





The ECAS network and partners are working on a broad set of linked initiatives to improve the system of supports for our youngest keiki and their `ohana.

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Support the Efforts of the Hawai'i Maternal and Infant Health Collaborative (HMIHC)



Improve Perinatal Systems of Care & **Promote Reproductive** Heathcare Access

- Identifing and responding to the needs of prospective and new parents dealing with substance use disorder
- Increasing the use of reproductive life planning tools
- Making effective contraception more widely available



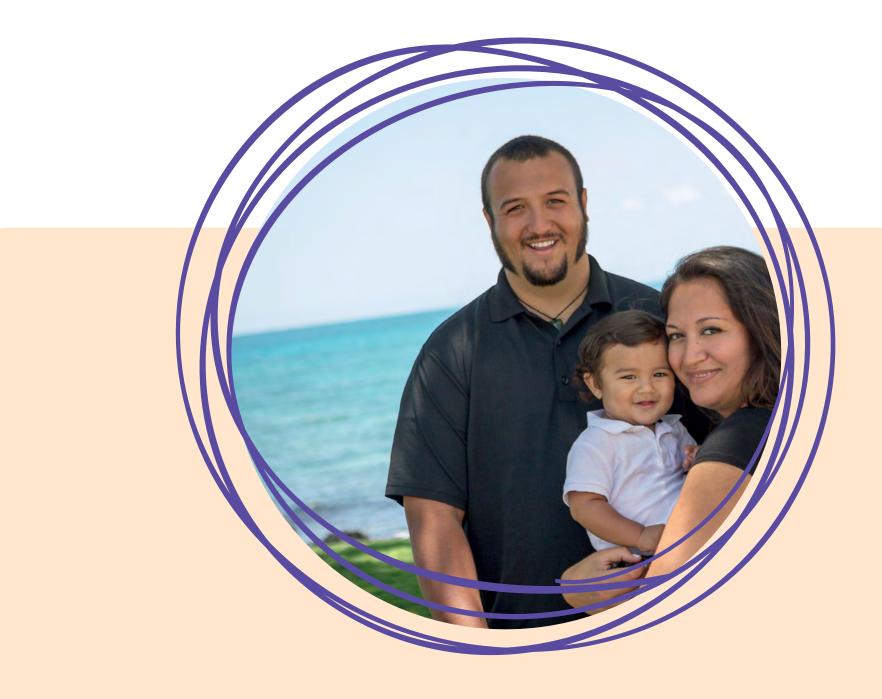
Increase Breastfeeding Supports

- Supporting development and implementation of the statewide breastfeeding plan
- Improving lactation and maternal health care services and systems





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Support Safe and Nurturing Families

- Supporting family safety through the Aloha at Home initiative; strengthening the skills of families through `Ohana toolkits that promote the Protective Factors framework and the values of Aloha
- Encouraging positive family interaction through family language and literacy development efforts including Words Matter / LENA
- Supporting text-based parenting support innovations like Nest for Families



Strengthen Early Childhood Wellness & Social and Emotional Development

- Improving the "Screening, Referral, and Utilization" feedback loop
- Supporting the establishment and implementation of the Integrated Infant and Early Childhood Behavioral Health (IIECBH) Strategic Plan
- Supporting trauma-informed care infrastructure building



Grow Healthy Keiki

- Supporting obesity prevention efforts, including Farm to Keiki and Farm to ECE initiatives
- Developing Early Childhood Health and Wellness Guidelines for parents and child care providers
- Expanding direct support for families with newborns during the pandemic through tele-practice, with a focus on reaching isolated, rural, and hardest to reach families

Increase Fatherhood Involvement

 In partnership with the Fatherhood Commission, working to support positive male involvement in early childhood development





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Address Disparities and Expand Equitable Access to Needed **Programs and Services**

- Increasing access to child care for underserved children and vulnerable and marginalized communities, including families in poverty, infants and toddlers, and housing insecure families
- Supporting efforts to highlight needs, recognize disparities, build capacity and facilitate access to programs and services on neighbor islands
- Developing Keiki Central, a comprehensive, virtual and mobile early childhood resource and referral service



Increase Affordable and Accessible Child Care Capacity

- Supporting efforts to expand capacity and strengthen the Family Child Care (FCC) workforce
- Supporting child care providers through a shared services and network model that pools many of the costly and time consuming administrative tasks of child care provision

Ensure a High-quality and Well-Supported Early Childhood Workforce

- In alignment with organizations across the state, working in order to develop a Comprehensive System of Personel Development (CSPD)
- Aligning efforts to create and sustain a pipeline of early childhood professional development, spanning secondary and higher education, in-service professional development, and aligning credentials and competencies

Strengthen School Readiness

- Working with a broad range of partners to understand, align, and strengthen efforts around successful transitions from early childhood into the Pre-K 12 education pipeline
- Participating in community efforts to develop continua of support spanning the period from birth through third grade

Getting to mission-level impact on complex challenges requires cumulative, mutually reinforcing activities across several levels of systems change.



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