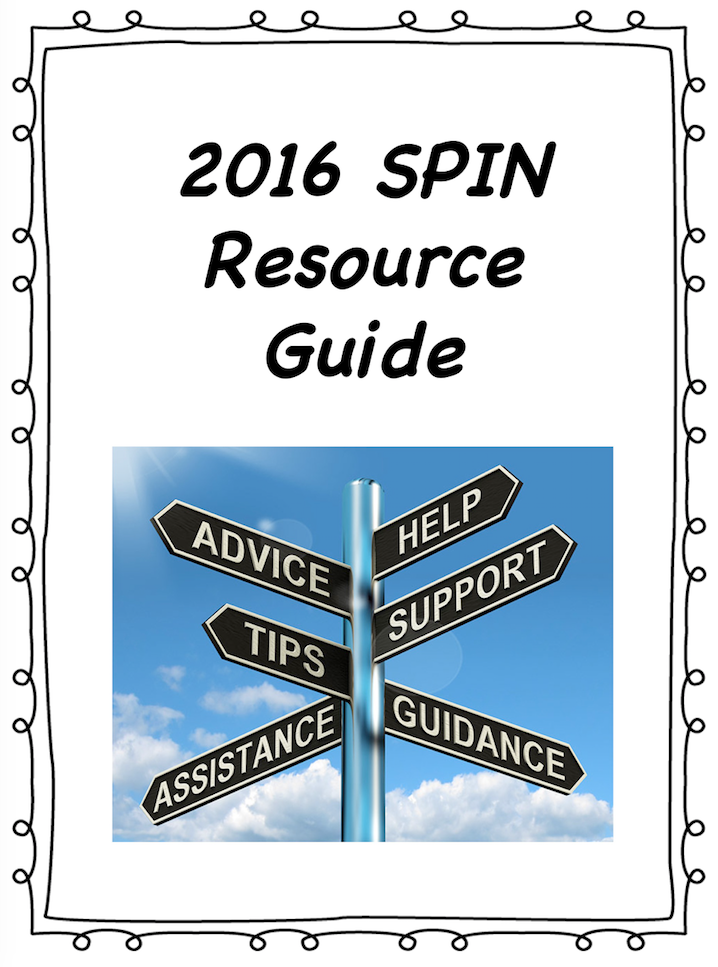
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**ADVOCACY &**

**CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

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| DOE Complaints Management Program  P.O. Box 2360  Honolulu, HI 96813  Phone: (808) 586-5374  E-mail: specialedcomplaints@notes.k12.hi.us  Website: www.hawaiipublicschools.org/  teachingandlearning/specializedprograms/  specialeducation/pages/rights | Responds to written complaints and concerns regarding non-compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Chapter 60 in the provision of special education and related services to students with disabilities. Facilitates communications and promotes dispute resolution. |
| Hawaii Disability Rights Center  1132 Bishop Street, Suite 2102  Honolulu, HI 96813  Phone: (808) 949-2922  Toll Free: 1-800-882-1057  Fax: (808) 949-2928  Email: info@hawaiidisabilityrights.org  Website: www.hawaiidisabilityrights.org | Promotes and advocates for human, civil and legal rights of persons with disabilities. Provides educational advocacy for students with disabilities. |
| Hawaii Parent Training & Info. Center  PTI (a federally funded project of LDAH)  245 N. Kukui Street, Suite 205  Honolulu, HI 96817  Phone: (808) 536-9684,  Neighbor Islands: 1-800-533-9684  Website: www.ldahawaii.org  Facebook: www.facebook.com/ldahawaii.pti | Provides information, training, advocacy and mentoring services to parents of students with disabilities and the professionals who serve them. |
| Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii (LDAH)  245 N. Kukui Street, Suite 205  Honolulu, HI 96817  Phone: (808) 536-9684  Neighbor Islands: 1-800-533-9684  Email: mmoore@ldahawaii.org  Website: www.ldahawaii.org  Facebook: www.facebook.com/ldahawaii.pti | Provides information, training, technical assistance, advocacy and mentoring services to parents and guardians of students with disabilities regarding the special education process and the needs of children with any disability. LDAH also provides early childhood screening and case management services for children age 3-4 years. LDAH is a non-profit organization with multiple projects benefitting students with disabilities, their families and the professionals who serve them, including the Hawaii PTI (see above). |

ADVOCACY & CONFLICT RESOLUTION (cont.)

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| **Legal Aid Society of Hawaii**  924 Bethel Street  Honolulu, HI 96813  Phone: (808) 536-4302  Fax: (808) 527-8088  Toll free: 1-800-499-4302  Website: www.legalaidhawaii.org/ | Assists low to moderate income families of children with disabilities to apply for and appeal denials or discrimination related to housing, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and other public benefits. |
| Levin Education Access Project (LEAP)  c/o Davis Levin Livingston Place  851 Fort Street, 4th Floor  Honolulu, HI 96813-4317  Phone: (808) 237-LEAP (5327)  Email: bellis@leaphawaii.com  Website: www.leaphawaii.com | Provides educational advocacy for children with special needs to ensure access to appropriate services. Helps to educate families of their child’s educational rights. |
| Mediation Center of the Pacific  245 N. Kukui Street, Suite 206  Honolulu, HI 96817  Phone: (808) 521-6767  Fax: (808) 538-1454  Email: mcp@mediatehawaii.org  Website: www.mediatehawaii.org | Provides mediation services statewide to help resolve conflicts over a student's identification, evaluation, program or placement. Helps to define conflict issues, explore solutions and reach practical and mutually agreeable solutions. |

**General Conflict-Resolution Guidelines for IEP Meetings:**

1. **Be respectful -** Come to the meeting on time, smile and be ready to work together. Never EVER personally attack any member of the team.
2. **Be prepared -** Come to the meeting with an action plan and goals. Bring supporting documents like test results and work samples and make copies for everyone.
3. **Always treat each other like experts -** Every team member is an expert, including parents, and has valuable input.
4. **Accept there will be differences of opinion -** Work together to ensure the same results, even if the plan is different than you expected.
5. **Remember the meeting isn’t about you -** Keep the meeting focused on the student and their education.
6. **Know your students needs, but be willing to compromise -** Be willing to reduce less needed services in favor of one that is absolutely necessary.
7. **Know when to table the discussion -** If you’ve hit a wall or team members are becoming more aggravated, its ok to say “we’ve made good progress today, lets take a step back and meet again in one week.”

Excerpts from www.specialeducationguide.com



**EDUCATION**

**HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DOE)**

The Department of Education provides special education and related services to children, age 3 to 22, who meet the eligibility requirements due to a disability that affects their educational success. ***Special Education*** is specially designed instruction to meet the unique learning needs of students who require Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).

***Related services*** includes transportation and such developmental, corrective, and other supportive services required to assist a student with a disability to benefit from special education. They include speech-language pathology and audiology services, interpreting services, psychological services, physical and occupational therapy, recreation, early identification and assessment of disabilities in students, counseling services, orientation and mobility services, and medical services for diagnostic or evaluation purposes. Related services also include school health services and school nursing services, social work services in schools, and parent counseling and training.

Services are at no cost to the parent and may be provided in a variety of settings based on the student’s needs. These services are aligned with the federal ***Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*** (IDEA) and Hawaii's local implementing law relating to special education, Chapter 60.

**STATE OFFICES**

Within the Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Support, two important offices provide supports for students with disabilities. The **Special Education Section** in the Student Support Branch provides support to the field on special education and related services. Their responsibilities include:

* Developing procedures, standards and rules for special education
* Providing technical assistance and training to complex areas, districts, schools, agencies and parents to address IDEA and Chapter 60.

**Special Education Section**

Debra Farmer, Administrator

475 22nd Avenue, Building C, Room 115

Honolulu, HI 96816

Phone: (808) 305-9806

Fax: (808) 733-4475

Email: debra\_farmer@notes.k12.hi.us

Website: www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/SpecializedPrograms/

SpecialEducation/Pages/home.aspx

EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS (cont.)

Another key office in the Student Support Branch is the **Comprehensive Student Support Section**. This section provides supports that enhance a student’s academic achievement by strengthening social, emotional and physical well-being of the student and their family. Responsibilities include:

* Providing program direction and guidance for parent and family support services, early childhood intervention services, secondary school intervention services, school based behavioral health (SBBH) services, positive behavior support services and student health services.
* Working with complexes and schools to make sure that an array of supports are available.

Comprehensive Student Support Services Section

Gordon Miyamoto, Educational Specialist

Director, Project AWARE

475 22nd Avenue, Building 302, Room 204

Honolulu, HI 96816

Phone: (808) 305-9787

Fax: (808) 733-9890

Email: Gordon\_Miyamoto@notes.k12.hi.us

Website: www.hawaiipublicschools.org

DISTRICT AND COMPLEX AREA OFFICES

Direct support and supervision to schools is provided through 15 complex area offices that take in Hawaii’s 41 school complexes. (A complex is made up of one or more high schools and the elementary and middle schools that feed students to the high school.) A district educational specialist for special education/special services serves each complex area. The following is a list of important contact information of state and district support for special education:

**OAHU: HONOLULU DISTRICT**

**Farrington-Kaiser-Kalani** Complex Area

**Kaimuki-McKinley-Roosevelt** Complex Area

4967 Kilauea Avenue

Honolulu, HI 96816

Special Education

Farrington-Kaiser-Kalani (808) 733-4940

Kaimuki-McKinley-Roosevelt (808) 733-4977

School Based Behavioral Health (808) 735-8355

Autism Program (808) 733-4985

EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS (cont.)

**Special Schools in Honolulu District**

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| **Hawaii School for the Deaf & the Blind**  3440 Leahi Avenue  Honolulu, HI 96815  Phone: (808) 733-4999 (V/TTY)  Fax: (808) 733-4824  Email: Christina\_Alfred@notes.k12.hi.us  Website: www.hcdb.k12.hi.us | A free public education facility that provides services to Hawaii’s deaf, blind, and deaf-blind students. HSDB provides an ASL bilingual-bicultural program that follows the tenets of a bicultural, bilingual philosophy. Both ASL and English are respected and used in instruction. Provides an academic boarding program for some students as determined by their IEP. |

**OAHU: CENTRAL DISTRICT**

**Aiea-Moanalua-Radford** Complex Area

**Leilehua-Mililani-Waialua** Complex Area

1136 California Avenue

Wahiawa, HI 96786

Student Support Services

Aiea-Moanalua-Radford (808) 421-4263

Leilehua-Mililani-Waialua (808) 622-6432

School Based Behavioral Health (808) 622-6428

Autism Program (808) 622-6421

**OAHU: LEEWARD DISTRICT**

**Campbell-Kapolei** Complex Area

**Nanakuli-Waianae** Complex Area

**Pearl City-Waipahu** Complex Area

Leeward Annex

94-521 Farrington Highway

Waipahu, HI 96797

Student Support Services

Campbell-Kapolei (808) 675-0335

Nanakuli-Waianae (808) 668-5746

Pearl City-Waipahu (808) 675-0384

School Based Behavioral Health (808) 675-0444

Autism Program (808) 675-0384

**OAHU: WINDWARD DISTRICT**

**Castle-Kahuku** Complex Area

**Kailua-Kalaheo** Complex Area

46-169 Kamehameha Highway

Kaneohe, HI 96744

Student Support Services

Castle-Kahuku (808) 233-5717

Kailua-Kalaheo (808) 233-5710

School Based Behavioral Health (808) 235-9102

Autism Program (808) 233-5710

EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS (cont.)

**HAWAI‘I DISTRICT:**

**EAST HAWAI‘I REGIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION OFFICE**

**Hilo-Waiakea** Complex Area

450 Waianuenue Avenue, Building C

Hilo, HI 96720

Special Education (808) 974-4401 or (808) 974-4535

School Based Behavioral Health, Rm. 1 (808) 974-6186

Autism (808) 974-4404

**SOUTH HAWAI‘I REGIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION OFFICE**

**Ka‘u-Kea‘au-Pahoa** Complex Area

16-590 Kea‘au-Pahoa Road, Hale F

Kea‘au, HI 96749

Special Education and Autism (808) 982-4252

School Based Behavioral Health (808) 974-6186

**WEST HAWAI‘I REGIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION OFFICE**

**Kealakehe-Konawaena** Complex Area

81-1080 Konawaena School Road

Kealakekua, HI 96750

Special Education and Autism (808) 323-0015

School Based Behavioral Health (808) 323-0015

**NORTH HAWAI’I REGIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION OFFICE**

**Kohala-Honoka‘a** Complex Area

c/o Honoka‘a High School

45-527 Pakalana Street

Honoka‘a HI 96727

Special Education and Autism (808) 775-8895

School Based Behavioral Health (808) 323-0015

**MAUI DISTRICT:**

**Baldwin-Kekaulike-Maui** Complex Area

**Hana** Complex Area

**Lahaina** Complex Area

P.O. Box 263

Pu‘unene, HI 96784

Special Education (808) 873-3520

School Based Behavioral Health (808) 873-3520

EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS (cont.)

**MAUI DISTRICT: MOLOKAI ANNEX**

**Molokai** Complex Area

**Lanai** Complex Area

P.O. Box 470

Kaunakakai, HI 96748

Special Education (808) 553-1723

School Based Behavioral Health (808) 553-1723

**KAUAI DISTRICT:**

**East Kauai-Central Kauai-West Kauai** Complex Area

3060 Eiwa Street, Room 305

Lihue, HI 96766

Special Education/Special Services (808) 274-3504

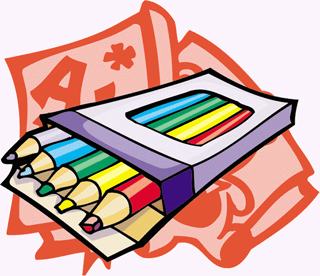
Mokihana SBBH (808) 274-3500

Autism Program (808) 274-3500

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**SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW & INFORMATION**

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| **Wrights Law**  Email: webmaster@wrightslaw.com  Website: www.wrightslaw.com | A very resourceful website filled with an array of topics relating to IDEA and Special Education law, case law review, advocacy, publications and a free weekly e-newsletter. |
| **U.S. Department of Education**  Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Website: www.idea.ed.gov | A one-stop shop for resources related to IDEA and its implementing regulations. Provides searchable versions of IDEA, cross-referencing with other laws, video clips, Q&A documents, and links. |
| **Hawaii Board of Education (BOE)**  Chapter 60 Rules  Website: www.hawaiiboe.net/adminrules/  Pages/adminrule60.aspx | Chapter 60 are the administrative rules for the State of Hawaii to provide a free and appropriate education (FAPE) to children with a disability living in Hawaii. |

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**PRIVATE SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS**

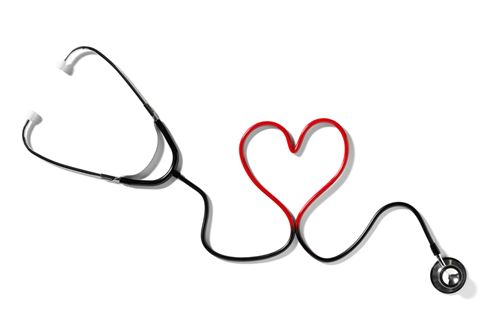
The following private schools and programs offer specially designed instruction and/or

related services to students who have disabilities that affect their ability to benefit from their education.

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| **Assets School**  One Ohana Nui Way  Honolulu, HI 96818  Phone: (808) 423-1356  Fax: (808) 422-1920  Email: info@assets-school.net  Website: www.assets-school.net | A K-12 school that helps children with learning differences, including giftedness and/or dyslexia, achieve their fullest potential in a student-centered, nurturing and accepting atmosphere. Supports an individualized, integrated learning environment that instills confidence and resilience in each child. |
| **Hoku Alaka‘i**  Contact: Dr. Phaedra Ranges  Contact Phone: 808-51-3252  Email: PRanges@hokualakaihawaii.org  Website: www.hokualakaihawaii.org | An educational non-profit providing children with chronic & serious medical issues access to their education and supports when they are unable to attend school on a regular basis. This free service is available to children preschool through high school, and in public or private school settings. |
| **Head Start - HCAP**  **(Honolulu Community Action Program)**  Oahu: (808) 847-2400  Website: www.hcapweb.org  Head Start – CFS  **(Child & Family Services)**  Kauai: (808) 240-2817  Website: www.childandfamilyservice.org  Head Start – MEO  **(Maui Economic Opportunity)**  Maui: (808) 249-2988  Website:www.meoinc.charityfinders.org/  HeadStart\_HS  **Head Start – PACT**  **(Parents and Children Together)**  Hawaii: (808) 961-0570  Website: www.pacthawaii.org | Provides federally funded comprehensive early education programs for low-income children between the ages of 3-5, including children with disabilities. |

PRIVATE SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS (cont.)

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| **Horizons Academy of Maui**  P.O. Box 171  Kihei, HI 96753  Phone: (808) 575-2954  Fax: (808) 575-9180  Email: director@horizonsacademy.org  Website: www.horizonsacademy.org | Provides students from preschool to young adulthood (age 21) with quality, individualized experiential education honoring the talents of students with learning diversities, allowing them to excel in school and acquire life skills for their future. |
| Poli’s Place  Parent Participation Inclusion Program  Keiki O Ka ‘Aina Family Learning Center  3097 Kalihi Street  Honolulu, HI 96819  Phone: (808) 843-2502  Fax: (808) 843-2572  Email: ann@koka.org  Website: www.koka.org/polisplace | Provides a specially designed program to meet the diverse needs of infants and toddlers with special needs. This unique environment provides opportunities and experiences to develop social skills. All keiki are welcome. We offer infant/toddler classes for keiki 3 to 36 months. Parents attend with their keiki, and learn to be their child’s first and most important teacher. |
| **Scottish Rite Children’s Center**  1611 Kewalo Street  Honolulu, HI 96822  Phone: (808) 533-2326  Fax: (808) 533-6493  Email: srccenter@hawaiiantel.net | Provides an intensive speech therapy program for children, ages 3 to 5 years, whose primary disability is a speech and/or language delay. |
| **Sounds of Success Preschool and Learning Center**  Harbor Center  98-029 Hekaha Street, Building 5, Suite 44  Aiea, HI 96701  Phone: (808) 488-2211  Fax: (808) 380-8949  Email: info@sospreschool.org  Website: www.sospreschool.org | Provides preschool services for all children, and specializes in language therapy services for children with speech-language delays. Their on-site Learning Center offers after school speech-language therapy for children ages 2-18. |
| **Variety School**  710 Palekaua Street  Honolulu, HI 96816  Phone: (808) 732-2835  Fax: (808) 732-4334  Email: info@varietyschool.org  Website: www.varietyschool.org | Provides education for children, ages 5 to 13, who have a learning disability, attention deficit disorder and/or autism spectrum disorder using a multidisciplinary approach. Also offers an after school and summer enrichment program. |

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**HEALTH SERVICES**

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| **Hawaii Department of Health**  **Developmental Disabilities Division**  1250 Punchbowl Street Room 463  Honolulu, HI 96813  Phone: (808) 586-5842  Intake Line: (808) 733-1689  Website: www.health.hawaii.gov/ddd/ | Provides case management, individual service planning, monitoring and coordinating, and assistance in obtaining services for children and adults with intellectual disabilities who reside in the community. |
| **Developmental Disabilities Division**  **Case Management Branch**  3627 Kilauea Avenue, Room 104  Honolulu, HI 96816  Phone: (808) 733-9172  Fax: (808) 733-9182  Website: www.health.hawai.gov/ddd/cmb/ | Provides case management, individual service planning, monitoring and coordination, and assistance in obtaining services for children and adults with intellectual disabilities who reside in the community. |
| **Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD)**  3627 Kilauea Avenue, Room 101  Honolulu, HI 96816  Phone: (808) 733-9333  Fax: (808) 733-9357  Website: www.health.hawaii.gov/camhd/  **Family Guidance Centers:**  Central Oahu (808) 453-5900  Honolulu Oahu (808) 733-9393  Leeward Oahu (808) 692-7700  Windward Oahu (808) 233-3770  Hilo Hawaii (808) 933-0610  Kona Hawaii (808) 322-1541  Waimea Hawaii (808) 887-8100  Lihue Kauai (808) 274-3883  Lahaina Maui (808) 662-4045  Wailuku Maui (808) 243-1252  Lanai (808) 662-4045  Molokai (808) 553-7878  Website: www.health.hawaii.gov/camhd/  home/family-guidance-centers/ | The Division provides case management services to children and youth ages 3-20 with complex emotional and behavioral problems. Case management and clinical support is provided by the Family Guidance Centers (FGCs) and clinical treatment for youth with complex emotional and behavioral problems is provided through CAMHD’s contracted service providers. Youth may be referred either as a related service to their IEP, or if eligible for QUEST, through direct application to their local FGC under the Support for Behavioral and Emotional Development (SEBD) program. More information can be found on the website. |

HEALTH SERVICES (cont.)

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| Early Intervention Section  **Department of Health**  1350 S. King Street #200  Honolulu, HI 96814  Phone: (808) 594-0000  H-KISS Referral line: (808) 594-0066  Neighbor Islands: 1-800-235-5477  Website: www.health.hawaii.gov/eis/home | Provides assessment, planning and implementation of services statewide to support the development of infant and toddlers with special needs from birth to 3. Provides consultation, instruction and direct services to parents and caregivers to increase their knowledge and ability to support their child’s development in their natural environment. |
| Public Health Nursing Branch  1700 Lanakila Avenue, Room 201  Honolulu, HI 96817  Phone: (808) 832-3773  East Honolulu: (808) 733-9220  West Honolulu: (808) 832-5757  Central Honolulu: (808) 453-6190  Leeward Oahu: (808) 675-0080  Waianae Oahu: (808) 697-7839  Windward Oahu: (808) 233-5450  Kauai: (808) 241-3387  East Hawaii: (808) 974-6025  West Hawaii: (808) 322-1500  Wailuku Maui: (808) 984-8260  Molokai: (808) 553-7880  Lanai: (808) 565-7114  Website: www.health.hawaii.gov/phnb/ | Provides family-centered, community based nursing services to individuals, families, or groups in a community. These may include case management, client advocacy, health education, health screening, monitoring, follow-up and consultation. Public Health Nurses also coordinate annual flu shots at schools. |

It is vital that when educating our children’s brains that we do not neglect to educate their hearts.

~ Dalai Lama

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**INFORMATION & REFERRAL**

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| **Aloha United Way 211**  200 N. Vineyard Boulevard #700  Honolulu, HI 96817  Phone: 211  Fax: (808) 543-2222  Website: www.auw211.org | 2-1-1 is a confidential, toll free hotline for anyone in Hawaii in need of help. They maintain a database of over 4000 health and human services organizations across the state ranging from crisis intervention, counseling, job training, educational programs and child care. |
| **Assistive Technology Resource Centers**  **of Hawaii (ATRC)**  200 N. Vineyard Boulevard Suite 430  Honolulu, HI 96817  Phone: (808) 532-7110,  Toll Free: 1-800-645-3007  Fax: (808) 532-7120  Email: atrc-info@atrc.org  Website: www.atrc.org | Provides information and referral regarding assistive technology and where to purchase devices. Has a loan library of devices for individuals with disabilities. Offers training and equipment demonstration related to assistive devices for consumers, their families, and members of the community. |
| **The Crisis Line of Hawaii**  Phone: (808) 832-3100  Neighbor Islands: 1-800-753-6879 | Provides information and referral services to help youth whose immediate health and safety may be in jeopardy due to a mental health issue. The hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. |
| **Exceptional Family Member Programs:**  **Army Community Services EFMP**  Contact: Leonard Webster  Phone: (808) 655-4227  Coast Guard EFMP  Contact: Tamera Streeter  Phone: (808) 842-2089  Marine Corps EFMP  Contact: Adam Fabel  Phone: (808) 257-0290  Navy and Air Force EFMP  Contact: Linda Donohue  Phone: (808) 474-0103 | Provides information, support and referral to military families who have a family member with a disability. See Family Support for more information. |

INFORMATION & REFERRAL (cont.)

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| **Tripler Army Medical Center**  **Developmental Pediatrics and EFMP**  Contact: Alan Gamble, LCSW  Phone: (808) 433-4441 |  |
| **Hawaii Keiki Information Service System (H-KISS)**  1350 S. King Street, #200  Honolulu, HI 96814  Phone: (808) 594-0066  Toll Free: 1-800-235-5477  Website: www.health.hawaii.gov/eis/home/  eisservices | Provides information and referral for children 0-3. Links children birth to three with special needs or at risk of delays and their families to early intervention services. |
| Hawaii Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (HIDA)  Mailing Address:  P.O. Box 893670  Mililani, HI 96789  Phone: (808) 538-7007  Toll Free: 1-866-773-4432  Email: HIDA@dyslexia-hawaii.org  Website: www.dyslexia-hawaii.org | Provides information and resources on dyslexia. Provides speakers for community presentations. Sponsors teacher professional development workshops and parent support group meetings. |
| Hawaii & Pacific Deaf Blind Project  Center on Disability Studies  University of Hawaii Manoa  1410 Lower Campus Road, 171 F  Honolulu, HI 96822  Program Director: Mellanie Lee  (808) 753-0981 mellanie@hawaii.edu  Program Coordinator: Jennifer Tarnay  (808) 753-2351 jtarnay@hawaii.edu  Family Specialist: Stella Chang  (808) 222-8466 yhchang@hawaii.edu | The Hawai‘i & Pacific Deaf Blind Project provides technical assistance to children and youth who are deaf-blind, birth through 21 years of age, and to their families and service providers here in Hawai‘i and outlying Pacific islands. Technical assistance may include in-home consultation, school consultation, family support, networking, in-services, statewide trainings, referrals and resources. |



INFORMATION & REFERRAL (cont.)

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| **Hilopa‘a Family to Family Health Information Center**  1319 Punahou Street, Room 739  Honolulu, HI 96826  Phone: (808) 791-3467  Hawai‘i: (808) 333-3053  Kaua‘i: (808) 240-0485  Maui & Lanai: (808) 270-1536  Moloka‘i: (808) 660-0063  Fax (Oahu) (808) 531-3595  Email: info@hilopaa.org  ombudsman@hilopaa.org  qexa@hilopaa.org  Website: www.hilopaa.org | Provides information, referral, consultation and training to families of children and youth with special health care needs and their professional partners.  Hilopa‘a is also the Ombudsman for the Hawaii State Medicaid Program. (An ombudsman is an officially appointed advocate charged with representing the interests of the public by investigating and addressing complaints of maladministration or a violation of rights.) |
| **Mental Health America of Hawaii**  1124 Fort Street Mall, Suite 205  Honolulu, HI 96813  Phone: (808) 521-1846  Fax: (808) 533-6995  Crisis Line: 808-832-3100  Neighbor Island: 1-800-753-6879  Email: info@mentalhealth-hi.org  Website: mentalhealth-hi.org | Statewide organization which works to promote mental wellness, prevent mental illness, reduce stigma and improve the care of those with mental illness. Services include a free statewide Finding Help Phone List, a Stop Youth Suicide and Bullying Project, the Invisible Child Project (for those who have parents with mental illness), advocacy, support groups, classes and public education. |
| **Parent Line**  Phone: (808) 526-1222  Neighbor Islands: 1-800-816-1222  Website: www.theparentline.org | Provides support, encouragement and information on parenting by helping callers to problem solve their particular concerns over the phone and mailing parenting and community resource information on request. |
| **Special Parent Information Network** 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, #101  Honolulu, HI 96814  Phone: (808) 586-8126 Fax: 586-8129  Hawai‘i: (808) 974-4000, ext. 68126  Kauai: (808) 274-3141, ext. 68126  Lanai: 1-800-468-4644, ext. 68126  Maui: (808) 984-2400, ext. 68126  Molokai: 1-800-468-4644, ext. 68126  Email: spin@doh.hawaii.gov  Web: www.spinhawaii.org  Facebook: SPIN-Special-Parent-Information-  Network | Offers parents of children/young adults with disabilities parent-to-parent information, referral and support. Services include a parent “warm”line, a quarterly newsletter, website, Facebook page, informational workshops and annual statewide conference. |

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**FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS**

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| **Autism Society of Hawaii (ASH)**  2438 Hihio Place  Honolulu, HI 96819  Contact: Jessica Wong-Sumida  Phone: (808) 368-1191  E-mail: autismhi@gmail.com  Website: www.autismsocietyofhawaii.org | Provides free seminars, support groups, Sib Shops, and special events for families and youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders. |
| Autism Speaks  Contact: Kalma Wong  Phone: (808) 393-5218  E-mail: kalma.keiko@gmail.com  Website: www.autismspeaks.org  National contact: 1-888-288-4762  E-mail: familyservices@autismpeaks.org | A network of parents and professionals dedicated to funding biomedical research for autism spectrum disorders, raising public awareness, and bringing hope to families. |
| Brain Injury Association of Hawaii  E-mail: biahi@hawaiiantel.net  Website: www.biausa.org/Hawaii/ | Support group meetings are held at least monthly at Rehab Hospital of the Pacific. Call for specific dates and times. |
| **Community Children’s Councils**  **Parent Support Groups**  (See Miscellaneous Section for details) | For a listing of CCCs that have regular parent support group meetings, contact the Community Children’s Council Office. |

***“Sometimes we need someone to simply be there… not to fix anything or do anything in particular, but just to let us feel we are supported and cared about.”***



FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS (cont.)

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| Down Syndrome Ohana Hawai‘i  3097 Kalihi Street  Honolulu, HI 96819  Phone: (808) 366-6706  Email: dsohana808@gmail.com  Website: www.dsohawaii.com | We are families joined together to unite and support families and provide advocacy and information concerning all aspects of life for individuals with Down syndrome. Various activities include social gatherings, new/expectant parent visits, family workshops, informational packets, family support and quarterly newsletters. |
| **Exceptional Family Member Program**  **Army Community Service**  Contact: Leonard Webster  Building 2091 Kolekole Avenue  Schofield Barracks, HI 96857  Phone: (808) 655-4ACS (4227)  Website: www.himwr.com/acs | Offers parent support groups, rotating between Schofield and Ft. Shafter, where parents can gather to ask questions and share stories of triumph. First Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in January, April, August and October, 2016. Call for details and location. |
| Exceptional Family Member Program  **Marine Corps Base Hawaii**  Contact: Adam Fabel  Phone: (808) 257-0290  Email: adam.fabel@usmc.mil  Web: www.mccshawaii.com/efmp | Offers a Coffee Hour support group for families enrolled in the program to chat, find answers and get caffeinated. The group meets on the fourth Tuesday from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. at the Base Starbucks. Call or email to RSVP. |
| **Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii**  1050 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 2550  Honolulu, HI 96814  Phone: (808) 528-3058  Fax: (808) 846-8078  Email: efh@hawaiiepilepsy.org  Website: www.hawaiiepilepsy.org | Family Support Meetings second Wednesday in February, April, June, August, October, December at 6:00 p.m. Group Art classes for kids ages 4+ meets third Saturday each month 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Epilepsy Foundation office at Ward Warehouse. Call or email to RSVP. |
| Hands and Voices Family Support Group  Contact: Amanda Kaahanui  Phone: (808) 384-8936  Email: hv.hawaii@gmail.com  Facebook: Hands and Voices Hawaii  Website: www.hvhawaii.weebly.com  Website: www.handsandvoices.org | Offers unbiased parent-to-parent support and resources for Deaf or hard of hearing families. Offers parent support meetings, trainings and social events throughout the year. Check Facebook page for details on dates and times. |

*Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.*

*~ John Dewey*

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS (cont.)

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| Hawaii Families As Allies  P.O. Box 1971  Aiea, HI 96701  Phone: (808) 797-4050  Neighbor Islands: 1-866-361-8825  Fax: (808) 487-0514  Email: hfaa@hfaa.net  Website: www.hfaa.net | Provides support and outreach to parents of children and adolescents who have emotional or behavior challenges. Also sponsors a monthly support group for adolescents and young adults - Hawaii Youth Helping Youth (HYHY). Call for dates and times. |
| **HUGS (Help, Understanding & Group Support)**  3636 Kilauea Avenue  Honolulu, HI 96816  Phone: (808) 732-4846  Email: hugs@hugslove.org  Website: www.hugslove.org | The mission of HUGS is to strengthen families by improving their quality of life as they face the emotional and financial hardships of caring for a seriously ill child.  HUGS provides services, free of charge for each of the family members by offering programs that promote positive peer-to-peer relationships. |
| **It Takes An Ohana Family Programs Hawaii**  250 Vineyard Street  Honolulu, HI 96813  Phone: (808) 540-2543  Fax: (808) 533-1018  Contact: Judith Wilhoite  E-mail: jwilhoite@familyprogramshi.org  Website: www.ittakesanohana.org | Provides information, training and support for resource caregivers (formerly referred to as foster parents) and parents, including those who are caring for children with disabilities, while providing responsible advocacy. |
| **KMC Cancer Connection Support Group**  1319 Punahou Street  Honolulu, HI 96826  Contact: Dr. Wendi Hirsch  Phone: (808) 983-6100  Email: WHirsch@kapiolani.org | Provides opportunities for families who have been touched by childhood cancer to network, seek mutual support and friendship, and share information and resources. Please call or email Dr. Hirsch for the next monthly meeting information. |



FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS (cont.)

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| **Kardiac Kids Parent Support Group**  Kapiolani Medical Center  1319 Punahou Street  Honolulu, HI 96826  Contact: Laura Bonilla  Phone: (808) 983-6169  Email: laurab@kapiolani.org  Contact Parent: Jullie Passos  Phone: (808) 671-9047 or (808) 227-4558  Email: jullie4heart@gmail.com  Contact Parent: Tina Chan  Phone: (808) 389-9653  Email: cmxchan@lava.net | Offers education and support to parents whose children have heart conditions. Meets the second Friday of every month from 6:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at Kapiolani Medical Center, second floor, cafeteria conference rooms. Call or email to confirm meeting dates. |
| **Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Support Group**  1221 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 220  Honolulu, HI 96814  Contact: Adrianna O’Donnell  Phone: (808) 593-4454  Email: hawaii@mdausa.org  Website: www.mda.org | Offers support groups for children, young adults and adults with neuromuscular diseases and their families on Oahu, the Big Island and Kauai. Dates for the groups vary, so call or email for dates, times and locations. MDA also sponsors a camp each summer for children. The 2016 MDA Camp will be July 10-16 at Camp Erdman on the North Shore of Oahu. |
| National Alliance on Mental Illness/ Hawaii (NAMI)  770 Kapiolani Boulevard #613  Honolulu, HI 96813  Phone: (808) 591-1297  Fax: (808) 591-2058  Email: info@namihawaii.org  Website: www.namihawaii.org | Provides education, support and advocacy for Alliance consumers, family members and interested community members whose lives are affected by neuro-biological disorders such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and major depression. |
| **Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder Support Group**  1180 Kupau Street  Kailua, HI 96734  Contact: Ginny Klein  Phone: (808) 261-6987 | Meets the second Saturday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Star of the Sea Church (4470 Aliikoa Street). Call before attending a meeting. |

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS (cont.)

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| **Side by Side Parent Support**  Contact: Susan Okamura  Phone: 625-5726  Email: sidebyside@inspirechurch.tv | Provides education, resources and support to parents whose child has a learning disability. Monthly meetings, showcase a speaker from the community to speak on advocacy, parenting concerns or ways to improve academic success. They have a resource loaning library and sponsor an annual workshop on Special Ed. Law. |
| **Talk About Curing Autism (TACA) HI**  Contact: Kiele Pennington  Phone: (808) 344-4148  Email: Kiele.Pennington@tacanow.org  Website: www.tacanow.org/Hawaii | Holds meetings and Coffee Talks throughout the year. Meetings feature educational speakers on important topics for ASD families. Coffee Talks provide more intimate settings where families can network, share resources and speak with seasoned parents. For information on date, time and location of meetings, call or visit the website. |
| **Tripler AMC Autism Information Group for Military Families**  Contact: Alan Gamble, LCSW  Phone: (808) 433-2901  Email: Alan.Gamble@us.army.mil | Offers information and support for military families of children with autism spectrum disorders. Call for more information or for an appointment. |

MAUI BASED:

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| **Autism Bridges Maui**  P.O. Box 387  Pu‘unene, HI 96784-0387  Email: info@autismbridgesmaui.org  Website: www.autismbridgesmaui.org | Open to direct care providers and families of children with autism spectrum disorders, pervasive developmental disorders and other neuro-developmental disorders. Go to website, email for dates and times of meetings. |

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| **Kauai Parent to Parent Support Group**  Contact: Brende Ancheta  Phone: (808) 274-3883 ext. 0100 | Provides parent-to-parent support and education to parents. |

HAWAII BASED:

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| **Sharing Kuleana Village Support Group**  Meet at Bayada Home Care Office  Hilo Shopping Mall, 1221 Kilauea Ave.  Hilo, HI 96720  Contact: Eloisa or Damon  Email: sharingkuleana@gmail.com | Special needs family support group meeting for parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, foster parents, siblings, friends and educators. Focusing on talk story and networking run by parents of special needs families. |

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**SELF HELP GROUPS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

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| **Asperger’s Young Adult Group (17-25)**  Phone: (808) 368-1191  Email: autismhi@gmail.com  Website: www.autismhi.org | The Asperger’s Teen Group (13-16 years) meets two times a month while the Asperger’s Young Adult Group (17-25 years) meets once a month for discussion or group activities. Call or email for dates and times. |
| **Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC)**  Contact: Bathey Fong  Phone: (808) 586-8100  Email: hawaiisaac@yahoo.com | A network of individuals with intellectual disabilities aimed at leadership development, advocacy, education and training, and becoming partners in planning, developing and implementing policies and programs for persons with developmental disabilities. |
| **United Self Help**  Contact: Bud Bowles  Phone: (808) 947-5558  Neighbor Islands: 1-866-866-HELP (4357)  Email: director@unitedselfhelp.org  Website: www.unitedselfhelp.org | Offers a variety of support groups on different days and locations for adults with depression, schizophrenia, anxiety and other categories of mental illness. Also offers BRIDGES Education class, presentations throughout the state (including to high schools) on “How to Stay Mentally Healthy,” a “warm line,” peer mentoring, a newsletter, recreational activities and help finding employment. |

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**MISCELLANEOUS RESOURCES**

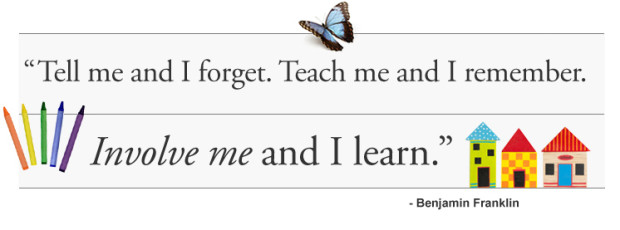
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| **Autism Society of Hawaii Sib Shops**  Email: autismhi@gmail. com  Website: www.austimhi.com | Meets twice a month and offers peer support to brothers and sisters of youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Call for specific age groups, meeting times and locations. |
| **Community Children’s Council Office**  1177 Alakea Street, B100  Honolulu, HI 96813  Phone: (808) 586-5363  Toll Free: 1-800-437-8641  Email: steven\_vannatta@notes.k12.hi.us  Website: www.hawaiipublicschools/  parentsandstudents/supportforparents/ | Provides local forums in 17 communities statewide, for members to come together as equal partners to discuss and positively affect multiple systems’ issues for the benefit of all students, families and communities. Call or email to find out the date, time and location of a CCC meeting near you. |
| **Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB)**  919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 101  Honolulu, HI 96814  Phone: (808) 586-8121  Fax: (808) 586-8129  Email: dcab@doh.hawaii.gov  Website: www.health.hawaii.gov/dcab/ | A body of Governor appointed volunteers, including persons with disabilities and their family members, who advocate and promote the full integration, equal access, and quality of life for persons with disabilities. DCAB administers the state parking program for persons with disabilities, tests sign language interpreters, reviews blueprints of state and county construction projects and is the state government ADA coordinator. |
| **Hawaii Early Intervention Coordinating Council (HEICC)**  Early Intervention Section (DOH)  1350 South King Street, Suite 200  Honolulu, HI 96814  Phone: (808) 594-0000 | A body of stakeholders established under IDEA to advise the Department of Health regarding policies and the provision of services to infants and toddlers with disabilities or who are at risk of disabilities and their families. Meetings are held quarterly. Call for more information. |

**We stand for disability rights:**

Accessibilty and safety, community acceptance, independent living and quality of life, full and active participation in society, equal access to education and employment.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOURCES (cont.)

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| Maximum Legal Services Corporation  245 N. Kukui Street, #205  Honolulu, HI 96817  Phone: (808) 585-0920  Fax: (808) 585-0930  Email: info@maxcorp-hi.org  Website: www.maxcorp-hi.org | Serves either as a conservator or trustee, providing supervision over assets and property primarily for persons with special needs, the elderly and/or minors. |
| **Special Education Advisory Council**  **(SEAC)**  919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 101  Honolulu, HI 96814  Phone: (808) 586-8126  Fax: (808) 586-8129  Email: spin@doh.hawaii.gov  Website: www.seac-hawaii.org | Established under IDEA to advise DOE regarding the education of all eligible children with disabilities. Parents and persons with disabilities make up a majority of the membership. Meetings are held monthly except in June and July at 919 Ala Moana Boulevard and are open to the public. Call for more information. |
| **State Council on Developmental**  **Disabilities (DD Council)**  919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 113  Honolulu, HI 96814  Phone: (808) 586-8100  Email: council@hiddc.org  Website: www.hiddc.org/ | A body of Governor appointed self-advocates, family members, consumers, and public and private agency representatives that plans, coordinates, evaluates, monitors, and advocates on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Activities include educating and informing the public and policy makers about developmental disabilities, policy development and implementation, and fostering interagency collaboration and coordination. |
| **Social Security Administration**  300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 1-114  Honolulu, HI 96850  Phone: (800) 772-1213 (V)  Web: www.socialsecurity.gov | Receives applications for SSI and SSDI payments. Applications based on disability will be forwarded to the Disability Determination Branch of the Department of Human Services for review. |

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