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Feds Approve Grant Extension

On December 5, 2001, the U.S. Department of Education approved the Hawaii Even Start Statewide Family Literacy Program's request to extend their program for one additional year at no cost to the U.S. Department of Education. Federal programs are allowed to make this one time request during the duration of the grant. This approval allows Hawaii to maintain this program til January 2, 2003, provided that there are sufficient amount of remaining funds available. Hawaii's reason for extension is as follows:

These projects include the following:

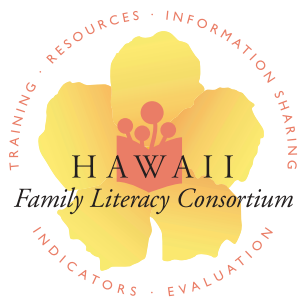
1. Collecting the baseline data for the performance indicators that were developed in June, 2001.
2. Analyzing the data and making changes, if necessary, to the performance indicators.
3. Continue to work on the strategic plan for at-risk families and children in Hawaii that involves the Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium developing a Vision for Families and Children; Strategic Vision, Goals by 2005; Strategies to achieve those goals by 2005; and Outcome Objectives for this plan. Once developed by the Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium the plan needs to be adopted by the respective agencies. We hope to have this completed by December, 2002.
4. Continue to provide ongoing technical support and professional development training for family literacy programs across the state including new sites.

*Pictured at right:
A family in Likelike's
Even Start program
during Circle Time*



Highlight Site—Likelike Even Start Program

For more photos and information about Likelike, turn to page 3!



About the Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium

The Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium was established in May 1999, by the State Superintendent of Education, to begin work on an Even Start Statewide Family Literacy Initiative to unify, strengthen and expand family literacy services in Hawaii. The task of this consortium is to develop indicators of program quality, to establish a system of support and resources for family literacy, and to build local capacity for the expansion of family literacy throughout the state. The consortium is composed of representatives of federal and state agencies, parents, educators, and private and non-profit organizations.

Visit the HFLC Web site at <http://literacynet.org/hflc>.

HFLC Meetings for January/February

The Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium will be holding its monthly meeting on January 10, 2002 and February 21, 2002. Both meetings begin at 9:00 am at McKinley Community School for Adults.

January Agenda: Presentation by Paul Heavenridge, Director, Western/Pacific Literacy Network on accessing LINC'S and creating a web site; Committee Reports

February Agenda: Presentation by Vivian Ing, Hawaii Department of Education, PCNC, on Standards for Parents and Parent Involvement; Committee Reports; NCFL/Blackwater Update

For more information about HFLC meetings, please call the HFLC office at 692-8210.

Hawaii Family Literacy in EFF's Winter Issue

In the latest EFF Voice Newsletter, Winter 2002, there is an article on Hawaii's efforts in integrating Equipped for the Future (EFF) with Family Literacy. The Equipped for the Future Standards for Adult Literacy and Lifelong Learning was developed by the National Institute for Literacy (NIFL) to answer the complex question: What do adults need to know and be able to do in order to carry out their roles and responsibilities as workers, parents and family members, and citizens and community members? The article is on page 11 of the issue. See below for the web site and synopsis of the newsletter.

http://www.nifl.gov/lincs/collections/eff/eff_publications.html#Publications

EFF Voice Newsletter

Winter 2002 (PDF version, 529 Kb, HTML version)

Volume 3, Number 1 of the EFF Voice newsletter. This issue of the EFF Voice focuses on the Family Member role map and on family literacy programs that have turned to EFF as a framework for organizing and assessing curriculum and instruction. In this issue, learn more about local programs and state initiatives in Arizona, Hawaii, Missouri, South Carolina, and Washington, and how they use EFF.

NCFL Conference and Blackwater Visit

On February 28 – March 5, 2002, several Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium members will be visiting the Family and Child Education (FACE) program at Blackwater Community School in Coolidge, Arizona. FACE programs follow the national, four-component family literacy model and strive to meet the unique educational and cultural needs of Native American families. The Blackwater Community School is located on the Gila River Reservation. Consortium members will also attend the annual conference for the National Center for Family Literacy. This year's conference will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Information about the national conference can be downloaded from the following web site: www.familit.org

HFLC Database

The Hawaii Family Literacy Database is now up and running. The database was developed to help the family literacy sites in the state collect their data for their adult and child learners. The data that is being collected is related to the

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Likeline Even Start Program

This issue's highlight site is Likeline Even Start Program. They are located on the island of Oahu at Likeline Elementary School and they serve the Kalihi-Palama community. This is Likeline's 8th year of having a family literacy program on their school campus. For more information, please call the site at 832-3370.



*Clockwise from top right:
A family during PACT Time*

*A mother and daughter
during PACT Time*

Parent Education

*A mother and son
during PACT Time*

Performance Indicators that were developed in June, 2001, by the Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium. For more information about the data that is being collected, please contact the HFLC office.

NEA Read Across America

The National Education Association, with support from more than 40 national non-profit and association partners, annually sponsors the Read Across America program. This program focuses the country's attention on how important it is to motivate children to read in addition to helping them master basic skills. The nationwide reading celebration takes place each year on March 2, which is the birthday of Dr. Seuss, a beloved children's author. This year, March 2, falls on a Saturday, so the "official" NEA Read Across America Day for 2002 is Friday, March 1st. For more information on how you can be a part of this celebration or for planning an event at your site, go to www.nea.org/readacross.

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