

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
NOTICE OF PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS APPLICATION PERIOD

Pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 17-799-5, notice is hereby given that the Department of Human Services will be accepting applications for the Preschool Open Doors (POD) program starting March 1, 2014 through the closing date of April 30, 2014. Applications received during this period are for consideration for POD program participation for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Families that are affected by the change to the kindergarten entry age for the school year 2014-15, and with children who will be enrolling into kindergarten for the school year 2015-16 are encouraged to apply. The POD program provides child care payments to eligible families so that their child is able to receive up to a year of preschool experience prior to their entry into kindergarten. Funding for POD is limited, priority for program selection are detailed in the POD administrative rules which can be found at the link below:

<http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/admin-rules-2/admin-rules-for-programs/>

Interested families may request an application beginning March 1, 2014 from the Department's POD contractor, PATCH, by calling:

Oahu: 791-2130  
Neighbor Islands: 1-800-746-5620  
(toll-free)

Applications must be received by April 30, 2014 in order to be considered for the 2014-2015 POD program year at the POD office at:

PATCH - POD  
560 North Nimitz Highway, Suite 218  
Honolulu, HI 96817

For additional information about the POD program, please contact PATCH at 791-2130 or 1-800-746-5620.

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