

Kamaile P-3 Focus Group

March 13, 2009 meeting minutes

Introductions:

LaurieAnn Dunn- INPEACE, P-3 ECE Liaison/Focus Group Facilitator

Lorraine Bennett- Wai'anae Early Ed. (services 2-4yr. olds) & Na Keiki Preschool (services 3-4yr. olds), Preschool Program Director

Dd Chang- Kamaile Academy PCS (1 Preschool class that services 3-5yr. olds), SPED PreK Teacher

Clarence DeLude- Kamaile Academy PCS (6 Kindergarten classes), Principal

Diane Arakaki- Kamaile Academy PCS, K-teacher & GLC (grade level chair)

Angela Lopes- Keiki o Ka Aina, HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents with Preschool Youngsters) Program (7 sites and home visitation services, servicing 3-5yr. olds), HIPPY Coordinator

Joy Stevens- INPEACE, Keiki Steps Program (8 sites on Oahu and services 0-5yr. olds),

Keiki Step Navigator

Jasmine Paris- INPEACE, Community Resource Coordinator/P-3 Focus Group Co-Facilitator

Kanoe Renaud- INPEACE, P-3 Program Director

What is P-3?: The goal of P-3 is to ensure the children in our community are reading by 3rd grade.

One way to do this is to create a smooth transition from Early Learning (0-5yr. olds) to Elementary Schools. How can this be done, by:

- building stronger relationships between ECE programs and ELE schools
- understanding Articulation & Alignment of ECE and ELE learning goals
- provide and support Teacher Trainings

What is our Community Vision?:

- to build stronger and sustainable relationships between ECE programs and ELE schools
- to make sure **ALL** children are exposed to ECE programs before entering into ELE Schools

Brainstorming: How are we going to make our vision happen?

Suggestions:

- Better connections and communication with families and programs
 - sharing knowledge about all resources, referrals, off-campus ECE programs and on-campus ELE school activities and programs
 - have frequent ECE and ELE teacher school visits- with conversations around "meeting each others needs"
- Curriculum, Standards & Assessment Alignment
 - share knowledge of different types of "Assessments" and/or Screening Tools
 - make child's portfolio's available to K-teachers

- Frequent Professional Development and Trainings for ECE and ELE teachers
-“Professional Days” throughout the year where ECE and ELE teachers exchange information/collaborate

Examples of what is already taking place:

1. Higher grade level children at Kamaile Academy PCS have designated days where they read to the 1st graders
2. Kamaile Academy PCS partnered with Wai’anae H.S. to have students volunteer in the K and 1st grade classes on designated days
3. Lyn Wilson at Kamaile Academy PCS in Student Services Office works with parents at the Shelter in Wai’anae
4. Lorraine Bennett’s programs also service families at the Shelter in Waianae and assist in helping allocate financial services to help pay for preschool tuition
5. INPEACE’s Ke Kahua program will be providing services during Kamaile Academy’s PCS Spring Break to families with Kindergarteners
6. INPEACE’s Keiki Steps program will be opening a new site at the Ulu Ke Kukui Transitional Housing in Ma’ili on April 6, 2009

Verify next meeting: March 20, 2009
3:00pm-4:00pm at
Kamaile Academy PCS (in the library)

Closing