

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 September 19, 2016 through the closing date of October 31, 2016. Applications received during this period are for consideration for POD program participation during the period January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

Families with children who will be enrolling into kindergarten for the school year 2017-18, including those children affected by the change to the kindergarten entry age, are encouraged to apply. The 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 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 September 19, 2016 from the department's POD contractor, PATCH, through their website or by calling:

<http://www.patchhawaii.org>

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

Applications must be received by October 31, 2016 in order to be considered during the January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017 POD program period at the POD office at:

PATCH - POD
560 North Nimitz Highway, Suite 218
Honolulu, HI 96817
Or fax (808)694-3066

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

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