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**Parent Training on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**

The Hawai'i State Department of Education (Department), Monitoring and Compliance Branch is hosting a one-day training for Parents on the IDEA. A virtual option via Zoom is available.

The training will be facilitated by *Deusdedi Merced Esq., Special Education Solutions, LLC*, the nation's leading expert in IDEA compliance, training, and dispute resolution. The training will provide an overview of the trends on due process decisions specific to Hawai'i, notable decisions nationwide, discipline procedures and discuss the legal aspect of timely evaluations and how parents can be engaged in the process. The training is only open to **parents and parent information, advocacy, and training centers**.

- **Date:** Monday, February 10, 2025
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i Ballroom, 2454 South Beretania Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Honolulu, HI 9682
- **Virtual** - Zoom link is provided on the registration form
- **Working Lunch:** Lunch is an integral part of this meeting; therefore, lunch will be provided.

**Registration for Training**

Register at: **Parent Training**

Registration will close on **Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Inter-Island Participants (Airfare and Ground Transportation Reimbursement)**

The Monitoring and Compliance Branch will reimburse you up to \$300 for the following:

- Airfare
- Ground Transportation

You must attend the whole training day from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. to be eligible for reimbursement.

**Reimbursement Request**

To request reimbursement from the Monitoring and Compliance Branch, please complete the Supplier Information section on the **Reimbursement Form** with a copy of your Driver's License, boarding passes, and transportation receipt(s) and submit it to Wendy Smith at [wendy.smith@k12.hi.us](mailto:wendy.smith@k12.hi.us) and Michelle Arakawa at [michelle.arakawa@k12.hi.us](mailto:michelle.arakawa@k12.hi.us). The School/Office Information and Administrator's Authorization sections have been completed by the Monitoring and Compliance Branch. Please do not change these sections. The deadline to submit your reimbursement request is **Friday, February 28, 2025**.

Should you have any questions, please contact Wendy Smith and Michelle Arakawa at (808) 307-3600.