



September 25, 2020

The Hawai'i Association for the Education of Young Children Executive Director, Kathy Murphy, passed away on September 11, 2020. She is survived by her husband, Michael Murphy and his extended family, and was especially close to her sister Karen in Michigan and her husband and family. She also leaves a brother and many relatives in Michigan. Condolences can be sent to Michael Murphy at 757 Kinalau St., #1605, Honolulu, HI 96813.

The board of HIAEYC is deeply saddened by this tragic loss. Kathy started her career as a teacher of 3-year-olds. She was president of the Hawai'i Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC) state board in the early 1990s. She was hired as a part-time Program Director for HAEYC in 1999 and became full-time Executive Director in 2000. Kathy was the heart and soul of HIAEYC and she devoted her life to making things better for young children and their families and the important early childhood educators who provide loving, supportive and stimulating relationships and environments for them. Her loss is being felt across the NAEYC network, where she was well known and loved.

We are working to keep HIAEYC operating and moving forward. Due to COVID and the loss of Kathy, no one is at the office to receive your calls and messages. As soon as possible, there will be someone to check on messages. Please leave messages at 808-942-4708. We won't be able to check on Kathy's email and will post a different email as soon as that is determined.

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To promote, support, and expand quality and professionalism in early childhood programs and services for Hawaii's young children (Birth-8) and their families.