

supporting families and communities in providing love and care for our children

Annual Report 2014-2015

# FAMILY SUPPORT HAWAI'I



## *inspiration*

Through strategic partnerships and collaborative work, Family Support Hawaii is achieving measurable results toward making our community better educated, safer, and healthier for our Keiki and their families. We serve as the bridge that offers families tools and hope to find the courage to change.

Our inspiration comes from seeing a child blossom in our early education programs, a homeless teen proudly getting their first job and a home with support from our homeless youth program, a hearing impaired child using sign language to communicate with help from our therapist, an injured child healing in a nurturing environment. These experiences motivate us to seek new successes and build better tomorrows. *Ray Wofford, Executive Director*





For more information about our programs  
[familysupporthawaii.org](http://familysupporthawaii.org)



## early head start

... provides a rich variety of learning **opportunities** and **experiences** to infants and toddlers which **support** them on their journey towards school readiness. We believe that children are born **ready** to learn. We at Family Support Hawaii's Early Head Start Program **strive** to **inspire** the curiosity of children and support the families so they are able to **create** a learning environment in their homes.

*"I really enjoyed the program. I learned so much from all the parenting information that the home visitor brought, as well as the nutrition and health. I particularly liked the "I Can" training in which we got the book, "What To Do When Your Child Gets Sick." I have used it a lot. Just overall, I learned a lot, and my children benefited from all the activities that they had during the home visits. I am going to miss you all."*

- Celia Robles, EHS Participant

## child development

... provides the **answers** to parents' questions such as: Why isn't my baby sitting up? Why isn't my baby crawling? Is my child's hearing/vision normal? From the time they are born, babies have a lot of new skills to learn, so it's a concern to parents when their child's development seems slow. Our dedicated team of licensed therapists and staff provide services to **promote** the best possible developmental **outcomes** – a child's first time to consume food by mouth instead of a feeding tube, a hearing impaired child's first time to communicate to his or her parents using sign language – these children **inspire** us to work hard so they can have the best life possible.



# fatherhood initiative

... **inspires** men to be the best dads they can be. We understand the difficult task of being a father and leading a family. The purpose of the program is to provide **education** and **support** for individuals desiring to **enrich** their lives and their children's lives while providing peer-based socialization, motivation and support. The program successfully assists fathers to be active parents and serve as a positive role model for their children and their community. If you are a father, we invite you to please come to a meeting, have a light meal, and have fun (and learn) with other fathers. Check out [fatherhood.familysupporthawaii.org](http://fatherhood.familysupporthawaii.org) for meeting places, times, and for more information.

# youth development

... provides employment assistance for homeless youth. It is difficult to live on the streets, it is even more difficult to find a job if your clothes are wrinkled, you are hungry and you don't have identification. One such youth has inspired us; after many years of living on the street and sleeping in the bushes and beaches, he decided that it was time for him to make some **positive changes** in his life. We provided assistance with the employment application process, clothing for the interview and with obtaining identification documents. This former homeless youth is currently working and has an apartment, he can look forward to having a good life off the streets.

# enhanced healthy start

... provides a supportive partner to parents at-risk for losing their young children to the foster care system. One such family that our staff worked with had already lost two children to the system, but were allowed to bring their new baby home from the hospital. The mother's mental illness required her to take medication consistently, and our nurse helped her work out a plan that met her needs. Our counselor helped both parents understand how their fights hurt their child and they are learning how to **resolve** their conflicts peacefully. And lastly, our home visitor is teaching the parents the basics of child care. This family is working hard with our staff to become **capable** parents, and their hard work **inspires** our staff to go the extra mile with this and other families.

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*Let's hear it for Dad!*

It's Father's Day: Tell him how important he is in your life

**Blaze: Home a total loss**  
3 VEHICLES, 2 TRAILERS ALSO BURNED IN KAILUA-KONA

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# EARLY HEAD START

**F**amily Support Hawaii Early Head Start provides quality educational experiences through center-based and home-based services to pregnant women and children from birth to three years old. The foundations for school readiness begin in pregnancy and continue for the first three years. The foundational nature of developing skills, knowledge, and attitudes in the infant and toddler years are necessary for success in school and for later learning and life. The program uses a curriculum and assessment system which is aligned with the Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework, the EHS Child Outcomes for Birth-Three and the Hawaii Early Learning and Development Standards. Assessment data is collected three times per year using the Teaching Strategies GOLD assessment system. School readiness skills are assessed in the areas of social/emotional, cognitive, language and literacy, physical development and approaches to learning. Results from the Teaching Strategies GOLD assessment, as well as from other sources, are analyzed by EHS staff members and are used to guide individualized plans for the child, training and professional development plans and program improvement plans.

## TEACHING STRATEGIES GOLD ASSESSMENT RESULTS

### CHILDREN AGE BIRTH TO 1

Below percentage: 9%  
Maintain percentage: 84%  
Above percentage: 7%

### CHILDREN AGE 1-2

Below percentage: 17%  
Maintain percentage: 70%  
Above percentage: 14%

### CHILDREN AGE 2-3

Below percentage: 11%  
Maintain percentage: 70%  
Above percentage: 19%

### TOTAL CHILDREN AGE BIRTH-3

Below percentage: 12%  
Maintain percentage: 75%  
Above percentage: 13%

- The total number of children served: 185
- The total number of families served: 132
- The average monthly enrollment: 100%
- The percentage of eligible children served: 23%
- The percentage of enrolled children that received medical exams: 100%
- The percentage of enrolled children that received dental exams: 63%

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

**E**arly Head Start is a family-centered program, following the tenets that children develop in the context of their family and culture and that parents are respected as the primary educators and nurturers of their children. The program strives to engage parents and families through a variety of activities, training and educational opportunities. Throughout the 2013-2014 program year, families in our program had opportunities to participate through:

Teacher and Home Visitor Visits  
Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Hungry and Homeless Community Event  
Health Advisory Committee Meetings  
Male Involvement Activities  
Policy Council Meetings  
Community Field Trips  
Parent/Child Socialization Events

### PARENT TRAINING TOPICS

Oral Health  
Nutrition, Food Budgeting  
Cooking Demonstration  
**Children's Growth and Development**  
Job Readiness Skills  
Transition to Preschool  
Health and Safety  
Math Learning Activities  
Stress Management for Families  
Support for Children with Special Needs  
Child Observation  
Cultural Competencies  
Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse Prevention  
Community Resources



# FINANCIALS

## PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIVED FY 2014-2015

Dept. of Health and Human Services	\$ 154,651
Dept. of Education	838,628
Dept. of Agriculture	49,54
State and County	126,349
Contributions and other revenue	192,799
Public Funds	2,516,442
Private Funds	192,799
Total Federal	2,390,093
Total Non Federal Share	319,148
Total	\$ 2,709,241

## FEDERAL STANDARDS COMPLIANCE REVIEW

From 1/8/12 to 1/13/12 The Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, conducted an on-site monitoring review. Upon completion they reported that we were in compliance with all applicable performance standards, laws, regulations, and policy requirements, and that no corrective action was required at this time. They noted our strengths in obtaining supplemental funding and collaborating with other programs.

## EXPENSES FY 2014-2015

Salaries, Wages, PR Taxes and Benefits	\$ 1,704,416
Occupancy	126,612
Supplies	102,490
Trainings and Conferences (including travel)	49,477
Utilities	30,017
Equipment and Vehicle Expenses	42,929
Mileage Reimbursement	36,009
Depreciation	44,828
Telephone	27,691
Other	175,312
Indirect	368,525
Fundraising	16,441
Total	\$ 2,724,747

## FINANCIAL AUDIT

*I*n accordance with the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133 our Financial Audit Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 by Carbonaro CPA & Associates INC was released on October 10, 2015 and did not report any findings. This report is available online at our website at [www.familysupporthawaii.org](http://www.familysupporthawaii.org).





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# This Christmas, you **CAN** make a difference!

**I**magine you are a child waking up disappointed on Christmas morning. Many families on this island are struggling to make ends meet in this difficult economy. For the parents of these families, the holidays emphasize their plight when they must choose between meeting basic needs or buying holiday gifts for their children. Bringing joy to these children by making sure each one has at least one present to open represents the true spirit of aloha and 'ohana. Family Support Hawai'i is currently seeking "Secret Santa's" to help make it's Kalikimaka No Na Keiki (*Christmas for the Children*) campaign a success. This FSH campaign has been making children happy for six years. Becoming a Secret Santa is easy: you can either "adopt" the children of a family or make a monetary donation. Our team will do the rest! For more information on how to make a real difference in a child's life this Christmas, please contact Gabriella Cooper at 987-6364; [kamana001@gmail.com](mailto:kamana001@gmail.com) or Barbara Millslagle at 896-0080; [bjmillslagle@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:bjmillslagle@hawaii.rr.com) no later than December 1st. All contributions, large and small, are greatly appreciated and tax deductible.



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