

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 May 1, 2017 through the closing date of May 31, 2017. Applications received during this period are for consideration for POD program participation during the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Families with children who will be enrolling into kindergarten for the school year 2018-19, including those children affected by the change to the kindergarten entry age, 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 May 1, 2017 from the Department's POD contractor, PATCH, through their website or by calling:

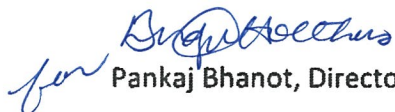
<http://www.patchhawaii.org>

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

Applications must be received by May 31, 2017 in order to be considered during the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 POD program year at the POD office at:

PATCH - POD  
560 North Nimitz Highway, Suite 218  
Honolulu, HI 96817  
Or fax (808)694-3066  
Or via email at [PODAdmin@patch-hi.org](mailto:PODAdmin@patch-hi.org)

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

  
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