 annual subscription.* Build the skills and confidence to give children proactive guidance and respond to challenging situations with effective reactions. Learn about children's social and emotional development and use that knowledge to address challenge behaviors, and support children's skills growth. Also included is an extended lesson on recognizing the signs of child abuse and how to handle those situations in a professional manner. Printable resource guides and step by step implementation tools provide a long term resource

★ **Promoting Nutrition & Physical Activity in Child Care, 2 hours:** *\$35 annual subscription.* Series of two 60-minute courses and resources which help you to gain an understanding of the causes of childhood obesity and how to most effectively address them through active play and nutritional meal planning. Includes helpful, printable resource guides, family letters, activity ideas and planning forms.

★ **CDA credential training, 120 hours:** *\$249 for annual subscription.* Modules to assist in learning about children's social, emotional, cognitive, creative, and physical development. Also includes planning learning activities, setting up environments, providing appropriate guidance and looking at health and safety practices.

PATCH offers over 100 workshops, both online and at locations near you.

See the online training catalog or contact your local PATCH office.



PARENTS: Look for "QCP" on your Referral List

When parents contact PATCH for a referral list some child care providers have "QCP" next to their license type. QCP means they are enrolled in the Quality Care Program, a recommended program for providers. This is a good indicator that the child care provider values offering a quality child care service and that the program's daily schedule is structured to offer developmentally appropriate activities for the children in their care.

All QCP participants receive a bi-monthly packet of educational materials and early learning activities which focus on twelve Hallmarks of Quality Care. These include to build trusting relationships with children and provide consistent care.

Parents, if your child care provider is not in the QCP, suggest that s/he enroll — it will benefit the provider, and more importantly, the children s/he cares for.

For more information about the Quality Care Program, log on to our website or call your local PATCH office.

Attention: Home Child Care Providers

Do you care for children aged 5 years old and under?

If you do, then you're invited to join the PATCH Quality Care Program.

Contact your local PATCH Office to Sign Up TODAY!



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.

Visit our website at www.PatchHawaii.org

- Online child care referrals
- Sign up to receive email news & updates
- Early childhood development resources
- Child care subsidy information
- Much more!

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PATCH Maui is Moving!

Effective July 1, 2011, our new address is:



Puuone Plaza
1063 Lower Main Street
Unit #214
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Phone numbers remain the same 242-9232 and 249-0101.

PATCH—East Hawaii

305 Wailuku Drive

Suite 4

Hilo, HI 96720

Phone: 808-961-3169



SEEKING OFFICE SPACE IN HONOLULU

We are looking for affordable office space in Honolulu for the PATCH Main Offices. If you know of a suitable location for us (3000 sq.ft.+) please contact Katy Chen at (808)791-2124 or email KChen@patch-hi.org. Mahalo!

Child Care for Military Families



On Active Duty? Deployed?
We can help you with special child care referral services and subsidy information for quality child care programs.
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