

Mā`ili P-3 Focus Group Meeting
May 28, 2009
2:15-3:45 P.M.
Mā`ili Elementary School-Library

Handouts: Agenda, minutes, media release

I. Attendance

Abe Kaneakua- Mā`ili Kindergarten Teacher
Chad Domingo-DOE Community Childrens Council Specialist
Disa Hauge- Mā`ili Principal
Joy Stevens-INPEACE Keiki Steps
Kanoë Renaud-INPEACE P-3
LaurieAnn Dunn-INPEACE
Michelle Mahuka-INPEACE P-3
Natasha Lopes-PACT Early Headstart
Susan Matomba-Adler-UHWO Early Childhood Professor

II. Review of Last Meeting (5/14/09)

1. LaurieAnn reviewed chart paper notes from previous meeting

III. Follow Up on Last Meeting's Action Items

1. Ho`ohulili Provider Fest

- a. Last year's Fest was held on October 17, 2008. Each provider shared something about their program, who they serve, scenarios, and referred families.
- b. Kaila sent an email, the next provider fest will be held on October 29th and 30th.
- c. We can submit a list of people who would like to attend to Kaila to be included on invite list and planning.
- d. Disa will encourage PCNC-parent community networking coordinator (parent advocate) to attend.
- e. Possibly including Ma`ili PSAP-primary sch adjustment program person.
- f. LaurieAnn talked w/Lisa Delong; she supports what the focus group does.

2. Ways of Informing families About ECE Resources

- a. PACT Early Headstart goes door to door to inform families of their program.
- b. Families can access information about programs if they attend Keiki Spring Fest.
 1. Natasha from PACT will bring up to the KSF planning committee to if they could include elementary schools.

- c. Before proceeding with Mā`ili Information Rack Disa needs to know how many brochures will be displayed in order to purchase a rack that can hold the determined amount of brochures.
 1. Disa is okay with having PCNC update info rack. Agencies can also contact the PCNC to update.
 2. Directory by LaurieAnn will be provided for Mā`ili PCNC or counselor.
 3. Suggestion for directory to also include churches and notaries similar to a directory that Queen Liliu`okalani Childrens Ctr Nānākuli used to create.

3. Native Hawaiian Library-NHL

- a. Although Venus and Luana from Alu Like Pulama I Na Keiki was not there to update us on the status of the NHL, they sent an email that the program continues but only for a Summer Reading Program for keiki Grades K-5.
- b. Another program of Alu Like NHL is the Motherread, an 8-week, 2-hour session of 127 multi-ethnic childrens books that parents can keep and add to their home library.

IV. **Other Ideas for Connecting Families to Resources**

1. Rainbow Book

- a. Chad suggested the Rainbow Book training and workshops for parents, PCNC's, transitions workshops for sped and regular ed. Chad suggested contacting Leolinda Carlin Hilopa`a.
- b. Chad will contact Leolinda and INPEACE will find out more information and check what services overlap w/other resources.

2. Special Parent Information Network-SPIN

- a. SPIN does an annual conference.
- b. SPIN provides informational newsletters on various topics and provides parent education for sped parents.

3. Early Kindergarten Registration

- a. It is helpful to the schools when families register for kindergarten early with the intention that schools can shuffle teachers around so classrooms will not be over capacity. Start in February to advertise kindergarten registration.
 1. Banners in community should include: birth year & info about documents needed. (birth certificate, TB shots)
 2. Public service announcement (PSA) Kanoë Renaud with INPEACE working on PSA.
- b. A sidenote regarding projecting how many kids will be entering kindergarten is done by calculating, kids in system, birthrates, housing developments...

c. Need to get kindergarten registration flyer to Natasha w/PACT.

4. Parent Orientation

- a. Get program info out to parents during Parent Orientation-just pass out flyer, no need to have each program present.
- b. Laurieann will get the final flyer to Disa.

V. **Action Items to Follow Up On for Next Meeting**

1. Chad will contact Leolinda regarding **Rainbow book**
 - a. PACT and INPEACE will work together review any overlap with other resources
2. LaurieAnn will finalize **program flyer** for parents and one for service providers or DOE counselors, PCNC, PSAP and get it to Disa.
3. Tasha with PACT will help with **program directory** for PCNC's info rack
4. Tasha with PACT will talk to **Keiki Spring Fest** planning committee about including elementary schools
5. PACT will contact agencies annually to assist with updating **Mā`ili Information Rack**
 - a. Info rack done by August 31st.
6. INPEACE will take care of **kindergarten registration info**
 - a. INPEACE-PSA
 - b. INPEACE-post k reg banners
7. INPEACE attend **Ho`ohulili planning meetings**
 - a. Everyone to submit their name if interested in attending to Kaila.
8. Michelle email everyone

VI. **Summer Plans**

1. We will meet over summer to plan for upcoming school year. Some ideas for school year collaboration activities:
 - a. Ho`ohulili Provider Fest
 - b. ECE program info @ Parent Orientation
 - c. Parent Education/Outreach efforts
 - d. Info Rack to be implemented by beginning of school year

VII. **Schedule Next Meeting**

1. Thursday, July 9th 12:45 pm to 2 pm