



Fall Newsletter 2023

Aloha Fellow Early Childhood Educators!

On August 8, 2023, the island of Maui experienced tragedy. Wildfires impacted areas of Lahaina, Kula, and Kihei. While Kula and Lahaina suffered loss of property, Lahaina also suffered significant loss of lives and a disruption to familiar connections to ancestry, history, and sense of grounding to our precious 'āina.

As the island recovers, HIAEYC strives to support early childhood programs and providers. A Zoom session is being coordinated to create a safe, supportive space for us to connect and share resources and strategies in support our colleagues, our keiki and their families through this difficult time.

We are also grateful to announce the Hawai'i Early Childhood Conference. We hope you will join us on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at the Ala Moana Hotel. Our keynote speaker is natural playscape designer and author Rusty Keeler. Our theme will be "Making Connections in our EC Community." Registration will open soon.

With much love and aloha,
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HIAEYC Board President

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Keiki Korner!



Wonder Based Art Making

*Submitted by Na Pua Keiki (Island School, Kaua'i)
from Wonder Art Workshop Book by Sally Haughey*

In this process of making, we are witnessing wonder. The Na Pua Keiki teachers are at the very essence of wondering while they listen and observe the schemas in children's play. In this wonder-based activity, the children are experiencing transformation. They use mortar and pestle to mash and pound chalk pieces. One child excitedly said, "Look, we are making chalk powder!" The next day they took the "chalk powder" and mixed it with white play dough. This was another transformation process as the white dough changed color. Making chalk powder involved crushing, grinding, and pounding. Changing play dough involved kneading, stretching, and shaping. It takes eye-hand coordination as well as upper body and hand muscle strength to complete these transformations.

Would you like to see your activity featured in our Keiki Korner? Send your submissions to: haeyc@hawaii.aeyc.org

Upcoming Events

2023 Hawai'i State Early Childhood Conference

Saturday, October 21

Visit hawaiiikeiki.org to register!

Book Club

New book club:

Adventures in Risky Play

by Rusty Keeler

Begins in November!

Visit the website for details.

Training hours certificate available

State Board Elections

Nominations are open.

Election will occur in November

Also included in this election will be your vote on new bylaws. Check the website for more information.

NAEYC National Conference

November 15 to 18

Visit NAEYC.org for details.

Early registration is open!

Keep up with events on the website at:

hawaiiikeiki.org

HIAEYC Board Call for Nominations

Email us with your nomination, including yourself, and the position you are nominating them for.

- **President**
- **Vice President for Membership Services**
- **Secretary**
- **County Representative** (tell us what county)
- **Member At-Large** (3 people)

Join a committee

Make a difference

HIAEYC has a number of standing committees you can join to share to share knowledge, expertise, and a little of your time. If you are interested in a particular topic, or just willing to lend a hand, we have a list of standing committees below. Just email us at haeyc@hawaii.aeyc.org and let us know what committee you would like to join. We will help you connect.



Connect

Member Program Committee

The Member Program Committee is tasked with organizing and publicizing events and activities that enrich HIAEYC membership. It sets up an annual calendar of major events, issues the quarterly member newsletter, organizes the annual state conference, and runs the book club. Subcommittees are formed around state-centered activities and events, some of which may be virtual.

Public Policy Committee

The Public Policy Committee centers around state action in Early Childhood. This committee monitors bills presented in the state and federal legislatures, and educates members on bills important to the early childhood profession. It also issues educational material and position papers to state legislators and our federal legislative team to help them make better decisions. This committee may also encourage members, as individuals in the profession, to support or reject proposed legislative initiative.

Elections Committee

The Nominations and Elections Committee is tasked with promoting a healthy and functioning organization through competent leadership, and encourage diversity and representation among the leadership of the Association. It organizes the process of nominating members in good standing to State Board and County Representative positions from the broad membership of the Association. The committee organizes and runs the election process, ensure all members in good standing have an opportunity vote on Association leadership and issues critical to the Association's mission and vision.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee oversees all aspects of fund control and management for the Association. It regularly reports to the State Board on the financial status of the Association makes recommendations for change and adjustment. The Finance Committee oversees all Accounts Receivable and Payable, ensuring the flow of cash and other funds are controlled, monitored, and appropriate to the function of the Association.