

Mākaha P-3 Focus Group Minutes
Tuesday, June 30, 2009
12:30-2:00
Mākaha Elementary Library

Introductions

Attendees:

Susan Adler, UHWO	Sanoë Marfil, Co Facilitator, INPEACE
Deborah Carter, WEEC	Jessica Mishima-Donahue, Mākaha Elem K
Azure Ching, Mākaha Elem SPED	Lynn Okamura, Mākaha Elem VP
LaurieAnn Dunn, Facilitator, INPEACE	Lisa Pakele, INPEACE, Keiki Steps
Lisa Gualdrama, Mākaha Elem SPED	Nicole Souza, Kamehameha Preschools
Shanna Laa, Mākaha Elem K	Joy Stevens, INPEACE, Keiki Steps
Danelle Haia, Mākaha Elem K GLC	

Review of Last Meeting

Nicole Souza from Kamehameha Preschools shared about the DIAL assessment.

- DIAL = Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning
- Motor, Language, Concept areas are tested
- Assessment outcomes are forwarded to the Department of Health
- Designed to be developmentally age appropriate

Mākaha Elementary K has a self-made incoming Kindergartener assessment; some elements in the DIAL could be useful additions. The assessment tool is culturally relevant and purposeful. One of the challenges is having the public understand it as a valid assessment tool.

Portfolio Exchange

Some ideas include:

- Have a talk story session about the child moving up from the ECE programs to elementary
- Exchange information (work samples, assessments) between the ECE programs and elementary school.
- Elementary teachers want to know if child:

- Shows initiative?
 - Has confidence?
 - Behavior
- K teachers concluded the best method would be to have a Portfolio Exchange/Talk Story Request Form that they could fill out whenever they need something from ECE programs.

Actions for Next Meeting

- Check to see if a generic consent of information is in existence at your school or organization in which the parent can sign.
- Create a list of information that you'd like to see in the portfolio. Then we will be creating a form.
- Next Meeting: Tentative September 9, 2009, 1:15-2:45 Mākaha Elementary Library (2nd floor above front office, 2nd door on your left.)