



Hawaii Early Intervention Coordinating Council (HEICC)

The HEICC is established as required by state law (HRS §321-353) and federal law Part C of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

HEICC Purposes

1. Advise and assist the Department of Health (DOH) in the identification of sources of fiscal and other support for services for early intervention programs, assignment of financial responsibility to the appropriate agency, and promotion of interagency agreements.
2. Advise and assist the DOH in the preparation of applications and amendments.
3. Advise and assist the Department of Education (DOE) regarding the transition of toddlers with special needs to preschool and other appropriate services.
4. Prepare and submit an annual report on the status of early intervention programs for infants and toddlers with special needs and their families within the State.

HEICC Members (Total 25)

- Parents of children with special needs under age 12 years, with at least one with a child under age 6 years (20% members)
- Public or private providers of early intervention services (20% members)
- Representatives from:
 - State Legislature (Senate, House of Representatives)
 - Personnel preparation
 - DOH – provision or payment for early intervention services, children’s mental health
 - DOE – preschool services to children with disabilities, education of homeless children
 - Department of Human Services – Medicaid, child care, foster care
 - Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs – regulation of health insurance
 - Head Start or Early Head Start agency or program
- Others members selected by the Governor

HEICC Meetings

Quarterly meetings are open to the public. Public input is welcome and individuals may comment on issues related to early intervention services. For more information, please contact the DOH Early Intervention Section.

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